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**Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) organises workshop on
Aadhaar Enabled Service Delivery**

New Delhi, February 07, 2012: The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) organised a workshop today on Aadhaar Enabled Service Delivery. The purpose of the workshop was to showcase the potential of Aadhaar in enabling real time, efficient and transparent delivery of services using online, anytime, anywhere authentication. Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia inaugurated the workshop. Speaking on the occasion, Shri. Ahluwalia said, “Aadhaar is a significant project with national relevance. With the authentication service, it is possible to have a completely accountable and transparent system of delivery of a large number of government schemes.”

Shri Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, UIDAI and Shri RS Sharma, Director General and Mission Director, UIDAI were also present and addressed the audience that included representatives from state governments, banks, ministries, PSUs etc. The participants made presentations on the potential benefits of Aadhaar enabled service delivery across sectors such as government welfare schemes, banking, education and health.

While addressing the media during, Sh. Nandan Nilekani said, “Aadhaar authentication services will be a first of its kind and a game changer in the identity systems. Implementing Aadhaar based authentication would enable more efficient delivery of services”

Sh. RS Sharma, DG & MD, UIDAI further added, “Aadhaar is already the largest biometric project in the world. In addition to powerfully streamlining the welfare and subsidy processes, an Aadhaar-enabled service delivery would make possible a more transparent, flexible system, and enable the service provider to fulfil its objective of efficient and transparent service delivery.”

For this nation-wide initiative, the UIDAI has been given, a clear mandate of providing a unique identity number (Aadhaar) to all residents of India and also offer Aadhaar authentication services to improve the delivery of various services.

Aadhaar online identity authentication has the potential to bring about a transformation in the method of service delivery and empower the common man. It will create a circle of trust between the service provider and the resident that in turn will eliminate duplication and plug leakages of resources and efforts.

UIDAI has been conducting pilot projects and other field studies to explore the efficacy and efficiency of Aadhaar authentication in the context of financial inclusion and delivery

of subsidies such as LPG. An Aadhaar authentication pilot project for banking transactions is underway in Jharkhand and one for delivery of LPG is in progress in Mysore. Aadhaar authentication can play a critical role in a spectrum of services. It can be used at various points in service delivery when there is a need to authenticate, identify or audit beneficiaries. It can be integrated into the delivery of various welfare and subsidy based programs such as MNREGS, PDS, Janani Suraksha Yojna etc. This will help in identifying the fake beneficiaries and curb leakages and ensure that the targeted beneficiary is not denied entitlement. One of the biggest benefits of Aadhaar-based authentication is expected to be for financial inclusion

Aadhaar authentication is a process of validating the identity of an individual digitally and online. Through this process, the individual's Aadhaar number, along with other attributes; demographic/biometrics/OTP (One time password) are submitted to UIDAI's Central Identities Data Repository (CIDR) for verification; the CIDR verifies whether the data submitted matches the data available with it and responds with a "yes/no". No personal identity information is returned as part of the response.

Any government or private entity that seeks to use Aadhaar authentication for its beneficiaries/customers/employees/associates can approach UIDAI to become an Aadhaar User Agency (AUA) by sending authentication requests to enable their services/business functions.