



Uttar Pradesh to Soon Have 21 Airports | Uttar Pradesh | 29 Feb 2024

Why in News?

Recently, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister announced that emphasizing the rapid pace of the aviation sector, **UP is all set to become the first state in India to have 21 airports.**

Key Points

- According to the Union Minister of Civil Aviation, the state has seen rapid growth of aviation infrastructure in the past 9 years.
 - Uttar Pradesh had only 6 airports in 2014, and now the state has 10 airports including the newly inaugurated airport in Ayodhya.
 - UP will have **5 more airports**, one airport each in **Azamgarh, Aligarh, Moradabad, Shravasti, and Chitrakoot.**
- Under the state budget 2024-25, the Uttar Pradesh government allocated Rs 1,150 crore for the upcoming [Noida International Airport in Jewar](#) of **Gautam Buddha Nagar district.**
- The proposed funds align with the objectives of the [Regional Connectivity Scheme \(RCS-UDAN\)](#) of the Government of India and the **Uttar Pradesh Civil Aviation Promotion Policy.**

Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS-UDAN)

- The scheme was **launched by the Ministry of Civil Aviation** for regional airport development and regional connectivity enhancement.
- It is a **part of the National Civil Aviation Policy 2016.**
- The scheme is **applicable for a period of 10 years.**
- **Objectives:**
 - Improve the air connectivity to remote and regional areas of India.
 - Development of remote areas and enhancing trade and commerce and tourism expansion.
 - Enable common people to access air travel with affordable rates.
 - Employment creation in the aviation sector.

Uttar Pradesh Civil Aviation Promotion Policy

- The Civil Aviation Promotion Policy of Uttar Pradesh was **launched in 2017.**
 - It intends to provide the necessary direction for the growth of this sector in the state.
 - To **improve the air connectivity through development of new routes** under RCS by providing incentives and also to facilitate inter-connectivity of non-RCS airports of U.P.
 - To give a **boost to agro-exports**, other perishable goods, manufacturing and e-commerce businesses in UP by supporting the **development of air cargo hubs** and fulfillment centers.
 - To facilitate the growth of **Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facilities** in the state.
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UP to Help India Become Self-Reliant in Defence Production | Uttar Pradesh | 29 Feb 2024

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister inaugurated the **Ammunition Manufacturing Complex** of Adani Group in the [Defence Corridor](#) at **Sadh in Kanpur**.

Key Points

- He pointed out that all **six nodes** of the defence corridor are actively contributing to India's self-reliance in defence manufacturing.
- **IIT Kanpur and IIT BHU** have been designated as **Centres of Excellence** for the Defence Manufacturing Corridor in UP.
- The CM also announced that after 46 years of the establishment of Noida, the state government is going to establish a **new industrial city** in the form of [Bundelkhand Industrial Development Authority \(BIDA\)](#).

