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Chandigarh becomes first UT for attaining Aadhaar saturation

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UT Chandigarh has achieved the distinction of being the first UT (without legislation) in the country to attain universal Aadhaar saturation.

As of now 11,15,817 residents of Chandigarh have acquired Aadhaar, said an official release.

According to the census 2011, the population of Chandigarh was at 10,54,686.

With this Chandigarh has become the first UT (without legislation) in the country to achieve 100 per cent Aadhaar Saturation. Delhi, Telangana, Haryana and Punjab are the other states in the country who have achieved 100 per cent Aadhaar saturation, it said.

V P Singh Badnore, the Governor of Punjab and Administrator UT, Chandigarh, has lauded the role and efforts put in by the administration led by Parimal Rai, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator, UT, Chandigarh and team of UIDAI led by Ram Subhag Singh, Deputy Director General, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), regional office (RO), Chandigarh for attaining this commendable feat in such a short span.

Chandigarh is also the first UT in the country to link birth certificate with Aadhaar. The programme was launched on August 2, 2016 by Badnore.

Health Department has procured tablets for successful implementation of Aadhaar Linked Birth Registration programme in Chandigarh. Every child born is given an Aadhaar number with birth certificate. The tablets have been deployed in all the government hospitals including PGI and in private hospitals also, it said.

Separate strategies were devised to cover the residents of different age groups. Enrollment Challenge Scheme was launched by UIDAI for enrolment of adult population. In this scheme, the resident could raise request for enrolment by registering online on web portal of UIDAI and residents were facilitated for their enrolment.

Special camps were setup in government and private colleges with the help of Department of Higher Education.