

Aadhaar helps again; 3 teens to reunite with parents today

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Bengaluru: Three teenagers with intellectual and developmental disabilities, who were separated from their families a few years ago, will be reunited with their parents on Saturday with the help of Aadhaar.

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) regional office in Bengaluru, during its Aadhaar enrolment drive on May 28, found that biometric details of three teenagers at a state-run Ballari orphanage were rejected as they were already fed into the database. After a background check of these enrolments, their credentials were traced back to their home villages in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

The UIDAI authorities then got in touch with the local administration officials and their parents to prepare for a reunion at the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) office, Ballari on Saturday.

Kalyan, now 14, was brought to the orphanage on October 26, 2016. After his enrolment was rejected, officials found that his biometrics already existed in the database and were in the name of Boyina Kalyan, from Gudivada village of Andhra Pradesh's Krishna district. Once contacted, his parents acknowledged that Boyina was their son. They had filed an FIR in 2016 when he went missing.

The enrolment of B Babu, 17, who was taken to the orphanage on May 28, 2012, too was rejected. His biometrics were found to be

Not the first time

The reunion will be the second of its kind in the state. Last month, three more children with similar disabilities from a state-run child care centre were reunited with their parents. In July second week, the UIDAI regional office in Bengaluru helped three missing kids with intellectual and developmental disabilities reunite with their parents. The child care centre on Hosur Road had been their home for several years. Officials had carried out an Aadhaar enrolment drive in orphanages. During a background check, it was found that the three kids, Monu, Omprakash and Neelakanta, had already been enrolled. Addresses in the database helped officials trace their parents.

registered in the name of a TIM D Ahithisham, from Palamaner village of Andhra Pradesh's Chittoor district.

Battulwar Madhav Rajanna, also 17, was brought to the Ballari-based orphanage on September 15, 2015. Since he couldn't hear or speak, his real name was not known and CWC Ballari named him Raju. However, like the others, his biometrics too were traced to his original name. He hails from Kotchira village of Telangana's Nizamabad district. When contacted, his parents confirmed that he was their son and had been missing since 2015.