

As directed by National President Mr. Sunil Vaish, yesterday, I had the opportunity to attend a conclave on Defence corridor, jointly organised by IIT Kanpur & IIT BHU, both being the Knowledge partner of Government of UP for Defense corridor.

I, along with General Secretary Mr. Manmohan Agrawal and HO Executive Director Mr.DS.Verma were there to represent MSME.

The meeting was addressed by CEO UPEIDA, Director DRDO. From IIT side Director, Deputy Director, PIC of Incubation centre and PIC of Technopark@ IIT Kanpur addressed the elite gathering of Industrialists and scholars.

Chairman UPEIDA Mr.Avanish Awasthi informed on support and incentives being offered to industries, coming up in Defense Corridor. He also indicated the limitation in acquisition of land pool for this corridor, Which he optimistically told to square up shortly.

Director DRDO Dr. Chandrika Kaushik informed on role and scope of DRDO in country's Defense requirements. She also indicated the support which DRDO can offer to Industries for developing defence related products and services.

Different speakers from IIT informed that being a

knowledge partner, what are the areas where IIT can support Industries for developing technologies and products related to Defense.

The personnel led by Mr. Manish Bhardwaj Director DPI, Ministry of Defence had a meeting with IIA and IIT Team for identifying areas and methodologies of training in order to scale up & to cater the trained manpower requirements for Defense related industries.

The industries friends, who are planning to come up with such Industries can write or call to IIA HO for setting up the Industries in defence corridors or for their manpower or training requirements.

Regards.

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