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**and**

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This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been executed on the 27th day of October, 2010 between the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India (hereinafter referred to as "MHRD") and the Unique Identification Authority of India (hereinafter referred to as "UIDAI").

### **Preamble**

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

Whereas, the Department of School Education and Literacy, MHRD implements several welfare schemes of the Government of India such as Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Mid-day Meal Scheme, Mahila Samakhya Yojana, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, Incentives for Girls for Secondary Education, Inclusive Education of the Disabled at Secondary Stage. Whereas Department of Higher Education, MHRD is responsible for promoting and co-ordinating the higher educational institutes through its various autonomous bodies like UGC, AICTE, and central education institutions like Central Universities, IIMs, IITs, NITs, IISc., IISER, SPAs, etc. Department of Higher Education also implements a number of schemes for improving access and quality education through various programmes and policies with special focus on differently abled children and students from weaker sections by providing interest subsidy on education loans and scholarships for pursuing higher education etc. and would like to implement the UID project in these programs.

Whereas, MHRD would like to enhance efficiency in monitoring of 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 MHRD is entering into this MoU with the UIDAI

Whereas this MoU shall come into effect from 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

### **Definitions:**

Unless the context requires otherwise;

Registrars are Departments or Agencies of the Central Government/ State Government/Union Territory, who, in normal course of implementation of some of their programs, activities or operations interact with residents and are authorized by the Central Governments/State Governments/Union Territories to enrol residents into the UID System.

Enrolling Agencies are entities hired by the 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 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 a UID number in the UID database (de-duplication). In addition, the UIDAI will provide online, real-time authentication service.
3. This MoU between the UIDAI and MHRD sets out 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 by MHRD.
4. 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. Subsequent to the Pilots, the full roll out of the UID project will take place. MHRD will cooperate and actively participate in each of these phases as required by UIDAI.
5. The UIDAI shall prescribe standards, procedures and processes which will be adhered to by the Registrars identified / appointed by the State Government.
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 specific Registrars identified by MHRD.
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

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