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Defence corridor: IIT-BHU to act as knowledge partner

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VARANASI : Indian Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University (IIT-BHU) will act as a knowledge partner in establishing the defence industrial corridor project. The institution will extend its support in developing technology and skill required for development of the corridor.

"IIT-BHU has the potential to become the centre for excellence in the defence related research and training. It will act a knowledge partner of the UP government in establishing the defence industrial corridor," said IIT-BHU director prof Pramod Kumar Jain.

He further said the state government also agreed to provide Rs 15 crore for the purpose. Jain added that the IIT-BHU evinced its interest in becoming a knowledge partner in the ambitious project by sending a proposal to the state government around a fortnight ago.

The strengths and areas in which the institute can extend its support for successful development of the corridor were highlighted in the proposal, he claimed. The UP government accepted the proposal.

Thereafter, Jain was invited by the state government to give a presentation before chief

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PROF PRAMOD KUMAR JAIN,
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minister Yogi Adityanath at Shastri Bhavan in Lucknow on Tuesday.

Jain, while giving the presentation, explained important areas namely smart and sensor materials, composites, metals and alloys, novel methods and techniques, safety and hazard investigations, defence architecture and machining and assembly and precision engineering where institute can support to develop technology and skills.

Jain said research for developing defence technology would begin soon.

About 5,125 hectares of land has been identified in Aligarh, Agra, Jhansi, Chitrakoot, Kanpur and Jalaun for the project.