## Cabinet okays bids for PPP med colleges

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Prayagraj: As part of its 'One District, One Medical College initiative, the state cabinet has approved the selection of successful bidders to operate medical colleges under the public-private partnership (PPP) model, with viability gap funding from the government of India, in Hathras, Baghpat, and Kasganj.

"Following technical and financial evaluations of the received tenders, Rajshree Educational Trust was selected as the lowest bidder (L-1) for Hathras and Kasganj, while Jaipal Singh Sharma Trust was chosen for Baghpat," an official spokesperson said on Wednesday. He added that this step aligns with the state's policy to establish medical colleges in underserved districts through the PPP model, ensuring equitable access to medical education and healthcare facilities.

In another decision, the state cabinet approved the transfer of the 166-bed govt combined hospital in Balrampur to the medical education department.

The spokesperson said that this move aims to establish the autonomous state medical college in Balrampur by converting the Balrampur satellite centre of King George's Medical University (KGMU).

The establishment of this medical college is intended to provide specialised healthcare services to the public and create educational opportunities for aspiring medical professionals.