

UP to Help India Become Self-Reliant in Defence Production

Why in News?

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister inaugurated the **Ammunition Manufacturing Complex** of Adani Group in the <u>Defence Corridor</u> 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).

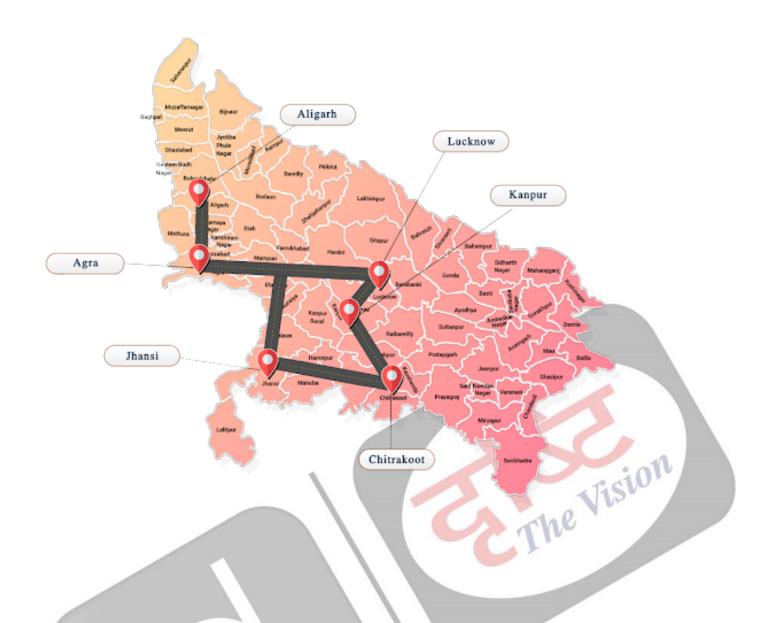
Defence Industrial Corridor of UP

- 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 <u>Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA)</u> 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 <u>'Make in India'</u>, 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 <u>Start-Ups.</u>

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