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UP Defence Industrial Corridor Showcases Opportunities for MSMEs at Regional Defence MSME Conclave in Aligarh

The Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC), under the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA), participated in the **Regional Defence MSME Conclave held on 10 July 2026 in Aligarh**. The conclave was organized by the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence, Government of India, in association with the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM).

The conclave, themed "**Empowering MSMEs Towards Indigenisation, Innovation and Exports in Defence and Aerospace**," brought together policymakers, defence public sector undertakings, industry leaders, private sector companies, MSMEs, startups and other key stakeholders to deliberate on opportunities, policy initiatives and support mechanisms for strengthening India's defence manufacturing ecosystem.

Representing UPDIC, Col. Sanjay Singh (Retd.), Chief General Manager, Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor, delivered a presentation highlighting the remarkable progress achieved by the corridor since its inception and outlined its future growth roadmap. He elaborated on the policy initiatives of the Government of Uttar Pradesh and the Government of India that have created a conducive ecosystem for defence and aerospace manufacturing in the state.

During his address, Col. Singh highlighted the significant opportunities available for MSMEs within the defence sector and emphasized that the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor has emerged as one of India's most promising destinations for defence manufacturing and investment. He underscored the corridor's rapidly developing infrastructure, investor-friendly policies, expanding industrial ecosystem and strong institutional support, which continue to attract investments from leading domestic and global defence companies.

He further emphasized that UPDIC is committed to fostering a collaborative industrial ecosystem where MSMEs, startups and large industries can work together to strengthen indigenous defence manufacturing, develop resilient supply chains and enhance India's defence export capabilities.

The conclave featured technical and interactive sessions by senior representatives from the Indian Army, Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AWEIL), Government e-Marketplace (GeM), Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and SIDM. The sessions provided valuable insights into procurement procedures, vendor registration, financing mechanisms, quality standards and various government support schemes designed to encourage MSME participation in the defence and aerospace sectors.

Deliberations during the conclave reiterated the pivotal role of MSMEs in realizing the Government of India's vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat through indigenisation, innovation and enhanced domestic manufacturing capabilities.

Experts highlighted the need for developing sustainable indigenous capabilities to meet future defence requirements while strengthening India's integration into global defence supply chains.

Special emphasis was placed on facilitating MSME growth through improved access to financial assistance, technology support, quality certification, skill development and market linkages, thereby creating greater opportunities for both existing enterprises and new entrants in the defence manufacturing sector.

UPDIC's participation in the conclave reaffirmed its commitment to promoting investments, supporting MSMEs and accelerating the development of Uttar Pradesh as a premier hub for defence and aerospace manufacturing in India.

About Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC)

The Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor is a flagship initiative of the Government of India and the Government of Uttar Pradesh aimed at establishing a world-class defence manufacturing ecosystem across the state. Through robust infrastructure, investor-friendly policies, industry facilitation and strategic partnerships, UPDIC is promoting indigenous defence production, attracting investments, generating employment and contributing significantly to India's vision of self-reliance in defence manufacturing.

