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## Aadhaar cards are being re-issued at relief camps

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MADIKERI: To ensure flood victims are not denied relief for lack of identity papers, the revenue department has launched Aadhaar centres in relief camps across the district. Residents are being issued printouts of Aadhaar cards by verifying their biometric details on the spot.

Most of the flood- and landslide-affected families reached relief centres in a state of panic and had no time to collect their documents. The first such Aadhaar centre was set up in Jodupala, a border village of the district. "Our staff are using thumb impressions to re-issue Aadhaar cards. No other documents is required for this," principal secretary of the revenue department Gangaram Baderiya said.

"These centres have been set up in all relief camps. We can issue the cards based on other credentials too," said an official who is part of this re-issuing drive.

"Aadhaar is linked to almost all social schemes of the state and the central governments. This is helping the government ensure that all those affected get benefits," the official said.