

President Pranab Mukherjee declares the winners of governments Digi-Dhan schemes

Prez hails Aadhaar initiative, digital payment drive

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New Delhi: President Pranab Mukherjee on Sunday urged all citizens to support the Union government's massive digital payment drive, and hailed the Aadhaar initiative as a "watershed event" in the country's development story.

The President was speaking at Rashtrapati Bhavan at the 100th mega draw of lot for Lucky Grahak Yojana and Digi Dhan Vyapar Yojana — the two schemes organised by the government thinktank Niti Aayog to encourage digital transactions by incentivising them.

"India is on the cusp of a digital revolution. More than one billion Indians have a unique identity number (Aadhaar) with a biometric identifier which is unique in its own way," he said.