



# UPDIC Poised to Make India 'Atmanirbhar' in Defence Production

## Why in News?

The **Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC)** is attracting **investments** of ₹24,510.60 crore and aims to **generate 41,667 employment opportunities**.

## Key Points

- Major companies like [BrahMos Aerospace](#), **Tata Technologies**, and **Adani Defence Systems** have proposed investments in the corridor.
- UPDIC is witnessing significant **progress, attracting major investments** and demonstrating commitment to **make India 'Atmanirbhar' (self-reliant) in the [defence and aerospace sector](#)**.
- **34 investment projects** worth ₹3585.85 crore are ready to be included in the upcoming groundbreaking ceremony.
  - These **projects are spread across Aligarh, Jhansi, Kanpur and Lucknow** nodes of the defence industrial corridor and would generate over **8,530 employment opportunities**.
- The Government of UP is investing in developing basic infrastructure across nodes, creating a conducive environment for investors.
  - **IIT Kanpur and IIT (BHU) Varanasi** have been **nominated as Centres of Excellence**, conducting research and filling critical R&D gaps.
- UPDIC is transforming the State into a **major hub for defence and aerospace manufacturing**, contributing to India's self-reliance and economic growth.
  - It has collaborated with financial institutions to offer customized loans and cater to the specific needs of MSMEs and start-ups in the defence and aerospace sector.

## 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.