

Govt okays GIS-based master plan of 56 cities

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Lucknow: The geographical information system-based (GIS) master plan for 56, out of 59 cities in the state, have been approved for implementation by the state govt.

Only Kanpur, Rampur, and Ghaziabad are yet to get their master plan approved.

With the objective of developing common digital geo-referenced base maps and land use maps across the Amrut cities, senior officials of the housing department will be able to view the thematic

maps and sector-wise database.

“By processing geospatial data, those involved in urban planning of a town are able to understand development strategy, transportation nodes, physiography, linkages, regional setting, among other salient characteristics of a city,” said a senior officer from the housing department.

Officials said that the final review of the Ghaziabad and Kanpur master plans is going to be held in a fortnight, after which approval is expected to be granted to the two housing development authorities to enforce it within the notified area.

The master plan for Rampur will be taken up in a few weeks, the officer added.

The state govt set a deadli-

ne of Dec 31 last year for the 59 cities to get their master plans approved. The town and country planning department was given the responsibility to prepare the master plans. To secure the grant being provided by the central govt, approval of the GIS master plan is mandatory.

However, over time, the scope of the consultants engaged to prepare the plans was broadened to include city logistics plans, demarcate transit-oriented zones, green and blue corridors, transportation and mobility plans on to the GIS platform, among others.

“Amending the scope of the original work assigned to the companies and urban planners resulted in some delay while finalising the plans,” said an officer.