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**Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) celebrates the 1st Anniversary of Aadhaar Launch
Honours good performance within UIDAI Ecosystem with 'Aadhaar Excellence Awards'**

New Delhi, September 29 2011: On this day in 2010, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh and Chairperson of the United Progressive Alliance (UPA), Smt. Sonia Gandhi launched Aadhaar in the remote tribal village of Tembhli in the Nandurbar district of Maharashtra. In one year, the UIDAI eco system has enrolled more than 10 crore residents and generated more than 3.75 crore Aadhaar numbers.

To commemorate the occasion, UIDAI celebrated the 1st Anniversary of Aadhaar Launch at an event in Delhi. The highlight of the event was the presentation of the 'Aadhaar Excellence Awards' to felicitate and recognise good performances within the UIDAI ecosystem.

M/S Comat Technologies was awarded first prize for Aadhaar enrolments in the Enrolment Agency category, Mr. Manish Kumar was awarded first prize in Enrolment Operator category. On receiving the award, Mr. Manish Kumar said, "It is a great honour for me to receive this award. It is wonderful to see UIDAI recognizing the efforts of field operators. In the past few months of Aadhaar enrolments, I myself have seen how eager people are to get their Aadhaar and it made me want to give my best in this great national effort."

M/S CSS Technergy Limited and 4G Identity Solutions were awarded joint second prize for Enrolment Agency category, while Smart Chip Ltd was awarded the third prize.

Four individuals were awarded joint second prize and another five were awarded joint third prize in the Enrolment Operator category. The individual winners each received a trophy, certificate and a cash prize.

Trophies and certificates were awarded to 5 Registrars of UIDAI as follows (In alphabetical order):

- Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh – The first State Registrar to achieve the milestone of One Crore Aadhaar generation

- Centre for e-Governance, Department of e-Governance, Government of Karnataka – For Innovative Data and Document Management System for Aadhaar
- Information Technology Department, Government of Maharashtra – For achieving the Largest Rollout of enrolment service– more than 4000 active enrolment stations
- Rural Development Department, Government of Tripura – For achieving Maximum Coverage of the target population for Aadhaar based on Census 2011 figures – more than 70% throughout the state
- State Bank of India - For the largest number of Aadhaar enrolments among Central Registrars

Sh. Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, UIDAI said “Over the past one year, UIDAI has crossed several milestones and has set benchmarks for execution. Over 50 Registrars, 75 Enrolling Agencies and more than 70,000 certified Enrolment Operators have come on-board since launch. UIDAI’s aim of generating 600 million Aadhaars by 2014 will be possible by the determined efforts and dedication of the entire eco system.

Aadhaar authentication services will be launched shortly, which will make it the first online authentication system. With this, a person from one state can prove his or her identity anywhere in the country without the need to carry any identity card. That will be a game changer in identity systems, in keeping with UIDAI’s mission. ”

Sh. R.S Sharma, Director General and Mission Director, UIDAI, further added, “UIDAI’s ecosystem comprises hundreds of institutions and tens of thousands of individuals from the public and private sectors. The Aadhaar Launch Anniversary is a moment for us to honour those who have demonstrated excellence during the last year.

Great progress has been made in the last one year. More than 10 crore individuals have been enrolled from all over India and more than 3.75 crore Aadhaars have been generated. In fact, we achieved the goal of generating 10 lakh Aadhaars, which was set for October 2011 yesterday. Special drives were organized to enrol differently abled, marginalized and homeless people.

The Government of India has recognised Aadhaar as a proof of identity and proof of address for opening of a bank account and for getting a mobile phone connection. It has also been recognized as valid identity and address proof for LPG connections”

25 year old Raju , a UIDAI enrolment operator, had his own story to narrate. "I came from Pratapgarh, UP to Mangolpuri, Delhi and did not have any proof of identity here. With Aadhaar, my wife and I could open bank accounts. Everyone should get their Aadhaar. My name is Raju, like me there are many others with the name Raju. Aadhaar has given me a distinct identity - which stays with me no matter where I go - Delhi, U.P. or Punjab. "

Some interesting facts from Aadhaar enrolments:

1. Both genders are represented almost equally -approximately 52% are males and 48% are females. The age bracket of 16-45 years accounts for 55% of all Aadhaars generated. 6% of those enrolled at 0-5 years old, with Tripura having enrolled maximum percentage of 0-5 year olds at 11%.
2. The oldest resident enrolled is more than 100 years old while the youngest child enrolled is less than 2 weeks old.
3. The first Aadhaar number was issued to Ranjana Sonawane of Maharashtra: 100,000th to Lakshamma of Karnataka, one millionth to Sukrity of Tripura while N K Chheda of Maharashtra was the recipient of the one crore milestone
4. The top districts in terms of enrolment are Hyderabad in AP, Tumkur and Mysore in Karnataka.

Full list of Enrolment Operator Awardees:

- First Prize - Manish Kumar
- Joint Second Prize - Tirath Kumar, Dhritree Sahoo, Charu Rattan, Vikas Kumar
- Joint Third Prize - Shankar Mandal, Sonu Khan, Atchi Karuna, Murari Kumar Jha, Boddu Veeraswamy

Full list of winners

Andhra Pradesh – The first registrar in the country to reach One Crore Aadhaar generation

Tripura – The state which has maximum coverage of the target population based on Census 2011 figures – more than 70% throughout the state

Maharashtra – The state which achieved the Fastest Rollout of enrolment service by deploying maximum number of enrolments – more than 6000 registered enrolment stations and more than 4000 active stations

State Bank of India - For its maximum pan India presence in terms of stations and enrolments within National Registrars

EAs

1. Comat Technologies
2. CSS Technergy Limited, 4G Identity Solutions
3. Smart Chip Limited

Enrolment operators

1. Manish Kumar – 10,000
2. Tirath Kumar, Dhritree Sahoo, Charu Rattan, Vikas Kumar- 7500
3. Shankar Mandal, Sonu Khan, Atchi Karuna, Murari Kumar Jha, Boddu Veeraswamy - 5000