

Town maps of UP with geospatial database up to ward level soon

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Lucknow: Town maps of all the municipal bodies across 75 districts of the state, along with the geospatial database of the municipal wards is going to be available now. The georeferenced data is going to help the urban development department in administration of land, banking and financial facilities, water supply and sewerage system pe-

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netration besides collecting increased revenues.

The boundaries of 14,455 municipal wards under the urban local bodies were defined during the 2021-22 delimitation process post which the necessity to create an exhaustive geospatial database was being felt.

The state govt approached the directorate of census operations, Uttar Pradesh, to carry out ward-level mapping and prepare the GIS maps of the municipal wards.

Director, census operations, Sheetal Verma, said, "The state can make provisions to tag the civic ameniti-

es digitally up to the micro (ward) level within urban areas. The database would strengthen programme outreach, development monitoring and in planning and research studies."

During execution of public-private-partnership projects, providing digital maps to the private sector could improve economic opportunities and improve collection of social parameters from the ground. Director of urban local bodies in UP, Nitin Bansal, said that digital open-source availability of civic facilities and resources is being done as per the national geospatial policy, 2022.

While 762 urban local bodies have been covered under the exercise, the industrial development authorities in the state have been also included to prepare an exhaustive database. Work on preparing the platform was initiated in August 2023 and lasted till April 8 of this year.

The final database is being examined and would be disclosed publicly through the dashboard after the scrutiny in the coming days, said officials.