

# UIDAI brings QR code for Aadhaar

It will allow people to verify their identification offline without having to share their Aadhaar ID

**New Delhi:** To provide an extra layer of privacy to Aadhaar, UIDAI has introduced an updated 'QR code' that holds details like name, address, photo, and date of birth, and can be used for offline user verification without the 12-digit ID number, sources said.

With Aadhaar increasingly becoming the nationally-accepted ID for all kinds of work, the new QR code, that now comes with photo, can be used in offline mode in a way that will safeguard against any tampering of documents.

This would be especially handy for establishing the identity with non-statutory entities, say, the likes of online shopping portals when delivering goods.

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download and print their biometric ID with the QR code from the website of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) or the app.

A QR code is a form of bar-code label containing machine-readable information.

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asks for ID, Aadhaar holder can show him the printed QR code which when scanned would read non-sensitive information.

This includes name, address, date of birth and photo, thus establishing the bon-

afide identity, sources said. It will also ensure that Aadhaar holder is genuine and not using any tampered ID documents.

Aadhaar number is not given out in the entire process, nor are biometrics, thus ensuring that privacy is maintained throughout the verification process. This new feature is available through Aadhaar downloads. Sensitive information would include details like bank accounts or biometrics, among others.

Ajay Bhushan Pandey, CEO of Aadhaar-issuing body UIDAI, said: "The offline QR code is a landmark development which will allow everyone to establish their identity through offline verification without giving out Aadhaar number."  
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