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UPDIC Showcases Uttar Pradesh's Defence Manufacturing Vision and Investor-Centric Ecosystem at the 15th Defence & Aerospace Strategic Electronics Summit 2026

The Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC), under the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA), Government of Uttar Pradesh, participated as the **Associate State Partner** at the **15th Defence & Aerospace Strategic Electronics Summit 2026**, organised by the Electronic Industries Association of India (ELCINA) in collaboration with the Government of Karnataka and the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), Bengaluru, on *23-24 July 2026.

The summit, themed "**Strategic Electronics for Modern Warfare: Intelligence Driven, Tech Powered**," brought together policymakers, defence electronics manufacturers, strategic technology companies, industry leaders, academia, startups and global aerospace and defence firms to deliberate on strengthening India's strategic electronics ecosystem and advancing indigenous capabilities in defence electronics manufacturing.

A major highlight of the summit was the participation of **Col. Sanjay Singh, Chief General Manager, UPDIC**, as a distinguished speaker during the inaugural panel discussion titled "**Accelerating Defence Strategic Electronics Manufacturing: State Government and Industry Initiatives**." The panel featured senior representatives from leading global aerospace and defence companies, including Safran and Boeing, along with **Dr. Avinash Menon Rajendran, IAS, Managing Director, Karnataka Industrial and Aerospace Development Enterprise (KITS)**, senior officials from **Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO)**, and other industry experts. The session was graced by the **Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka, Shri D.K. Shivakumar**, who underscored the importance of collaborative efforts among governments, industry and academia to build a globally competitive and self-reliant defence electronics ecosystem.

Addressing the gathering, **Col. Sanjay Singh** outlined Uttar Pradesh's strategic vision of establishing the state as a leading destination for defence electronics, aerospace systems, strategic technologies and advanced manufacturing. He emphasized that sustained investments in research and development are essential for achieving technological self-reliance in critical domains such as communication systems, avionics, sensors, unmanned platforms, electronic warfare systems and dual-use technologies.

Highlighting Uttar Pradesh's robust innovation ecosystem, he informed the audience that UPDIC, in collaboration with premier academic and research institutions, has established Centres of Excellence to promote indigenous technology development. The Centre of Excellence at **IIT Kanpur** is driving research in drones, autonomous systems and cloud seeding technologies, while the Centre of Excellence at **IIT (BHU), Varanasi** is undertaking advanced research in smart materials, sensor materials, precision engineering, composites and defence architecture. He further highlighted the close collaboration **between IIT Kanpur Research and Technology Park (Technopark) and UPEIDA** in promoting innovation, entrepreneurship and technology development in communication systems, space technologies and strategic electronics.

"These collaborations are helping create a robust pipeline of indigenous technologies, innovative startups and highly skilled manpower required for the future growth of India's defence and strategic electronics sector," Col. Singh said.

He also highlighted the advanced testing and certification infrastructure being developed under UPDIC, including the **Advanced Materials Defence Testing Foundation (AMDTF), Communication Defence Testing Foundation (CDTF) and Unmanned Aerial Systems Defence Testing Foundation (UASTF)**. These specialised facilities will provide critical capabilities in advanced materials testing, communication systems validation, EMI/EMC testing, UAV testing, radio frequency testing, non-destructive evaluation and other certification services required by defence electronics and aerospace manufacturers.

Speaking on India's broader defence electronics roadmap, Col. Singh stated that the country's strategy is focused on indigenisation, strengthening domestic electronics supply chains, expanding manufacturing capabilities and emerging as a global exporter of defence products and technologies. He observed that proactive government policies and targeted incentives are enabling industries to invest in indigenous capabilities across strategic electronics, communication systems, embedded systems, sensors and other high-value dual-use technologies.

Highlighting Uttar Pradesh's transformation over the past decade, he remarked that the state has emerged as one of India's fastest-growing destinations for electronics, aerospace and defence manufacturing through progressive policies, world-class infrastructure and industry-focused initiatives. He noted that the Government of Uttar Pradesh is actively promoting innovation through funding support, startup incubation, industry-academia partnerships and collaborations with premier institutions including **IIT Kanpur and IIT (BHU)**.

Col. Singh further highlighted the investor-centric approach of the Government of Uttar Pradesh through the Uttar Pradesh Electronics Components Manufacturing Policy and the *Uttar Pradesh Aerospace and Defence Unit and Employment Promotion Policy, which offer a comprehensive package of incentives for electronics, aerospace and defence manufacturing units. He emphasized that UPEIDA and UPDIC provide end-to-end handholding support to investors, including facilitation of approvals, resolution of regulatory issues and coordination with Central Ministries to ensure ease of doing business.

"The objective of the Government of Uttar Pradesh is to create a globally competitive manufacturing ecosystem, generate employment opportunities and enable industries to thrive through sustained policy support, innovation promotion and ease of doing business," he said.

During the **Vendor Development Session*** organised by **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**, senior BEL officials, in the presence of the Chief General Manager, UPDIC, announced the recent land allotment to Bharat Electronics Limited at the **Chitrakoot node** of the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor. The announcement reflects the growing confidence of leading defence public sector enterprises in the UPDIC ecosystem and further strengthens Uttar Pradesh's position as a preferred destination for defence electronics, aerospace and strategic technology investments.

UPDIC's participation in the summit reaffirmed Uttar Pradesh's commitment to supporting the vision of **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** while showcasing the state's rapidly expanding capabilities in strategic electronics, defence technologies, aerospace manufacturing, innovation-driven research and development, advanced testing infrastructure, industry-academia collaboration and investor facilitation. The summit also provided a significant platform to project Uttar Pradesh as a leading hub for defence electronics manufacturing and a key contributor to India's globally competitive and self-reliant defence industrial ecosystem.

