'Aadhaar 2.0- Ushering the Next Era of Digital Identity and Smart Governance' workshop from 23rd to 25th November, 2021

'Aadhaar – a Critical piece of Digital Architecture' Says Minister of State Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar

"The Aadhaar ecosystem is propelling growth to empower each and every resident so that India is well on its way to become a $5 Trillion economy soon": Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Winners of 'Aadhaar Hackathon' felicitated by Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar during event

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Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State of Electronics & Information Technology, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Government of India, today addressed the Valedictory function of three day workshop 'Aadhaar 2.0- Ushering the Next Era of Digital Identity and Smart Governance' workshop at VigyanBhawan, New Delhi. Addressing the occasion, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar said that Aadhaar 2.0 workshop is a step which will catalyze the realization of an ambitious vision of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi by giving the right direction and shape to the spirit of '*Digital India'*. He further added that today technology enables access to better services for education, health care and agriculture and helps ensure transparency and accountability. Our dream of m Governance – offering services on Mobile phones and ensuring access to online services to all is a reality today. Implementation of initiatives like **Aadhaar, UPI and Digi locker** is ensuring faceless, cashless and paperless Governance that has laid the foundations of a strong, robust and secure Digital India. The deliberations that happened during the Aadhaar 2.0 workshop have brought valuable outcomes for framing new policies and strategies for the next decade.

Highlighting the significance of Aadhaar 2.0, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar mentioned following points:-

1. Regular consultation and discussion is important for impactful policy making.
2. In Post Covid era, world is offering tremendous opportunity of growth in digital space.
3. Our ambition is not just limited to domestic needs but to expand at global scale.
4. National Security issue is very important – It demands for trusted ID.
5. Aadhaar 2.0 is in synch with contemporary requirement given to ever emerging dynamic digital environment.

Dr. BibekDebroy, Chairman, PM's Economic Council stated that following the mission of 'Minimum Government Maximum Governance', Aadhaar has been able to materialize the idea of Cooperative Federalism at the grass-root level. Aadhaar has taken the governance systems from bulky documentation and tedious manual transactions with officials in-between to unique identification system and sophisticated digital transactions without middle-men. Since, 2014 'Aadhaar' has emerged incredibly stronger, optimally utilized by various Government programs as now more than 313 DBT welfare schemes are utilizing Aadhaar platform for targeted delivery of benefits and subsidies to the beneficiaries and has accrued estimated savings to the tune ofRs. 1800 billion (Rs. 1.80 lakh crore) to the public exchequer as on March 2020.

Shri Ajay Prakash Sawhney, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & IT said that UIDAI is working progressively to make 'Aadhaar' comprehensive by adopting niche technologies of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) to provide non-partisan data-centric governance. This will not only help in efficient impact assessment and analyzing data but it will also introduce digital checks to the flow of funds. He also informed that Aadhaar has also acted as a savior during COVID. Few facts highlighted the yeoman service utilizing Aadhaar platform are as follows:

● Aadhaar is increasingly being used by residents to prove their identity. Aadhaar was given by residents about 1400 crore times during FY 2020-21 for availing services under various schemes through online Aadhaar authentication.
● The APB payments (Aadhaar-enabled DBT payments) increased by up to 140% in April 2020 from March 2020. It again shot up by more than 200% in May 2021 from the April 2020 levels, signifying DBT payments by the government in times of COVID.

Sh. Saurabh Garg, CEO, UIDAI stated that once in-person processes are now happening online at fingertips, moreover, consumers are also growing increasingly happy with digital way of transactions. Data from various researchers reflects that due to COVID pandemic, most of the consumers prefer contactless checkout and payments when visiting for any services or any business. Our fingerprints and faces can be new passwords with the businesses providing valuable services at optimized cost. This workshop has provided an opportunity for detailed

deliberations on these key topics and will be helpful to craft new pathways of progress in the coming decade.

As a significant step to introspect and act innovatively, Aadhaar Hackathon 2021 was recently concluded successfully on 31 Oct 21 (held between 28 -31 Oct 21). UIDAI had put out 7 problem statements in two themes, to be solved by the students of India's reputed Engineering colleges. The event saw participation of more than 3000 registrants, who attempted to solve the problems statements. A total of 175 submissions were received, which were evaluated by multi-level juries to identify the winners for the two themes.

The winners of the 'Aadhaar Hackathon' were announced and felicitated by Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar with awards and certificates during the valedictory session of the workshop.

(a) For the 1st Theme on Address Update, following teams were declared as winners:

Sl No	Team Identity	Participants	College	Rank	Prize

					Money (in Rs.)
1	Team Uhtred	Kartik Bansal Adit Patel Aryamaan Pandey Ankit Hans Sagnik Biswas	SRM College, Chennai	1st	3 Lakh
2	cbxkznoia96	Varenya Tiwari Soumadip Das Pranav Nair	IIT Guwahati	2nd	2 Lakh
3	Code Impossible	IshantDahiyaMuditKhandelwalKshitijVikram Singh	NSUT, Delhi	3rd	1 Lakh
4	Null Pointer Exception	Arun R Charanya S Praveen V Aswin Antony Prince J	St Joseph College of Engineering, Chennai	3rd	1 Lakh

(b) For 2nd Theme Authentication Reimagined, following teams was declared as winners:-

Sl No	Team Identity	Participants	College	Rank	Prize Money (in Rs.)
1	Tinker Child	Rutvik Gupta Shubham Gaur Abhishek Chaudhary Abhyam Gupta DeepanshLodhi	IIT Jammu	1st	3 Lakh

2	202 Accepted	AtharvaRajadhyakshaOmkarPrabhune	Vishwakarma Institute of Technology, Pune	2nd	2 Lakh
3	CaffinatedFast Finger	SmitalLunawatHamza Ansari Satyam Agrawal MrunaliniGaikwadAtharvaChandras	RamraoAdik Institute of Technology, Navi Mumbai	3rd	1 Lakh
4	Ctrl-Alt_Elite	Pranav MS Raksha S SamhithaSurajJawoor	KSIT, Bangalore	3rd	1 Lakh

Three days' workshop ended with vote of thanks to the chair, speakers, panelists, moderators of the session and participants with a pledge to work jointly for the beginning of new era of Digital Identity and Smart Governance on the basis of the insightful thoughts, brainstormed ideas and new explored areas for development of digital economy were obtained.

Several dignitaries including Dr. BibekDebroy, Chairman PM's Economic Council, Shri Ajay Prakash Sawhney, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & IT, Sh. Ajay Seth, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Rajesh Pant, National Cyber Security Coordinator and Dr. Saurabh Garg, CEO, UIDAI graced the occasion in presence of various Central and State Government officials along with various representatives of Embassies.

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