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Sl. No	Reference No. & Date	Name of Ministry	Subject
1.	D.O.No.13079/55/2021-AUTH-II HQ/C-6074/2011 Dated: 16.07.2025	Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), New Delhi	Regarding feature of Aadhaar QR Scanner App and how to use.
2.	D.O. No.80-04/2022-SP-VI Dated: 24.07.2025	Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, New Delhi	Implementation of the New National Sports Policy 'Khelo Bharat Niti-2025' announced by the Government of India
3.	O.M. No. 5-21/2025-PN.II Dated:30.07.2025	Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, New Delhi	Compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India order dated 28.07.2025 in the matter of Criminal Appeal No. 1425/2025 @ SLP (Crl) No. 13324/2024 and the subsequent National Task Force constituted by Supreme Court of India-reg.

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Fwd: DO letter regarding feature of Aadhaar QR Scanner App and how to use.

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Subject: DO letter regarding feature of Aadhaar QR Scanner App and how to use.

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Respected Sir/Madam,

The competent authority has directed to intimate about **Secure QR Code** incorporate in every Aadhaar letter, PVC card or downloaded e-Aadhaar. This QR code is temper proof and digitally signed by UIDAI.

2. This QR code can be scanned by using the official **Aadhaar QR Code Scanner app** only, which is available in the app stores for both the Android and iOS devices. This app does not redirect to any web link and hence can be used completely offline - instantly verifying the authenticity of the Aadhaar.

3. Other details and "**Frequently Asked Questions**" is also enclosed with the DO letter No. 13079/55/2021-AUTH-II HQ/C-6074/2011, dated 16th July 2025. (copy attached)

With regards,

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Suraj Kumar Sinha
Section Officer (AUTH-II)
UIDAI HQ
New Delhi

Mr. Sumit :- Please put up for circulation.

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DO No. 13079/55/2021-AUTH-II HQ/C-6074 /2011

Dated: 16 July 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

The acceptance of Aadhaar as a proof of identity in India is very widespread and is continuously expanding. Some instances have been reported where Aadhaar cards submitted by individuals have been found to be fake or manipulated. It is extremely important to build and sustain trust in the Aadhaar, which is a digital identity system that supports both online authentication as well as offline verification.

While most of the entities are aware about the system of online authentication through Aadhaar number, the knowledge about offline verifiability of Aadhaar is lacking both within the government and outside.

Therefore, I want to draw your attention towards the **Secure QR Code**, which is incorporated in every Aadhaar letter, PVC card or downloaded e-Aadhaar. This QR code is temper-proof and digitally signed by UIDAI and is in the form of a data capsule that contains the essential demographic details & photograph of the Aadhaar number holder. Unlike other data, which can be manipulated, this QR code cannot be altered without invalidating the digital signature issued by UIDAI.

This QR code can be scanned by using the official **Aadhaar QR Code Scanner** app, which is available in the app stores for both the Android and iOS devices. Since the information is embedded in the QR code itself, it does not redirect to any web link and hence can be used completely offline - instantly verifying the authenticity of the Aadhaar. This QR code cannot be read by scanning through generic QR code scanner apps available otherwise.

The older Aadhaar cards may not have the QR code or there may be an older version of the QR code printed on those Aadhaar cards. Such Aadhaar number holders may be advised to download the latest Aadhaar by using the **m-Aadhaar App**, available in both the app stores.

The verification of Aadhaar by scanning the QR code will help in safeguarding the systems from the risks of fabricated and manipulated Aadhaars. All relevant authorities, especially with scenarios of higher risks, may be advised to use this feature for continued trust in the Aadhaar for identity verification.

Additional information on this topic has been compiled in the form of "**Frequently Asked Questions on Aadhaar secure QR Code**" and is being annexed herewith. This FAQ should be able to provide answer to most of the queries in this regard. If there are any more question, we would be happy to respond.

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A combination of technology, awareness, and better implementation of verification tools can ensure that Aadhaar remains what it is meant to be: a **trusted identity for every Indian**.

