

**RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY
RONO HILLS, DOIMUKH**

F. No. RGU/REG-52/ADM/21

Dated: 13.05.2026

CIRCULAR

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the email received from the Ministry of Education dated 13.05.2026 and letter vide No. M.11018/01/2026-CDN dated 11th May 2026 regarding the validity of Aadhaar Verifiable Credential.

As per Section 4(3) of the Aadhaar Act, 2016, "Every Aadhaar number holder may voluntarily use his/her Aadhaar number in physical or electronic form by way of authentication or offline verification, or in such other form as may be notified, in such manner as may be specified by the regulations."

In view of the above, all concerned are requested to go through the aforesaid email and letter carefully and take necessary action from their end accordingly.

This is issued for general information and necessary action by all concerned.

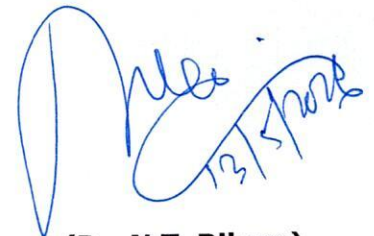
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**(Dr. N.T. Rikam)
Registrar**



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Fwd: Validity of Aadhaar Verifiable Credential shown, shared and/or verified through Aadhaar Application -regarding

1 message

UJJWAL YADAV <ujjwal.yadav1@gov.in>

Wed, May 13, 2026 at 9:50 AM

To: vc <vc@efluniversity.ac.in>, vc <vc@manuu.edu.in>, vc <vc@rgu.ac.in>, vc <vc@tezu.ernet.in>, vc <vc@cub.ac.in>, vc <vc@ggu.ac.in>, vc <vc@aus.ac.in>, vc <vc@uohyd.ac.in>, vc <vc@pondiuni.edu.in>, vc <vc@mgcub.ac.in>, vc <vc@du.ac.in>, vc <vc@jmi.ac.in>, vc <vc@mail.jnu.ac.in>, vc <vc@ssctu.ac.in>, vc <vc@cug.ac.in>, vc <vc@cuh.ac.in>, vc <vc@hpcu.ac.in>, vc <vc@cuja.ac.in>, vc <vc@cukashmir.ac.in>, vicechancellor <vicechancellor@cukerala.ac.in>, vc <vc@cuk.ac.in>, vccukg <vccukg@gmail.com>, vc <vc@cuja.ac.in>, vc <vc@curaj.ac.in>, vc <vc@cutn.ac.in>, vice-chancellor <vice-chancellor@visva-bharati.ac.in>, vc <vc@igntu.ac.in>, vcigntu <vcigntu@gmail.com>, vc <vc@dhsgsu.edu.in>, vcmgahv <vcmgahv@hindivishwa.ac.in>, vcoffice <vcoffice@manipuruniv.ac.in>, vcnehu <vcnehu@nehu.ac.in>, vc <vc@mzu.edu.in>, vc <vc@nagalanduniversity.ac.in>, vc <vc@cuo.ac.in>, vc <vc@cup.ac.in>, vcamu <vcamu@amu.ac.in>, vc <vc@allduniv.ac.in>, vc <vc@bbau.ac.in>, vc <vc@bhu.ac.in>, vc <vc@cus.ac.in>, vc <vc@tripurauniv.ac.in>, vc <vc@hnbgu.ac.in>, vccuap <vc.cuap@gmail.com>, korishivu <kori.shivu@gmail.com>, vc <vc@ctuap.ac.in>, vc <vc@sanskrit.nic.in>, vcslbrsv <vcslbrsv@yahoo.co.in>, vc <vc@slbrsu.ac.in>, vice_chancellor <vice_chancellor@nsktu.org>, vco <vco@ignou.ac.in>, vc <vc@ignou.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@efluniversity.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@manuu.edu.in>, registrar <registrar@rgu.ac.in>, registrartu <registrartu@tezu.ernet.in>, registrar <registrar@cub.ac.in>, ggvrregistrar <ggvrregistrar@gmail.com>, registrar <registrar@aus.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@uohyd.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@pondiuni.edu.in>, osdadmin <osdadmin@mgcub.ac.in>, snsingh <snsingh@mgcub.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@du.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@jmi.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@mail.jnu.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@cug.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@cuh.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@hpcu.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@cuja.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@cukashmir.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@cukerala.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@cuk.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@cuja.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@curaj.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@cutn.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@visva-bharati.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@igntu.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@dhsgsu.edu.in>, registrar <registrar@mgahv.in>, registrar <registrar@manipuruniv.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@nehu.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@mzu.edu.in>, registrar <registrar@nagalanduniversity.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@cuo.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@cup.edu.in>, registrar <registrar@cup.ac.in>, registraramu <registrar.amu@amu.ac.in>, reg_au <reg_au@allduniv.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@bbau.ac.in>, registrarbbaulko <registrarbbaulko@gmail.com>, registrar <registrar@bhu.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@cus.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@tripurauniv.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@hnbgu.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@sanskrit.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@slbrsv.ac.in>, registrar <registrar@nsktu.org>, registrar_nsut <registrar_nsut@nsktu.org>, registrar <registrar@ignou.ac.in>, registrarsed <registrarsed@ignou.ac.in>, registrarsrd <registrarsrd@ignou.ac.in>, registrarmpdd <registrarmpdd@ignou.ac.in>
Cc: Partha Kansabanik <pkansabanik.ndma@nic.in>, RAJEEV BAHREE <rajeev.bahree@nic.in>, PARVESH KUMAR PARVESH KUMAR <parveshkr.edu@gov.in>

Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith the communication received from the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) dated 30.04.2026 regarding the subject cited above, for your kind information and necessary action.

