UIDAI WARNS ABOUT SMART AADHAARS

New Delhi, Jan. 29: The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) on Sunday cautioned against unscrupulous entities charging anywhere between ₹50-200 for a plastic Aadhaar card and emphasised that paper printed Aadhaar is "perfectly valid" and there is no concept such as smart or plastic card.

Warning the public not to fall for such ploys, the UIDAI said Aadhaar letter or its cutaway portion or downloaded version of Aadhaar on ordinary paper is valid for all uses. The Aadhaar card or the downloaded Aadhaar card printed on ordinary paper is perfectly valid for all uses.

If a person has a paper Aadhaar card, there is absolutely no need to get his/her Aadhaar card laminated or obtain a plastic Aadhaar card or so called Smart Aadhaar card by paying money.

There is no concept such as smart or plastic Aadhaar card, Ajay Bhushan Pandey, CEO of UIDAI, said in a statement. Advising users to protect their privacy, Mr Pandey asked public not to share their Aadhaar number or personal details with unauthorised agencies for getting it laminated, or printed on plastic card.

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