

Aadhaar please, we aren't Indian

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While many Indians are in a tizzy over Aadhaar (to get one or not, to link your bank account or not), several foreigners based in India have quietly opted for the 12-digit identification number.

Not many know this, but the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016, says that any resident of India who has stayed in the country for 182 days or more in the 12 months before applying for the card, is eligible for one.



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Freelance writer and blogger Christine Pemberton, who has been living in India for 12 years and is a Bri-

No wrestling now without unique ID

To curb age fraud in various national and state-level competitions, the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) has made the Aadhaar card mandatory for all senior, junior, sub-junior and cadet tourneys. WFI said the move will also be a deterrent for dishonest players who furnish illegal domicile certificates and fraudulently change their state domicile. **P 29**

tish passport holder, was an early adopter. "I use the card whenever I am asked to produce my ID, whether it is at

monuments or at the airport," she says.

Though acquiring a card and using it has been "painless", Pemberton says she did have one weird experience. "I was asked for my Aadhaar when I went for a test to a private hospital. When I refused to give it, the person asked for my husband's Aadhaar. It was just absurd. But they backed off when I refused to give it," she says, adding that it is not so much the project but its implementation that is being used as a stick to beat people with, which was upsetting.

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