

'A unique innovation to strengthen privacy'

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Aadhaar is here to stay. Happy that UIDAI has introduced Virtual ID and limited KYC in the spirit of continuous innovation to enhance privacy and security, former UIDAI chief Nandan Nilekani tweeted on Wednesday.

"This is a unique innovation to strengthen privacy and security of 119 crore Aadhaar holders. This is unparalleled in the world," UIDAI CEO Ajay Bhushan Pandey said.

An official said agencies had been given sufficient time to migrate to the new system by updating the software needed to offer the additional option of Virtual IDs to users. "Departments will tell us the data that is required to be shared and we will design the protocol accordingly," the official added.

"Aadhaar holder can use Virtual ID in lieu of Aadhaar number whenever authentication or KYC services are performed. Authentication may be performed using the Virtual ID in a manner similar to using Aadhaar number," a UIDAI circular said.

Users can go to the UIDAI website to generate their Vir-

Aadhaar needed to file PILs: Madras HC

In a bid to prevent PILs by fictitious persons, the Madras high court has directed its registry to collect the litigants' Aadhaar card copy along with other documents at the time of filing. The division bench gave the directive, saying instances of PILs being filed by fictitious persons had been brought to the notice of the court. **PTI**

tual ID which will be valid for a defined period of time, or till the user decides to change it.

They can give this Virtual ID to service providers along with fingerprints at the time of authentication. Since the system generated Virtual ID will be mapped to an individual's Aadhaar number at the back end, it will do away with the need for the user to share Aadhaar number for authentication. It will also reduce collection of Aadhaar numbers by various agencies.

As per UIDAI, agencies that undertake authentication will not be allowed to generate Virtual IDs on behalf of Aadhaar holders.