

# Aadhaar system for NRIs in 3 months

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Sources privy to the development said a notification by the IT Ministry was awaited.

The UIDAI – which has made operational two more Aadhaar Seva Kendras (ASKs) in Bhopal and Chennai after the fourth centre in Hisar was launched recently – is confident of meeting its target of opening 114 such centres in the coming months at an estimated cost of ₹300-₹400 crore to facilitate enrolment, updation and other activities.

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# 49L filings on Aug 31 push I-T returns for yr to record 5.65cr

But 4% Rise Less Than 71% Surge In '18 Post-DeMo

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New Delhi: A record 5.65 crore income tax returns were filed up to Saturday, the extended deadline for the annual filing, suggesting that more individuals are now part of the tax net. However, the surge in filing of returns seen in the aftermath of demonetisation seems to be petering out.

Data released by the income tax department on Sunday showed that till the end of August, there was a 4% increase in filings for financial year 2018-19, compared with 5.4 crore returns filed up to August 31, 2018. Last year, there was a 71% surge, which was attributed to the impact of demoneti-

## PACKAGE FOR EXPORTERS SOON?

“Demand for IT companies, startups, aggregators is not a problem. The slowdown is mainly in manufacturing and real estate...There is need for supplementing export-oriented industries...It's time to look at export-related schemes, either through subvention or easier rules

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sation as cash deposits resulted in income disclosure. Besides, the government's decision to levy a fee on delayed returns last year onwards prompted many individuals to file within the deadline.

Tax officials, however, are cheering the increase achieved so far during the current year, arguing that it came on a

high base, and are hopeful that it will expand further in the coming years as the full impact of GST kicks in.

Besides, they are taking credit for a glitch-free filing process this August with over 49 lakh returns filed on Saturday, and almost 25% of the returns being filed during the last five days, with the techno-

## GST collections drop below ₹1L cr in Aug

GST collections dropped below Rs 1 lakh crore in August 2019 to Rs 98,202 crore, 4.5% higher than a year ago but 3.8% lower than the mop-up in July. While central and state GST collections grew by 15% each compared with August 2018, integrated GST was almost 2% lower, partly due to weak imports. Cess on luxury and sin goods fell 4.6% led by the slump in auto sales. P 8

logy system showing no signs of slowing down. On Saturday, the peak filing rate per second was at 196 ITRs. "The information security team thwarted over 2,205 malicious attacks on the website aimed at disrupting services in the peak period," a statement said.

► 2.9cr opted for e-filing, P 8

# 2.9cr filers opt for e-verification of tax returns

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This was also the first year when pre-filled forms were tried out for a large number of taxpayers and the department believes the experiment has been successful, prompting it to look at ways to expand the coverage next year.

Over the last few years, tax authorities have also

focused on faster refunds and with more individuals opting for electronic verification, the process is expected to be speeded up. So far, 3.6 crore returns have already been verified, which is nearly two-thirds. Of this, nearly 80% or 2.86 crore have opted for e-verification, mostly using Aadhaar-based one-time-password. "The I-T department intends to carry out campaigns to increase awareness about e-verification of ITRs where verification is still pending," the statement said.

## NEW RECORD

Up to Aug 31  
(in crore)



## OVER 25% RETURNS FILED ON LAST 5 DAYS

In lakh	2018	2019	% change
Aug 27	10.4	16.9	62.5
Aug 28	14.1	20.5	45.4
Aug 29	18.2	26.0	42.9
Aug 30	26.7	35.2	31.8
Aug 31	35.0	49.3	40.9



## I-T Dept manages record last-day filings

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A record 50 lakh I-T returns were filed on August 31, which was the last day for filing returns.

According to the Tax Department, total of 5.65 crore assesses filed their return (electronic and physical form), a growth of over 4 per cent.

Late returns can be filed from now and till March 31, 2020 after paying a fine. Filing of returns between September 1 and December 31, 2019, will attract a fine ₹5,000. For the period between January 1 and March 31, 2020, one will have to pay ₹10,000 as fine. Post March 31, 2020, return for Assessment Year 2019-20 (Financial Year 2018-19) will be accepted only after approval from the department.