2. It is informed that, in furtherance of digital governance initiatives and to enhance secure digital identity verification, UIDAI has launched a new mobile application, namely the Aadhaar App, which is available on both Android and iOS platforms. The application enables Aadhaar number holders to digitally show, share, and verify their identity credentials in a secure and seamless manner.

3. UIDAI has clarified that Aadhaar verifiable credentials displayed, shared, and/or verified through the Aadhaar App shall be treated as legally valid for the purpose of identity verification.

4. In view of the above, the contents of the aforesaid communication are hereby brought to your notice for information, compliance, and necessary action.

With regards,

Ujjwal Yadav
Assistant Section Officer
CU-CDN
Ministry of Education

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From: RAJEEV BAHREE <rajeev.bahree@nic.in>

To: "PARVESH KUMAR PARVESH KUMAR" <parveshkr.edu@gov.in>

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Subject: Fwd: Validity of Aadhaar Verifiable Credential shown, shared and/or verified through Aadhaar Application - regarding

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From: Partha Kansabanik <pkansabanik@ndma.gov.in>

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Date: Mon, 11 May 2026 16:04:08 +0530

Subject: Fwd: Validity of Aadhaar Verifiable Credential shown, shared and/or verified through Aadhaar Application - regarding

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Sir/Madam

Please find enclosed herewith a letter dated 11.05.2026 regarding Validity of Aadhaar Verifiable Credential shown, shared and/or verified through Aadhaar Application for taking action as deemed appropriate.

Regards
Section Officer
CDN Section
Deptt. of Higher Education
Ministry of Education

Regards,

Partha Kansabanik
Deputy Secretary (CU-V, CU-Cdn. & DL)
Dept. of Higher Education
Ministry of Education

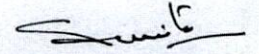
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No.M.11018/01/2026-CDN
Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education
(CDN Section)

Work Hall No. 21076, KB-2, New Delhi
Dated: 11th May, 2026

Sub: Validity of Aadhaar Verifiable Credential shown, shared and/or verified through Aadhaar Application -reg.

Please find attached herewith copy of Circular dated 30.04.2026 from Aadhaar Usage Division, on the aforementioned subject. The matter is hereby forwarded to all Bureau Heads of DoHE for taking action as deemed appropriate.



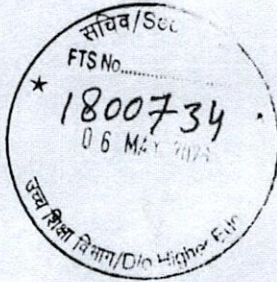
(Sunita Roslin Baxla)
Section Officer (CDN)

Encl: As above.

To

All Bureau Heads of Department of Higher Education.

Copy to: DS(HE-CDN), DS(CU-CDN), DS(TC).



No. HQ-30011/3/2025-AU-HO
Unique Identification Authority of India
(Aadhaar Usage Division)

Aadhaar Head Office
Behind Kali Mandir, Bangla Sahib Road,
Gole Market,
New Delhi, 110001
Dated: 30 April, 2026

CIRCULAR

Subject: Validity of Aadhaar Verifiable Credential shown, shared and/or verified through Aadhaar Application.

Reference:

1. Validity of downloaded Aadhaar (e-Aadhaar) as a proof of identity issued vide circular dated 28.04.2017.
2. Introduction of Aadhaar Card for use at par with other forms of Aadhaar like Aadhaar letter, e-Aadhaar, masked e-Aadhaar and m-Aadhaar dated 29.09.2020.

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) is a statutory body established under section 11 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act 2016 which came into force on 12.9.2016. UIDAI is mandated to issue a 12-digit unique identity number called an Aadhaar Number to the residents based on demographic and biometric information submitted by the resident to UIDAI during enrolment.

2. As per Section 4(3) of Aadhaar Act, 2016:

"Every Aadhaar number holder to establish his identity, may voluntarily use his Aadhaar number in physical or electronic form by way of authentication or offline verification or in such other form as may be notified, in such manner as may be specified by the regulations"

3. As a step towards enhancing digital enablement, UIDAI has launched a new Aadhaar Application, namely, "Aadhaar App". The Aadhaar App is available on both Android and iOS platforms. It enables the Aadhaar number holders to show, share and verify their identity in a digital manner. However, while sharing the identity details to an Offline Verification Seeking Entity (OVSE) through Aadhaar App, the 12-digit Aadhaar number is not transferred. The Aadhaar App provides the option to share either complete or partial identity details in the form of Aadhaar Verifiable Credentials of the Aadhaar number holder. The detail so shared is legally valid in terms of the provisions of Information Technology Act, 2000, which provides legal recognition to electronic records.

4. In light of the provisions of Aadhaar Act, 2016 and regulation mentioned above, Aadhaar verifiable credentials shown, shared and/or verified through the "Aadhaar App" are legally valid form to establish identity of Aadhaar number holder, in addition to other forms like Aadhaar letter, e-Aadhaar, masked e-Aadhaar, Aadhaar Card and m-Aadhaar as notified earlier.

5. All the Ministries/Departments/State Governments/Autonomous Bodies/Authorities/other agencies accepting Aadhaar as proof of identity are requested to accept Aadhaar shown and/or shared through the "Aadhaar App" as a valid establishment of identity of the Aadhaar number holder and issue necessary instructions to all concerned.

Praveen
(Praveen Chaudhary)
Director (AU)

Copy to:

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2. All Chief Secretaries to the State Government/Union Territories.
3. All autonomous bodies
4. All DDGs of UIDAI HO and ROs

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