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The first Institute of Driving and Traffic Research (IDTR) in Uttar Pradesh will be inaugurated in Rae Bareli soon. It will be the first of its kind training institute for drivers in the state which will have experts from the automobile sector imparting driving lessons.

Principal and teaching staff have been appointed and the institute would be inaugurated soon, sources in the transport department said, adding that the institute was sanctioned by the ministry of road transport and highway (MoRTH) in several states under the scheme to boost road safety.

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The state government has partnered with the Tata Motors to provide training and impart courses at the institute.

"Anyone can enroll at the institute to learn driving. The institute will charge a nominal fee for every course available," said the government spokesman.

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Considering the population of the state, MoRTH has sanctioned another IDTR in Kanpur.

Besides, the state government might also seek approval from the Union ministry for three more institutes.

The transport department will identify the land in Ballia and Orai. If the requisite size of land gets available at the two places, the department may seek Centre's approval for more IDTRs.