

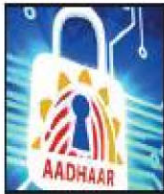
Now, link Aadhaar to mobile from home

UIDAI Issues Directives For Use Of OTP

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Pune: The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has simplified the process for linking mobile phone numbers with Aadhaar. The move will particularly help senior citizens and the differently-abled, who need not go to service providers but will be able to do the linking from home.

The UIDAI has issued fresh directives for generating a one time password (OTP) either through the service provider's website or through its Interactive Voice Response (IVR) services to facilitate the linking, also known as re-verification. "This will help those who cannot travel to the operator's offices and also senior citizens who are finding that the readers with the



No info leak, Aadhaar data safe: UIDAI

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), on Monday, reiterated that Aadhaar data is completely safe and secure. The agency said Aadhaar number is not a secret number, and it is to be shared with authorised agencies if one wishes to avail a certain service or benefit of government welfare schemes or other services. "Aadhaar data is fully safe and secure and there has been no data leak or breach at UIDAI," the authority said in response to a report based on RTI that 210 government websites made Aadhaar information public. UIDAI said the data was placed in public domain as a measure of proactive disclosure under the RTI Act by the government. The authority said it acted promptly and both UIDAI and ministry of electronics and IT directed the government departments and ministries concerned to immediately remove the data from their websites. **TNN**

provider experience difficulty in scanning their fingerprint impressions," UIDAI officials said.

The UIDAI had found the earlier approved system of generating the OTP with a mere SMS unsafe. The only catch in the new method is that a user needs to have the mobile number registered with Aadhaar or would have to first update the mobile number in the Aadhaar records by going to the Aadhaar updation centres — either post offices or government offices. A user can re-verify a mobile number on the web portal of the service provider, for which the latter will provide an OTP. Once the OTP is entered, the

user will see a consent message displayed on the website. The user can enter the Aadhaar number after checking the consent box.

The UIDAI has also specified that the service providers need to ensure that they have internal robust security measures to protect the Aadhaar information. For the IVR re-verification method, a user has to put in a call through the mobile number that needs to be linked. The interactive voice recorder plays the consent message and the user provides the Aadhaar number, following which an OTP request is sent. The re-verification message is finally issued on the IVR.