

**SIDDARAMAIAH**  
CHIEF MINISTER



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Dear Shri Rajnath Singh Ji,

**Sub: Request for support on establishment of Defence corridors in Karnataka.**

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Greetings from the Government of Karnataka.

It was a great pleasure to host you to the Global Investors Meet – Invest Karnataka 2025. The event secured commitments of approximately INR 10.27 lakh crore, of which INR 4.34 lakh crore (42%) have already been converted. In the manufacturing sector alone, of the INR 5.56 lakh crore committed investment, nearly 62% (INR 3.45 lakh crore) has been converted.

We remain committed to further accelerating investments in strategic sectors, particularly Defence. In 2018, the Government of India announced Defence Industrial Corridors in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu to strengthen indigenous production and reduce imports. We request similar support for establishing two Defence Industrial Corridors, one each in North Karnataka and South Karnataka regions.

North Karnataka region, covering Belagavi, Hubballi-Dharwad and Vijayapura districts, in Karnataka boast of a vibrant defence manufacturing ecosystem. The region is home to leading defence manufacturing companies such as Balu Forge, Aequs, Bikar Aerospace, Walchandnagar Industries and many more. Belagavi also hosts India's first Precision Manufacturing Special Economic Zone. This 250+ acre aerospace SEZ fosters a vertically integrated aerospace ecosystem. The aerospace SEZ has the largest machining capacity in the country that delivers more than 1 million machining hours annually, has 31 operational units and employs 5000+ people.

South Karnataka region, particularly Kolar, Chikkaballapur, and Bangalore Rural have a rich history of Aerospace and Defence excellence. With HAL headquartered here, TASL establishing final assembly line for C130J, and Air India





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and Indigo ramping up MRO operations, South Karnataka is poised to be the epicenter for Aerospace and Defence manufacturing for India. The region is also home to Hi-tech Aerospace & Defence Park in Devanahalli spread across ~2000 acres. This park comprises of key A&D players like Collins Aerospace, Dynamatic Technologies, Centum, Sasmos, Bellatrix and many others.

As you might already know, 67% of all aircraft and helicopter manufacturing for defence services is carried out in Karnataka and 25% of India's aircraft and spacecraft industry are based in the State. The proposed corridors will leverage this existing ecosystem and infrastructure, further cementing Karnataka's reputation as the Defence Capital of India.

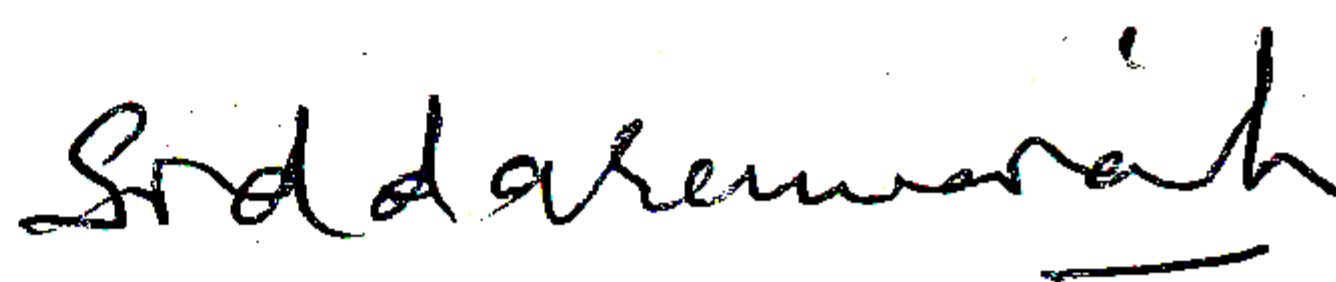
This initiative will bolster the Make in India mission, enhance indigenous production, and generate skilled employment in the region. Moreover, the corridors will attract further domestic and foreign investment by showcasing Karnataka's world-class supply chain and quality assurance standards. They will foster innovation through collaboration between industry leaders, research institutions and startups and driving cutting-edge defence technologies.

We urge and request the Centre to approve defence corridors in both the regions of Karnataka, allowing the industry to leverage Karnataka's existing expertise and drive further growth in the Defence sector. We look forward to your valuable insights and support in addressing this. Your guidance will be critical and crucial in furthering the defence manufacturing ecosystem in the State.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
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