

# ‘UP to replace British-era Society Registration Act with a new law’

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**Lucknow:** Uttar Pradesh will soon get a new law to regulate the registration and management of institutions. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday pointed out that the current law — the colonial-era Society Registration Act of 1860 — needs to be replaced urgently with a modern and practical law. He directed officials to immediately draft a new Act.

“The new Act should introduce contemporary provisions to strengthen registration, renewal, property management, and financial transparency of registered institutions. The existing Act lacks clarity on crucial issues such as transparency, accountability, cancellation of inactive or suspicious institutions, property protection, and speedy resolution of disputes related to mem-

bership, management, and elections,” the CM said at a meeting he chaired in the presence of finance minister Suresh Khanna.

He added that the current rules on audits, financial discipline, and preventing fund misuse are also inadequate. The CM said the law should be able to ensure transparen-

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cy and accountability and protect the interest of its members.

He argued for a strong mechanism that would prevent the arbitrary sale of institutional properties for vested interests and said that the appointment of administrators in disputes is inappropriate. “Management committees should regulate institutions independently, with minimum interference from govt or local administration,” the

CM added. There are more than eight lakh institutions registered in UP, spanning education, healthcare, social harmony, rural development, industry, and sports.

The CM said that it is essential to streamline their governance, and the new Act, he added, will have strict provisions for dissolving inactive or dubious institutions, protecting their properties, and ensuring time-bound dispute resolution. The CM said that registration and renewal processes should be made online, KYC-based, and time-bound, with a stronger framework for accountability and financial audits. He added that the new law should be able to ensure that registered institutions can function more effectively, contribute to social welfare, and uphold the values of transparency and good governance.

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