

Press Release

2 crore Aadhaars generated by UIDAI in the month of October 2011

In another major milestone, the UIDAI has generated 2 crore Aadhaar numbers in the month of October, 2011 alone. This heralds a major achievement in terms of scale and speed of Aadhaars being generated by the UIDAI.

“Aadhaar numbers are now generated at a large scale. While in 2010 it took three months to cross 10 lakh numbers, we have the capability to generate 10 lakh (1 million) numbers a day now. We would work on stabilizing and consolidating this capability in the coming days. We have been able to achieve this speed and scale due to our multiple registrar model as well as a scalable technical architecture,” Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) said.

R.S.Sharma, Director General and Mission Director, UIDAI emphasized “There are presently about 20,000 enrolment stations across the country being run by about 50 registrars. This is enabling choice, convenience, scale and empowerment for the resident. Enrolments are taking place in remote locations from Delhi to Tamil Nadu and Gujarat to Tripura in both rural and urban locations. We have managed to generate 5.96 crore Aadhaar numbers in a short span of a little more than a year while more than 10 crore have enrolled into our system across the country.”

The UIDAI’s focus is on inclusion and working with partners to enrol those sections who are marginalized and have no proof of identity. The UIDAI is committed to working with Registrars to organize special drives to enrol the homeless, aged, migrants, leprosy patients and other disadvantaged sections, strengthen the introducer system, enhance user convenience and choice to the resident and use advanced data analytics to improve enrolment. The incentive aligned operating model of payment to Registrars and other stakeholders on the successful generation of Aadhaar numbers has made it possible for large scale enrolment with speed and scale in such a short span. With the increase in generation of Aadhaar numbers the stage is set for rolling out various Aadhaar based applications for improved service delivery.

