

UIDAI allocation at ₹ 1,375 crore in FY'19

New Delhi: Aadhaar-issuing body UIDAI has been allocated nearly 15 per cent more funds at Rs 1,375 crore for 2018-19, which are expected to be used for technology upgradation and strengthening the overall capacity.

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) was given Rs 900 crore in the last Budget, but later it was revised to Rs 1,200 crore.

As per the Budget, the UIDAI's allocation for 2018-19 stands at Rs 1,375 crore.

UIDAI CEO Ajay Bhush-



an Pandey said, "Our allocation will be used for upgradation of technology and hardware."

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mand for Aadhaar authentication is on the rise, and that daily authentications have touched an average of four crore.

"Usage of Aadhaar will be more than before. We will be upscaling our capacity and capability so that we can service growing requirements — for usage and authentication — of Aadhaar," Pandey added.

While presenting the Union Budget 2018-19, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had said that Aadhaar has eased the delivery of many public services to residents.

"Aadhaar has provided an identity to every Indian," Jaitley had said. —PTI