



## Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)

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#### **A NEW MILESTONE FOR AADHAAR: LAKSHMAMMA BECOMES THE 100,000TH RESIDENT TO RECEIVE THE AADHAAR NUMBER**

**New Delhi, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010** : Today, Lakshamma from Tumkur, Karnataka has made history by receiving the 100,000<sup>th</sup> Aadhaar number. “Crossing one lakh enrolments in this short span of time is a welcome milestone for us,” Nandan Nilekani, Chairman of the UIDAI, said. “And the credit for this goes far beyond the UIDAI team. A lot of people – state government officials, the enrolling agencies, as well as the UIDAI team, its TDU (Technology Development Unit) , PMU (Project Management Unit), sabbatical resources and volunteers are working together, and have put in substantial effort towards getting the enrolments done.”

On September 29<sup>th</sup> , 2010, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) issued the first Aadhaar number to Ms. Ranjna Sadashiv Sonwane, a tribal woman from Tembali village in Nandurbar, Maharashtra. The Aadhaar letter was handed over to her by the Prime Minister Shri Manmohan Singh. The issue of Aadhaar numbers to the residents of Tembali marked the launch of the initiative, and the beginning of an ambitious operation to issue 600 million Aadhaar numbers in the next four years to residents across the country.

Over these last six weeks, the UIDAI has rapidly ramped up enrolments for the Aadhaar number across seven states – Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. Life Insurance Corporation of India and Indira Gandhi National Open University have also come on board as registrars for Aadhaar numbers, and have started enrolments. More registrars are expected to begin Aadhaar enrolments in the next few weeks.

Shri Nilekani said, “The emphasis in Aadhaar enrolment continues to be India’s poorest and marginalized residents.” Accordingly, Aadhaar enrolments have begun in rural areas across the seven states, and with the homeless in Delhi.