May I request you to direct all the relevant authorities under your administration for dissemination of this information and to make use of the feature of Aadhaar QR code for offline verification of Aadhaar cards.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Bhuvnesh Kumar)

Encl:- As above

To:

1. The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories (As per list attached)
2. The Secretaries of Ministries/ Departments of Government of India
3. The Director General of Police/Deputy Inspector General of Police/Commissioner of Police of States/Union Territories (As per list attached)

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1. The Union Home Secretary
2. The Secretary MeitY
3. All DDGs, HO & Regional Offices, UIDAI

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Aadhaar Secure QR Code

1. What is the Aadhaar Secure QR Code?

The Aadhaar Secure QR Code is a tamper-proof, digitally signed code printed on Aadhaar letters, PVC cards, and e-Aadhaar documents. It contains the resident's essential demographic and photograph data in an encrypted format, which can be securely read only using UIDAI's official QR code scanner application. No other generic QR scanner app can read this secure QR code.

2. What information is contained in the Secure QR Code?

The Secure QR Code contains:

- Name
 - Gender
 - Date of Birth
 - Address (partial or full, depending on Aadhaar format)
 - Photograph (as captured during Aadhaar enrolment/update)
 - Last 4 digits of Aadhaar number (in some cases)
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3. How does the Secure QR Code safeguard Aadhaar information?

The information inside the Secure QR Code is:

- Digitally signed by UIDAI: ensures that it cannot be tampered with or recreated.
 - Encrypted: only UIDAI's official scanner can decrypt and validate it.
 - Read-only: no one can modify the data embedded in the code.
 - Photograph-verified: the photograph in the QR code can be compared against the person presenting it.
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4. Why is QR code verification important?

Visual copies of Aadhaar documents can be easily edited using photo editing tools. QR code verification:

- Reveals the original UIDAI-issued data instantly
- Flags any mismatch between printed details and actual records

- Prevents fraud, impersonation, and misuse of fake/altered documents
 - Builds trust and enables foolproof identity verification
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5. How can I verify an Aadhaar Secure QR Code?

You can verify the Secure QR Code using either of the following tools:

UIDAI QR Code Scanner (Desktop)

- Download from UIDAI official website:
<https://uidai.gov.in/en/ecosystem/authentication-devices-documents/qr-code-reader.html>
- Works offline, does not need internet connection to work
- Ideal for bulk or institutional verification (e.g., banks, telecom, government offices)

Aadhaar QR Scanner Mobile App (Android/iOS)

- Download from Play Store or App Store
 - Open the app → Select “Aadhaar QR Scanner” → Point at the QR code
 - The verified details (name, DOB, photo, etc.) will appear, if genuine
 - Works offline, does not need internet connection to work
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6. What happens if the Aadhaar card does not have a QR code or the QR code printed on it is from an older version?

The Aadhaar number holder may be advised to download the latest Aadhaar by using the My Aadhaar portal (<https://myaadhaar.uidai.gov.in/>) or m-Aadhaar mobile app. The downloaded Aadhaar will have the updated details of the Aadhaar number holder as well as the secure QR code.

7. What happens if the Aadhaar document is fake or altered?

If someone presents an Aadhaar document with manipulated text or photograph, the QR code scan will fail to validate or show mismatched details. In such cases:

- The scanner will either not display any data, or
- The data displayed from the QR code won't match with the information printed on it
- This acts as a red flag for forgery or misuse

This makes Secure QR Code an effective deterrent against fraudulent Aadhaar use.

8. Can the Secure QR Code be faked or forged?

No. The Secure QR Code uses UIDAI's digital signature and advanced cryptographic techniques. Any attempt to generate or modify a QR code without UIDAI's private key will render the code invalid and unverifiable. It is impossible to fake this secure QR code.

9. Who should use QR Code verification?

Every individual and institution that accepts Aadhaar should verify its authenticity using the Secure QR Code including the following:

- Banks, NBFCs, Insurance companies
 - Telecom service providers
 - Government departments
 - Employers and landlords during KYC
 - Notaries, advocates, and document verifiers
 - Even citizens, for their own assurance
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10. What are UIDAI's recommendations on using QR code verification?

- Never accept an Aadhaar document without scanning the QR code.
 - Always compare the photograph shown on the scanner with the person presenting it.
 - Use only UIDAI-approved scanners and apps.
 - Educate staff and stakeholders to adopt QR-first verification processes.
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11. What should I do if I suspect a manipulated Aadhaar?

