

Open Aadhaar enrolment centres on premises: UIDAI to banks

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The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has asked private and public sector banks to set up Aadhaar enrolment facility in at least one out of every 10 branches in the coming weeks, a top official has said. Suitable changes had been

made recently in Aadhaar regulations to facilitate this.

Currently, there are 25,000 active enrolment centres across the country but these operate from own premises. None of these are being operated from bank premises.

"We are asking all scheduled commercial banks — both public and private — to set up

Aadhaar enrolment and updation facility inside the bank branches...at least in one of 10 branches by August-end," Ajay Bhushan Pandey, chief executive of UIDAI, told *PTI*.

There are 120,000 bank branches in the country and by this move, 12,000 Aadhaar enrolment and updation centres would be set up in those

branches, he pointed out.

He said the direction would provide "convenience" to people, as Aadhaar is now mandatory for opening new bank accounts and for existing accounts as well.

Locating these centres on bank premises will ensure the enrolment happens in a secure environment.