

'Aadhaar is hard to destroy or tamper with'

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Aadhaar cannot be tampered with or destroyed since it is nearly impossible to duplicate or match the biometrics of the 10 fingers and the iris (eye) scan of the person concerned, said Unique Identification Development Authority of India (UIDAI) Chief Executive Ajay Bhushan Pandey on Monday.

"The country is undergoing a great transformation with Aadhaar, as 1.2 billion people have an identity acceptable nationwide and across various platforms that can be established anywhere, any time. It is very difficult to steal, tamper or destroy it," he said at the 21st National Conference on e-Governance. Nineteen awards in eight categories are to be given away at the end of the two-day meet.

2 crore authentications
UIDAI programme was unprecedented in the scale of operations anywhere in the world, with two crore authentications being used every day.

Direct benefit transfers, zero leakages, hassle-free opening of bank accounts, foolproof delivery of ration goods, proper attendance in the social welfare hostels, arresting impersonation in examinations, etc. had become possible due to Aadhaar, he said.

Mr. Pandey, also chairman of the GST network, said that 1.5 crore bank accounts had already been linked and 1.62 crore bogus ration cards had been unearthed.

"In just seven years, Aadhaar has helped people with no identity to have digital identity, thereby helping in good governance and empowering people," he said.