

Press Note

Unique Identification Authority of India

New Delhi, 27.10.2017: There have been reports in a few newspapers about all residents of a village in Hardwar are born on 1st January as per Aadhaar cards. This has been perceived as a goof up in certain quarters of media.

UIDAI clarifies that there has been no such goof up during enrolment in Gaindi Khatta village of *Van Gujjars* in Hardwar. Van Gujjars are tribals of Uttarakhand. Actually what happens that in some villages or in rural areas, residents may not exactly know their date of birth or year of birth but they tell their age. In such cases, as per the UIDAI enrolment policy, where a person do not know his exact date of birth and do not have a support document for the same, UIDAI accept his declared birth year/age and 1st January of that year is considered as his date of birth for the purpose of Aadhaar enrolment. Therefore, in such cases where a person is able only to declare his age during enrolment, the system by default takes the 1st January of that year as the date of birth.

As per UIDAI policy, in order to allow every resident to enrol for Aadhaar, the date of birth is recorded in three manners. First is the verified date of birth in case resident provides supporting proof of date of birth. Second is the declared date of birth in case resident is able to declare his date of birth with no supporting document. Third, in cases of residents who are only able to give their age, 1st January of that year is taken as per the age given by the resident as date of birth by default for the purpose of enrolment.

It is further, clarified that at later stage if the resident is able to provide supporting document for date of birth, he can update his date of birth in Aadhaar by visiting any Aadhaar enrolment centre or online.