

Jan 1 default date for those unclear about DoB: UIDAI

New Delhi: The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has said there has been no goof-up in enrolment at Gaindi Khatta village of Van Gujjars in Haridwar as January 1 becomes the default date of registration for residents unclear about dates of birth or who lack documents.

“In some villages or in rural areas, residents may not exactly know their date of birth or year of birth but do tell their age. In such cases, as per the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) policy, where a person does not know the exact date of birth and lacks a support document, UIDAI accepts the declared birth year/age and 1st January as date of birth,” UIDAI said in a statement.

UIDAI said the rules were intended to ensure inclusion of marginalised communities and those with limited access to official services. “At a later stage, if the resident is able to provide supporting documents for date of birth, he can update the record,” it added.

However, several residents of Gaindi Khata that TOI correspondent Shivani Azad spoke to maintained that they had submitted their voter IDs and ration cards as supporting documents. The date of birth on their Aadhaar cards - January 1 - did not match the ones on their voter IDs and ration cards, they said. TNN