- Do not accept the document if information and photograph on the Aadhaar card does not match with the information and photograph obtained through scanning the QR code
- Report the incident to UIDAI via help@uidai.gov.in or call 1947
- Alert local authorities and police, if fraud is suspected

Implementation of the New National Sports Policy 'Khelo Bharat Niti-2025' announced by the Government of India**Hari Ranjan Rao** <secy-sports@nic.in >

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed a DO letter dated 24th July, 2025 along with its enclosure, from Shri Hari Ranjan Rao, Secretary, Department of Sports, M/o Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, on the above subject. The URL given under, is as per reference given in the enclosed letter.

<https://yas.nic.in/sports/khelo-bharat-niti-2025>

Kind regards,
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Government of India
Department of Sports
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

D.O. No. 80-04/2022-SP-VI

Dated: 24th July, 2025

Dear Dr. Bahl,

I am writing this with reference to the new National Sports Policy, the 'Khelo Bharat Niti-2025', recently announced by the Government of India on 1st July, 2025. This policy was prepared after extensive deliberations and consultations with all stakeholders including Ministries/Departments, States/UTs, National Sports Federations, etc. A copy of the policy is enclosed for your kind perusal. The same is also available on Ministry's website (URL; <https://yas.nic.in/sports/khelo-bharat-niti-2025>).

2. This new policy is built-upon five key pillars that aim to transform India's sports landscape. First, it focuses on achieving Nation's Excellence on the Global Stage by enhancing infrastructure, talent identification and international competitiveness. Second, Sports for Economic Development emphasizes leveraging sports to boost industries such as tourism, manufacturing and sports technology. Third, Sports for Social Development promotes inclusivity, health and education through sports, fostering societal cohesion. Fourth, Sports – A People's Movement seeks to engage communities in physical activities, making sports a cultural cornerstone. Fifth and finally, this aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, integrating sports with education to nurture holistic development and life skills in students, youths, promoting both academic and athletic excellence.

3. Khelo Bharat Niti - 2025 has been conceptualised to serve as a model policy for all and advocates for whole-of-government approach for integration of sports promotion into the activities, schemes, and programs of all Ministries/Departments to achieve a holistic impact.

4. You are requested to extend your support and cooperation in implementing this new policy in its true letter and spirit.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Hari Ranjan Rao)

Encl: As above.

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Madam/Sir,

In reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to attach herewith OM No. 5-21/2025-PN.II dated 30.07.2025 from Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, along with its enclosures, for necessary compliance.

Regards,

Ram Bhawan
Asst. Section Officer (PN-II)
D/o Higher Education
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7 Attachment(s)

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No. 5-21/2025-PN.II
Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education
(PN.II Section)

Shastri Bhawan New Delhi,
Dated 30th July, 2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India order dated 28.07.2025 in the matter of Criminal Appeal No. 1425/2025 @ SLP (Crl) No. 13324/2024 and the subsequent National Task Force constituted by Supreme Court of India -reg.

In continuation to this Department's OM of even number dated 05.04.2025 and the addendum dated 21.07.2025 (copies enclosed) regarding National Task Force constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its judgement dated 24.03.2025, to discuss and deliberate the issues related to mental health concerns among students, prevention of commission of suicides in educational institutions and recommend preventive measures. The relevant portion of the signed reportable judgement dated 24.03.2025 is enclosed for reference.


2. Reference is also drawn to D.O. letter of even no. dated 05.05.2025, wherein Higher Education Institutions were requested to provide necessary data/information with regard to existing mechanism/initiative taken for Student mental well-being and the information related to counselling system, number of counsellors, etc., and the outcome of such initiative.

3. Now, Hon'ble SCI, vide order dated 28.07.2025 (Copy enclosed) has inter-alia directed that all the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) shall appoint a senior person (either faculty or on the administrative side) as a Nodal officer who will ensure that the NTF is able to conduct its field visit without any hurdle.

4. It has also been directed that all universities will keep the data about the students admitted under various reservation quotas readily available during the visit of the NTF and they shall permit these students to interact with the NTF without any hesitation.

5. This issues with the approval of competent authority for compliance.

Encl: As above.


