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**Press release**

**Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) celebrates the 1st Anniversary of**

**Aadhaar Launch**

**New Delhi, September 29, 2011:** On the occasion of 1st Anniversary of Aadhaar launch Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, UIDAI said “more than 10 crore individuals have been enrolled from all over India and more than 3.75 crore Aadhaars have been generated. He said in fact, we achieved the goal of generating 10 lakh Aadhaars per day, which was set for October 2011. Special drives were organized to enrol differently abled, marginalized and homeless people. ”

He said “Over the past one year, UIDAI has crossed several milestones and has set benchmarks for execution. Over 50 Registrars, 75 Enrolling Agencies and more than 70,000 certified Enrolment Operators have come on-board since launch. UIDAI’s aim of generating 600 million Aadhaars by 2014 will be possible by the determined efforts and dedication of the entire eco system. ”

Nilekani said “Aadhaar authentication services will be launched shortly, which will make it the first online authentication system. With this, a person from one state can prove his or her identity anywhere in the country without the need to carry any identity card. That will be a game changer in identity systems, in keeping with UIDAI’s mission. ”

R.S Sharma, Director General and Mission Director, UIDAI, further added that Government of India has recognised Aadhaar as a proof of identity and proof of address for opening of a bank account and for getting a mobile phone connection. It has also been recognized as valid identity and address proof for LPG connections”

To commemorate the occasion, UIDAI celebrated the 1st Anniversary of Aadhaar Launch by felicitating and recognising good Registrars, Enrolling Agencies and Enrolling Operators. Trophies and certificates were awarded to 5 Registrars of UIDAI: Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Centre for e-Governance, Department of e-Governance, Government of Karnataka, Information Technology Department, Government of Maharashtra, Rural Development Department, Government of Tripura and State Bank of India .M/S Comat Technologies was awarded first prize for, M/S CSS Technergy Limited and 4G Identity Solutions were awarded joint second prize, while Smart Chip Ltd was awarded the third prize for Aadhaar enrolments in the Enrolment Agency category. Mr.Manish Kumar was awarded first prize in Enrolment Operator category.