

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Unique Identification Authority of India and the Andaman & Nicobar Administration for the implementation of the UID project

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been executed on the 29th day of March, 2010 between the Unique Identification Authority of India (hereinafter referred to as "UIDAI") and the Andaman & Nicobar Administration (hereinafter referred to as "The Union Territory")

Preamble

Whereas Government of India has set up Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) with the mandate to issue Unique Identification Numbers (UID numbers) to all residents of India (UID project).

Whereas, The Union Territory would like to enhance efficiency in delivery of government benefits and services through accurate identification of beneficiaries and to have uniform standards and processes for verification and identification of beneficiaries.

Whereas, in order to implement the UID project in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the Government of Andaman & Nicobar Islands is entering into this MoU with the UIDAI.

Whereas the Andaman & Nicobar Administration has set up a Union Territory Level Empowered Committee under the Chairmanship of H.E. Lt. Governor of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and the Union Territory UID Implementation Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Administration to oversee the implementation of the UID project in the Union Territory.

Whereas this MoU shall come into immediate effect.

Definitions:

Unless the Context requires otherwise;

Registrars are Departments or Agencies of the Union Territory, who, in normal course of implementation of some of their programs or activities interact with the Residents and are authorized by the Union Territory to enrol residents into the UID System. Examples of such Registrars are Rural Development Department (for NREGS) or Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department (for TPDS).

Enrolling Agencies are entities hired by the Union Territory or Registrars to perform enrolment functions on behalf of the Registrar(s).

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UID Project and the scope of the MoU

1. The UIDAI has the mandate from the Government of India to issue unique identification numbers (UID numbers) to residents of India based on demographic and biometric data of the individual. UIDAI will partner with Government and other agencies leveraging their existing infrastructure in order to implement the UID project. These Agencies will be called the Registrars of UIDAI.
2. UIDAI will set standards and processes for enrolment to be uniformly followed by all Registrars and Enrolling Agencies. The UIDAI will issue UID numbers after checking that the resident applying for UID number does not already have a record and number in the UID database. In addition the UIDAI will provide online, real-time Authentication service.
3. The UID project will be implemented in a phased manner; the UIDAI will be conducting proof of concept studies and pilots to test the working of the technology and process of enrolment and would require the co-operation of the State Government/Union territory and Registrars in this regard.
4. This MoU between the UIDAI and the Andaman & Nicobar Administration sets out below, the general and broad-based intentions of both Parties for collaboration and as an umbrella understanding for facilitation of subsequent agreements and documents relevant for the implementation of the UID project in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
5. The UIDAI shall prescribe standards, procedures and processes which will be adhered to by the Registrars identified / appointed by the Union Territory.
6. In the interest of clarity and to reduce ambiguity, the UIDAI shall execute additional agreements and documents to capture details about implementation of UID Project with Registrars identified/appointed by the Union Territory.
7. UIDAI shall:
 - a. Develop and prescribe standards for recording data fields, data verification and biometric fields.
 - b. Prescribe a process for enrolment of residents; this will include among other things the process for collection of biometric data.
 - c. Prescribe the standards and criteria to be fulfilled by an agency to be appointed as a Registrar.
 - d. Provide/prescribe the software that will be used for the enrolment of people into the UID database in order to issue the UID number.
 - e. De-duplicate the database of the residents on the basis of the Demographic and Biometric data and issue UID numbers to only those whose uniqueness of identity has been established and after ensuring that the person has not enrolled in the UID database before.
 - f. Issue a letter communicating the UID number directly to the person who has been allotted UID number after de-duplication. UIDAI will also communicate the UID number electronically with the Registrar in UIDAI prescribed format.
 - g. Authenticate the identity of a person with a UID number as per the protocols prescribed by the UIDAI.



