

**Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)**  
**Press Statement**  
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**New Delhi:** Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) today gave away Aadhaar Excellence Awards at a function in New Delhi in which Maharashtra, Karnataka and Punjab Postal Circles bagged First, Second and Third positions respectively for the Best Performing Postal Circle category while Punjab, Bihar and Telangana Postal Circles were ranked First, Second and Third respectively in the category of Fastest Roll-out of Aadhaar Enrolment and Update Centres in the country. Two Special Mention Awards and a Special Appreciation Award were also given along with another 60 awards in the Best Performing Post Office in a Postal Region category.

Addressing the felicitation and award ceremony, CEO, UIDAI Dr. Ajay Bhushan Pandey said, “We have the Aadhaar Excellence Awards to recognise and appreciate the commendable efforts done in setting up and operating Aadhaar Enrolment and Update Centres across the country by India Post. This is going to be an annual event. This time it’s for the India Post as they have established around 13000 Aadhaar Enrolment and Update Centres as of now out of a total 14200 Aadhaar Centres that were to be created by them across India.”

Dr. Pandey said that we have issued 121 crore Aadhaar till now. But that’s not the end of the work. “There is an estimated enrolment and update activity to the volume of 10 lakh persons per day. Therefore, need was felt to have a credible and widespread infrastructure at the ground level for enrolment and update centres and the role of India Post gets very crucial for this along with other important partners the banks and the government premises to serve almost 10 lakh persons every day.”

He said that the India Post has an enormous reach to every nook and corner of the country and Aadhaar enrolment and update centre would generate a great footfall and can create many other opportunities of growth and income through other products for India Post. “We are constantly upgrading the technology and creating an online enrolment and update system with some flexibility for partially offline enrolment and update if required at some places. We are also getting further stricter on security and processes which is an ongoing exercise in UIDAI, for better deliveries on output and security”, he added.

Secretary (India Post) Mr. Anant Narayan Nanda said that Aadhaar enrolment and Update Centres have given the India Post an opportunity for a greater footfall as we would be able to utilize this opening to cross-sell our other products to generate more revenues.

Mrs. Usha Chandra Shekhar, Member (Operations) of India Post expressed gratitude for “posing confidence in India Post”. She said it was a challenge and

India Post has come up with flying colours. We have been able to respond to the trust placed on India Post. *Gramin Dak Sevaks* came handy in this activity. Training was also a huge exercise and we were able to get through successfully with the help of UIDAI and its officials. Today we have 2000 master trainers and 39000 trained certified enrollers.

The felicitation programme was followed by the day long workshop on “Aadhaar Best Practices” in which a large number of representatives of various award winning postal regions, awardees and CPMGs of a number of Postal Circles and UIDAI regional offices participated.

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