

Pune's strengths to be a major Node City for Defence Industrial Corridor of Maharashtra :

1. Pune is very well connected with Nasik by road and Railways. The speed rail and the development of the highway are not only on the anvil but under action. Pune and Nashik will become ideal partners in establishing the Defence Corridor.
2. Pune has a major Indian Air Force base with the latest fighter aircrafts.
3. Western Naval Command, the largest Indian Navy base of the country is in close vicinity, in Mumbai.
4. The HQs of the Indian Army's Southern Command, and Military institutes such as the College of Military Engineering and Armed Forces Medical College are located in Pune.
5. Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and its establishments including the center for Air borne Systems and Artificial Intelligence & Robotics are operative in Pune.
6. Ordnance factories are among the oldest and have the largest set ups for Defence production, such as the Ammunition Factory.
7. Proximity to Mumbai provides it with a Seaport and large international airport & one coming up in New Mumbai. Pune is well connected by road to every corner of the country. The proposed Hyper loop connectivity between Pune and Mumbai is expected to bring down the travel time to 25 minutes. Proximity to Mumbai provides Pune with access to Seaports at Nhava Sheva and Angre port near Ratnagiri, and the upcoming Vadhavan port.
8. It has several world-class hotels with very good internal transportation facilities including the growing Maha Metro and ring roads. Pune is well connected to all the parts of India by Railway and road networks to important Defence stations of India.
9. The climate and environment are suitable for industrial set up and is climate neutral with no extreme weather conditions such as in Chennai or UP, which are constantly hit by cyclones or extreme heat conditions and flooding which can disrupt industrial operations.
10. Pune has a large population of educated and experienced higher management level of professionals and the biggest source of providing highly skilled and experienced work force. One of the best institutes, here, of international repute are offering exclusive courses on AI ,IT, Cyber security, Automotive, Space & Aero engineering. Savitribai Phule University is offering post-graduation in Defence and Strategic Studies. Recently, Symbiosis Skills and Professional University launched B.Tech in Defence Technology. The city is known as Oxford of India for having technically advanced educational institutes, producing technical and management professionals for the industry in Maharashtra.
11. Pune has one of the established manufacturing, auto components, IT and defence industrial hubs, and has supporting infrastructure. Every sector of the industry such as aerospace, IT, electronics and heavy industry. Pune has some big industrials such as Garware, Kirloskar and Bharat Forge and supplying to defence forces and the shipbuilders in a big way.

13. Pune already has a very well-established technologically advanced and reliable industrial belt producing defence equipment and items and supplying to our defence forces.

14. The ship building industry in Mumbai is one of the largest in the country, and Pune has the potential to manufacture components and supplies for the same. On the 08 Aug 2025 Indian Navy Conclave is being organized in Pune and will also be participated by Mazagaon Docks Limited and Goa Shipyard Limited.

Pune already has well-established industry, good connectivity , major education hub and is ready to be explored further to support the defence forces and the ship-building industry in a bigger and more defined way.