

18,000 women to drive & own e-rickshaws

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Lucknow: Under the fourth phase of Mission Shakti, a state govt campaign to empower women and make them self-reliant, around 18,000 women are being offered free e-rickshaw training and loans. Subsidies of up to Rs 50,000 are being offered on purchase of e-rickshaws under the Mukhyamantri Yuva Swarozgar Yojana. Govt will hold celebrations of Rakshabandhan festival at all training centres.

A govt spokesperson said 250 women from each district were selected under the scheme. UP CON MD Praveen Singh said e-rickshaw training programme was being

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conducted by MSME department under the Mission Shakti scheme and is being implemented by UP CON.

“Women are receiving practical sessions as well as classroom education, where

they are learning about e-rickshaw operations and driving rules. Under the programme, participants are also being provided pink uniforms and safety kits, along with assistance in obtaining driving licences through the RTO. Efforts have been made to ensure these women received loans at affordable rates for purchasing e-rickshaws,” Singh said.

Singh said eligible women will receive a subsidy of Rs 49,500, while remaining amount could be financed through bank loans.