## UP govt revises norms to set up, modify engineering colleges for 2025-26 session

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**Lucknow:** The Uttar Pradesh govt has revised regulations for establishing new engineering colleges and modifying existing technical education institutes for the academic session 2025-26.

These changes encompass procedures for new course introduction, adjusting admission capacity, and institute closure. To enhance transparency, a scrutiny committee will evaluate all proposals. The committee will forward applications to respective district magistrates through a portal, and each institution will undergo geotagging.

ACS, technical education, Narendra Bhooshan communicated these changes to Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University through a letter on Thursday. "Applications for



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starting new institutes and courses and for extension of affiliation on the AKTU portal will now be scrutinised by a committee. After the applications are scrutinised, the institute will be inspected by the inspection committee constituted by the university," the letter said. The ACS specified that AKTU-approved applications for new institutes would be digitally transmitted to district magistrates. An additional district magistrate will submit verification reports with recommendations online. Subsequently, university-appointed committees will inspect recommended institutions. Regarding new courses and admission capacity modifications, the varsity's inspection committee will assess all submissions according to AICTE guidelines.

"For opening new degreelevel engineering institutes (except BArch and BPharma) and starting new courses in old institutes, AKTU will geotag all the institutes using Google API. After examining the need for centralisation of institutes related to a particular subject at one place and completing all the formalities, the case will be presented before the Affiliation Committee as per section 23(2) of the Technical University Act-2000, and a proposal will be made available to the govt from the level of AKTU," the ACS told TOI.

He said with this the state govt has simplified the procedure. For the first time, the provision to give a minimum of three years of affiliation (and five years to those who are better on quality parameters) has been provided rather than an annual exercise, which is the main reason for the delay in the academic session. "The system now requires only one enquiry report from the district magistrate instead of two," he said.