CIRCULAR No. 06 OF 2018

Sub: Implementation of Virtual ID, UID Token and Limited KYC

Reference is invited to this office circular no. K-11020/217/2018-UIDAI (Auth-I) dated 10.01.2018 wherein it was mentioned that by 1st June 2018, all AUAs/KUAs shall have to fully migrate to the new system of Virtual ID and UID Token, failing which their authentication services may be discontinued and financial disincentives may be imposed. Subsequently, vide circular no. K-11020/217/2018-UIDAI (Auth-I) dated 1.05.2018 the timeline for implementation of Virtual ID, UID Token and Limited e-KYC was extended by one month to 1.07.2018.

2. UIDAI had published the new APIs i.e. Authentication API 2.5, e-KYC API 2.5 and OTP Request API 2.5 on 2.04.2018 with a request that all AUAs should implement and test VID and UID Token using the new APIs. For this purpose, UIDAI has already made available the pre-production environment to test the VID and UID Token with the new APIs. All AUAs are requested to perform testing of VID and UID Token on pre-production environment. It is only after the successful completion of end-to-end testing on pre-production environment, AUAs may request UIDAI for access of production environment so that they can migrate their applications for Virtual ID and UID Token.

3. In the meanwhile UIDAI has also circulated the classification of AUAs into Global and Local AUAs vide Circular no. K-11020/217/2018-UIDAI (Auth-I) dated 16.05.2018. Since the Local AUAs will not be able to store Aadhaar number and all OTP authentication can be performed only using VID, it is expected that they should migrate their system immediately. Similarly even for Global AUAs as the resident would expect to perform authentication using VID from 1.07.2018, they should also be in a position to offer authentication services using VID. Since all the AU systems have to be necessarily on VID and UID Token by 1.07.2018, it is essential that AUAs should immediately start migrating their systems before this date.
4. To ensure a steady progress towards VID system, all AUAs are hereby directed to ensure the following:

i. At least 10% of their daily transactions are performed using the new APIs by 10.06.2018

ii. At least 25% of their daily transactions are performed using the new APIs by 20.06.2018

iii. 100% of their daily transactions are performed using the new APIs by 1.07.2018

5. It is reiterated that VID is a critical security measure for protecting residents' privacy and their Aadhaar number. Therefore it is imperative that aforementioned timelines are strictly adhered to and all AUAs' systems are ready for performing Aadhaar authentication using new APIs by 1.07.2018. Those AUAs which are unable to comply with this system shall have to opt out of the Aadhaar authentication system by surrendering their license key etc. by 20.06.2018. In case an AUA keeps on using Aadhaar authentication services beyond 20.06.2018 then the AUA is deemed to have agreed to comply with VID based authentication and will be subject to financial disincentives and other consequences as per the AUA Agreement and Regulation 14(n) of Aadhaar (Authentication) Regulations, 2016.

6. Any AUA not migrated to Auth APIs 2.5 by 30.06.2018 shall be liable for deactivation of their License Key w.e.f. midnight of 30.06.2018.

To,

All AUAs and ASAs