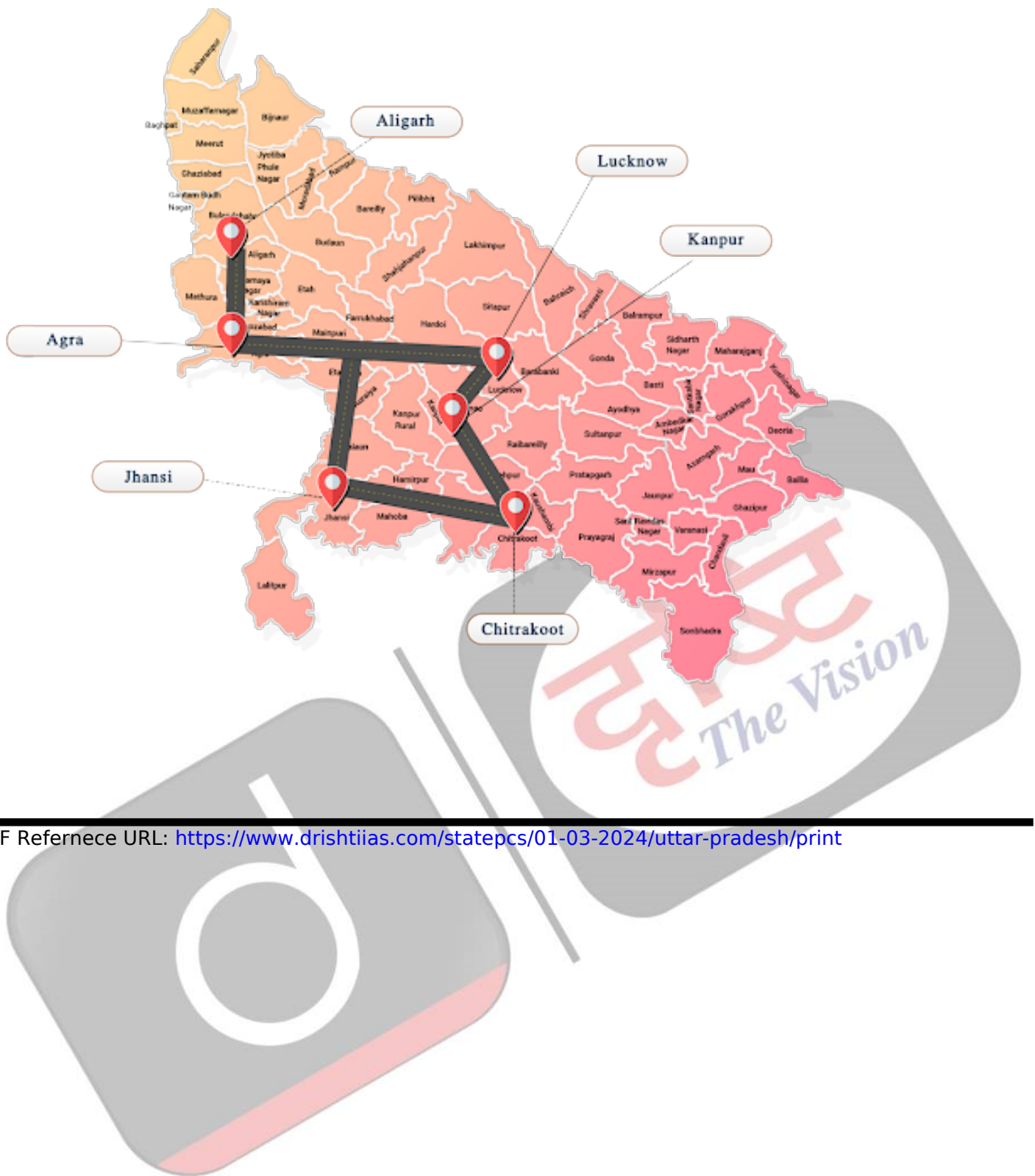
Defence Industrial Corridor of UP

- It is an aspirational project that intends to **reduce foreign dependency** of the Indian **Aerospace & Defence Sector**.
- It includes **6 nodes** - Aligarh, Agra, Kanpur, Chitrakoot, Jhansi and Lucknow.
- The [Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority \(UPEIDA\)](#) is the **nodal agency** to execute this project in conjunction with various other state agencies.
- It aims to **bring up the state as one of the largest & advanced Defence manufacturing hubs** and put it on the world map.

Defence Corridors

- A **defence corridor refers** to a route or a path along which domestic productions of defence equipment by **public sector, private sector and [Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises \(MSMEs\)](#)** are lined up to enhance the operational capability of the defence forces.
- It will **help in making the nation self-reliant** in the field of defense production and promoting **'Make in India'**, which will **reduce our imports and promote the export of these items** to other countries.
- It will provide a **fillip to the defence manufacturing ecosystem** through synergistic development of technologies, promote the **growth of private domestic manufacturers**, including **MSMEs and [Start-Ups](#)**.

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