DefExpo 2020, the 11th edition of the biennial mega defence exhibition, is scheduled to be held from 5th-8th February 2020 in Lucknow. The previous edition witnessed 160 international participants, 284 foreign/official delegates and 700 exhibitors, that resulted in more than 50 bilateral G2G meetings and the signing of 40 MoUs. DefExpo provides an ideal platform for businesses, decision-makers and policymakers to interact, address common concerns, contribute to the global defence ecosystem and position India as a defence manufacturing hub.

Policymakers in India have also recognised the growing importance of the digital era, and various stakeholders have come together to create policies aimed at incentivising such technological developments that will be the catalysts for digital transformation of the defence manufacturing ecosystem.

UP Defence Industrial Corridor

Announced by the Hon’ble PM Narendra Modi at the UP Investors Summit in February 2018, the corridor will leverage the existing manufacturing ecosystem in the state to create a robust and dedicated defence manufacturing space.

Major nodes: Aligarh, Agra, Jhansi, Chitrakoot, Kanpur and Lucknow.

Existing ecosystem in the state:
- 9 major ordnance factories
- 3 major manufacturing units of HAL and one major BEL unit
- Major existing R&D institutes in the state include those of DRDO, ASERDC-HAL, etc.

Existing enabling infrastructure:
- Located on the Golden Quadrilateral with an excellent road network Agra-Lucknow Expressway
- Major international and national airports connecting the state to the rest of the country
- Strong logistics infrastructure in Kanpur, Dadri, Boraki and Varanasi

India and Digital Transformation:

India’s total exports of software services increased to USD 108.4 Bn (2018)

Digital Transformation

With a focus on ‘Digital Transformation’, the upcoming edition is poised to witness large scale participation of a diverse global audience. India, with its strength in information technology and software development, will bolster the Digital Transformation trend and collaborate with other nations to develop cutting-edge military technology.
### INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS AT DEFEXPO 2020

As one of the premier exhibitions in the Defence & Aerospace sector, DefExpo is also one of the largest gatherings of defence industry professionals globally. DefExpo 2020 will provide an excellent opportunity for industry partnerships (MoUs & ToTs).

#### MoUs and ToTs signed at DefExpo 2018

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### BILATERAL ENGAGEMENTS AT DEFEXPO 2020

Strengthening of bilateral engagements remains central to the success of DefExpo.

DefExpo 2018 witnessed the participation of 13 ministerial ministerial and 42 official delegations, that resulted in more than 50 bilateral G2G meetings. Meetings were held at various levels including that of the Hon’ble Defence Minister, Hon’ble Minister of State of Defence, Defence Secretary, and Secretary (Defence Production).

DefExpo 2020 will once again provide international and national delegations a platform to strengthen bilateral and multilateral partnerships.
ABOUT LUCKNOW

Lucknow, an integral part of the Uttar Pradesh Defence Corridor, is a multicultural city known for its delectable Awadhi cuisine, beautiful gardens, poetry and music that were patronised by the erstwhile Nawabs, who also lent Lucknow its moniker of the ‘City of Nawabs’.

General Information:
Area: 2,582 sq. km. (2011 census)
Population: 45,89,838 (2011 census)
Altitude: 123 mts. above sea level

Getting there:
Lucknow's Chaudhary Charan Singh Airport (15 km from Hazratganj) is directly connected by regular flights with Delhi, Patna, Kolkata, Mumbai, Varanasi, Hyderabad and Singapore, Sharjah, Muscat, Jeddah, Dubai.
The venue is situated 12 km from the airport.
A major railway junction, Lucknow is conveniently linked with prominent cities through the Northern Railway and the North Eastern Railway networks.