

Aadhaar system for NRIs in 3 months

‘It will do away with 180-day wait’

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The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has said its systems will be ready within three months to issue Aadhaar cards to NRIs with Indian passports without the mandatory 180-day waiting period, as announced in the Budget.

The legal measures would be notified soon, UIDAI CEO Ajay Bhushan Pandey said.

“We are working to make the appropriate technological changes and we will provide an appointment facility where people outside the country also can apply for a time slot and specify the place they would like to go

to get their Aadhaar made... as soon as they come to India they can, very conveniently, go and get their Aadhaar made,” Mr. Pandey said.

Sources privy to the development said a notification by the IT Ministry was awaited.

The UIDAI – which has made operational two more Aadhaar Seva Kendras (ASKs) in Bhopal and Chennai after the fourth centre in Hisar was launched recently – is confident of meeting its target of opening 114 such centres in the coming months at an estimated cost of ₹300-₹400 crore to facilitate enrolment, updation and other activities.