

‘Over 100 Aadhaar Sewa Kendras run by UIDAI to be set up’

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New Delhi: In a move to expand accessibility to Aadhaar enrolment, the Unique Identification Authority of India is setting up more than 100 centres on the lines of Passport Sewa Kendras in 53 cities which will be supervised by UIDAI employees.

Aadhaar Sewa Kendras or ASKs will provide appointment-based Aadhaar enrolment and updating of services to any resident through multiple work stations and will have facilities for walk in customers as well, the UIDAI said on Tuesday.

The decision to open ASKs in addition to enrolment offered in bank branches and post offices is intended to curb complaints regarding enrolment services previous-

ly carried out by private entities. There were complaints of “fees” being charged for services and concerns over safety of procedures that were taken note of by the Supreme Court.

“The objective is to ensure that residents seeking services need not wait in queue as they can book a prior appointment. ASKs will also serve special needs of those residents who need to be allowed enrolment and updates through the exception process,” the UIDAI said.

UIDAI CEO Ajay Bhushan Pandey added, “UIDAI is endeavouring identity inclusion and creating awareness about usage of Aadhaar in various forms such as masked Aadhaar, QR code, offline Aadhaar in a manner so that there is no denial of services and benefits while privacy is enhanced.”