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 Defence Corridor **at Sadh in Kanpur.**
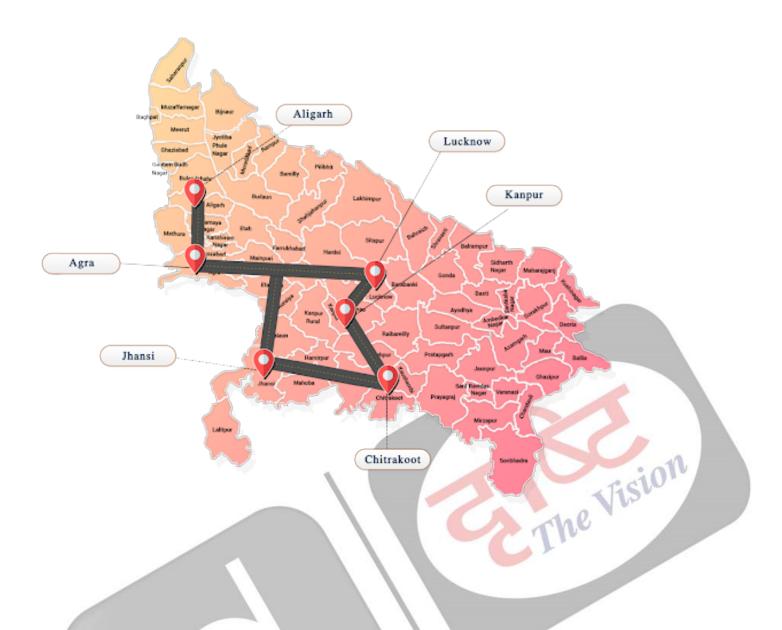
Key Points

- 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.