However, the last date for two other categories of assesses, — one whose accounts need to be audited (mainly companies) and second those who have undertaken international transactions during 2018-19 — is September 30 and November 30 respectively.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said on Sunday that the total e-filing return on August 31 was 49,29,121, which has “perhaps created a history as the tax administration nowhere in the world has achieved such huge online e-filing ITRs in a single day and that too so smoothly with the I-T department actively inter-

### Peak Filing Days

	ITR's Filed		Growth (in %)
	FY 2019-20 August	FY 2018-19 August	
27th	16,88,184	10,38,627	63
28th	20,47,645	14,14,262	45
29th	25,97,585	18,15,846	43
30th	35,19,560	26,71,268	32
31st	49,29,121	34,95,093	41
<b>Total (Last 5 Peak Days)</b>	<b>1,47,82,095</b>	<b>1,04,35,096</b>	<b>42</b>

### Total Filing

Transactions	FY 2019-20		Growth (in %)
	FY 2019-20	FY 2018-19	
ITR Filings	5,65,08,183	5,42,21,378	4
Form Filings	32,20,305	30,05,100	7

acting with taxpayers on social media to help them resolve their grievances and e-filing related queries and getting accolades in return.”

It also said the peak filing rate per second was at 196 ITRs, per minute was at 7,447 ITRs and peak filing rate per hour was at 3,87,571 ITRs.

### Attacks thwarted

The Information Security team of I-T department thwarted over 2,205 malicious attacks on its website aimed at disrupting services in the peak period.

The CBDT said that out of the 5.65 crore ITRs filed electronically so far, 3.61 crore have been verified. About 2.86 crore taxpayers (79 per cent) have opted for e-verification, mostly using Aadhaar OTP. The I-T Department intends to carry out campaigns to increase awareness about e-verification of ITRs where verification is still pending.

The CBDT further said that taxpayers' grievances on e-

Nivaran, email and on call centre were responded immediately with a turnaround time for twitter being 4 hours on queries related to e-filing. It also issued two circulars to clarify issues raised by taxpayers, ensuring that taxpayer anxieties were allayed.

Now, the CBDT also plans to educate taxpayers about the need for linking their bank accounts with PAN to ensure direct credit of refund to taxpayer bank account through ECS (Electronic Clearing System) and the requirement for linking PAN with Aadhaar by September 30.

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## केवाईसी के लिए 6 महीने का मिला मौका

एजेंसी >>> नई दिल्ली

अगर आप पेटिएम, एयरटेल मनी, अमेजान पे, ओला मनी जैसे मोबाइल वॉलेट का इस्तेमाल करते हैं और केवाईसी नहीं कराया है तो आरबीआई ने आपके लिए खुशखबरी दे दी है। पहले इसके केवाईसी कराने की 31 अगस्त आखिरी तारीख थी, जिनका केवाईसी नहीं

हुआ था, आरबीआई के मुताबिक उनका वॉलेट 1 सितंबर से बंद हो जाता, लेकिन अब घबराने की जरूरत नहीं है। आरबीआई ने केवाईसी कराने की मियांद 6 महीना बढ़ा दी है।

दरअसल आरबीआई ने केवाईसी कराने की समय सीमा पहले फरवरी 2019 रखी थी, लेकिन कई कंपनियों के गुहार लगाने पर आरबीआई ने इसकी समय सीमा में 6 महीने का इजाफा कर दिया था। ऐसे में अब तक तकरीबन 40-50 फीसदी यूजर्स ही केवाईसी करा पाए हैं। लिहाजा आरबीआई ने 6 महीना की अवधि फिर से बढ़ा दी है।

आरबीआई के इस फैसले से लाखों लोगों के वॉलेट बंद होने से बच गए। साथ ही पेटिएम, मोबीक्विक, एयरटेल मनी, अमेजान पे, ओला मनी, फौन पे, जैसे कई उपभोक्ताओं को डेडलाइन बढ़ने का

### वीडियो कॉन्फ्रेंसिंग की इजाजत मांगी थी

हालांकि कुछ वॉलेट कंपनियों ने आरबीआई से वीडियो कॉन्फ्रेंसिंग के जरिए वेरीफिकेशन करने की इजाजत मांगी थी, लेकिन आरबीआई ने अभी तक इस पर कोई



फैसला नहीं लिया है। मीडिया रिपोर्ट्स के मुताबिक, देश में मोबाइल वॉलेट से तकरीबन 50 करोड़ लोग जुड़े हैं। अकेले पेटिएम के पास ही मौजूदा समय में तकरीबन 35 करोड़ ग्राहक हैं। इसके अलावा करोड़ों लोग गूगल फोन पे, मोबीक्विक, योनो एसबीआई आदि से जुड़े हैं।

फायदा मिलेगा। मोबाइल वॉलेट का इस्तेमाल करने वाले यूजर्स के लिए आरबीआई ने केवाईसी कराने के नियमों में बदलाव कर दिया है। अब उपभोक्ताओं को अपने आधार कार्ड और पैन कार्ड जैसे डॉक्यूमेंट्स अपलोड करने होंगे। इसके बाद संबंधित कंपनी का एक कर्मचारी अपलोड किए गए डॉक्यूमेंट्स का फिजिकल वेरीफिकेशन करेगा।