

1,000 bank branches now have Aadhaar updation centres

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The UIDAI said over 1,000 bank branches of 42 private and public sector banks have opened Aadhaar enrolment and updation centres within their premises.

The Aadhaar-issuing body further said it has received commitments for opening of such centres in 15,000 bank

branches "at the earliest".

"Bank Aadhaar Kendras are being established with a view to make the Aadhaar verification process of bank accounts convenient for the people as it has become mandatory under the amended Prevention of Money Laundering Rules to verify bank accounts with Aadhaar by December 31, 2017," Ajay Bhushan Pandey,

CEO of UIDAI, said in a statement. In July, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) had asked private as well as public banks to open Aadhaar enrolment and updation facilities in one out of 10 branches, and the initial deadline for doing so was August-end.

Earlier this month, the UIDAI gave banks one more

month to open Aadhaar enrolment centres in a stipulated 10 per cent of branches, but said it will impose ₹20,000 as fine per uncovered branch after September 30.

The reprieve was granted as many banks had sought additional time from UIDAI for setting up such facility on their premises.