

Printed Aadhar Card is as valid as original – UIDAI warns

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Printed Aadhar Card: The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has recently warned the people against the printing of Aadhar card and sharing it with the unauthorised agencies for the reason that the print-out of the Aadhar card on a plastic paper is as valid as the original Aadhar card.



UIDAI warns against the use of Printed Aadhar Card

“The Aadhaar card or the downloaded Aadhaar card printed on ordinary paper is perfectly valid for all uses. If a person has a paper Aadhaar printout, there is absolutely no need to get his/her Aadhaar card laminated or obtain a plastic Aadhaar card or so-called smart Aadhaar card by paying money. There is no concept such as smart or plastic Aadhaar card...The printout of the downloaded Aadhaar card, even in black and white form, is as valid as the original Aadhaar card sent by UIDAI”, CEO of UIDAI, Dr Ajay Bhushan Pandey said.

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UIDAI said that there is no need to have a laminated Aadhaar card on a plastic paper and that there is no concept such as a plastic or smart Aadhaar card. Other than this, the unauthorised agencies, carrying out such operations have also been warned against the printing of Aadhaar card on a plastic sheet as it a punishable offence liable to punishment. It said that in the case of losing one's Aadhaar card, a new one can be obtained through the official website.

“Collecting such information or unauthorised printing of Aadhaar card or aiding such persons in any manner amounts to a criminal offence punishable with imprisonment under the IPC and, also, Chapter VI of The Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016”, it added.