



Uttar Pradesh Government Defence Deals

Why in News?

Recently, the **Uttar Pradesh** government has signed more than **154 defence manufacturing deals worth Rs 25,000 crore.**

Key Points

- According to the Ministry of Defence (MoD), **India's annual defence production is Rs 1.27 trillion in 2023-24 (FY24)**, which is 16.7% higher than 2023.
- The defence projects are coming up in the mega **UP Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC)** spanning six nodes of **Lucknow, Kanpur, Jhansi, Aligarh, Chitrakoot and Agra districts.**
 - The Corridor's nodal agency **UP Expressway Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA)** has **signed 154 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with different companies** such as **Adani Defence and Aerospace, BrahMos Aerospace, Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)**, etc.
- Uttar Pradesh is actively promoting defence manufacturing to drive its **'Make in UP'** initiative.
 - The state aims to leverage its extensive **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)** base to catalyze this effort
- A total of 35,000 **Kalashnikov AK-203 assault rifles**, assembled at the **Korwa factory in Amethi district of Uttar Pradesh**, have been given to the Indian Army by the **Indo-Russia Rifles Private Limited joint venture.**
- Another **Indo-Russia joint venture plant is coming up in Lucknow** to manufacture **BrahMos missiles** for the Indian defence forces.
 - BrahMos is a **joint venture between India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Russia's NPOM (Non-Profit Organisation Mashinostroyeniya)** to develop next-generation **supersonic missiles** for the Indian forces.

Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC)

- It is an **aspirational project that intends to reduce foreign dependence** on the Indian **Aerospace & Defence Sector**. It was **inaugurated in 2018.**
- The **Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA)** was made the **nodal agency to execute this project** in conjunction with various other state agencies.

The Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA)

- It is an **authority set up in 2007 by the Government of Uttar Pradesh to develop expressway projects in the state.**
- The headquarters of UPEIDA is **located at Paryatan Bhawan in Gomti Nagar, Lucknow.**