(Rina Sonowal Kouli)
Joint Secretary to Govt. of India

To,

1. All VCs/Directors of Centrally Funded Higher Education Institutions under MoE.
2. All Higher Education Institutions through UGC
3. All Technical Institutions through AICTE
4. All INIs through respective Ministries
5. All Secretaries of Union Ministries of Government of India
6. All Chief Secretaries/ACS/Pr. Secretary of School, Higher & Technical Education

of States/UTs

7. All Nominated Nodal Officers of States/UTs
8. Chairman, Bar Council of India
9. Chairman, National Medical Commission
10. Vice Chancellor, National Institute of Educational Planning & Administration

Copy to:

All Bureau Heads of Department of Higher Education -- with a request to disseminate the order among all Educational Institutions under their administrative control and request them to extend their full and active cooperation.

Copy for information to :-

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2. PS to Hon'ble MoS for Higher Education/ Hon'ble MoS for Higher Education
3. PPS to Secretary (Higher Education, Ministry of Education)
4. PPS to Secretary (School Education & Literacy, Minister of Education)
5. PPS to Joint Secretary (Higher Education)
6. Guard File PN-II Section

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D.O. No. 5-21/2025-PN.II

Date: 5th May, 2025

Dear Vice Chancellor,

Please refer to this Department's Office Memorandum of even number dated 05.04.2025 regarding National Task Force constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its judgment dated 24.03.2025 in Criminal Appeal No. 1425/2025 [SLP (Crl.) No. 13324/2024] concerning issues relating to mental health of students and the prevention of student suicides in Higher Educational Institutions. A copy of OM dated 05.04.2025 along with copy of judgement dated 24.03.2025 is again enclosed for reference.

2. The National Task Force has started deliberation on the issues as per the mandate entrusted to it by Hon'ble Supreme Court and is required to submit its interim report within four months and final report within eight months from the date of the order.

3. I would like to draw your kind attention towards National Suicide Prevention Strategy of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, UGC's Guidelines for promoting physical fitness, sports, mental health, and emotional well-being in HEIs issued on 13.04.2023 and this Ministry's Framework for emotional and mental well-being of students in HEIs issued on 10.07.2023. In light of these guidelines / framework, your institution must be taking initiatives like Mental health screenings for students; establishing crisis helplines and psychological support centers; community awareness programs to break the stigma around mental illness and suicide, Grievance redressal mechanism; Third Party faceless evaluation mechanism, etc.

4. Given the gravity of the matter, I kindly request your institution to provide necessary data/information with regard to existing mechanism/initiative taken in light of the above guidelines/framework, specially information related to counselling system, number of counsellors, system of third party faceless evaluation mechanism, and the outcome of such initiatives.

5. The National Task Force shall analyze the data received from Higher Educational Institutions and engage with all stakeholders to develop effective recommendations.

6. I therefore request you to submit the required information at the earliest. Your cooperation and prompt action will significantly contribute to fostering a safer and more supportive academic environment for students.

7. Ms. Rina Sonowal Kouli, Joint Secretary (Email: rinasonowal.edu@nic.in and Phone No. 011-23385162 and 011-23381721) of this Department who is the Convenor of the National Task Force, may be contacted in case of any further assistance in the matter.

With regards,

Encl: As above

Yours sincerely,


(Dr. Vineet Joshi)

Vice Chancellors/Heads of Central Universities and Centrally Funded Higher Education Institutions

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D.O. No. 5-21/2025-PN.II

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
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Date: 3rd July 2025

Dear Madam/Sir,

Please refer to this Department's D.O. letter of even number dated 06.05.2025, which in turn referenced the OM dated 05.04.2025 concerning the National Task Force constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its judgment dated 24.03.2025 in Criminal Appeal No. 1425/2025 [SLP (CrI.) No. 13324/2024] related to mental health of students and prevention of student suicides in Higher Educational Institutions. (copies enclosed)

2. As indicated in the said communication, the National Task Force has begun its deliberations and is to submit an interim report within four months and a final report within eight months from the date of the Supreme Court order.

3. The letter sought details regarding the initiatives taken in light of the guidelines including the National Suicide Prevention Strategy of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, UGC's Guidelines for promoting physical fitness, sports, mental health, and emotional well-being in HEIs issued on 13.04.2023 and this Ministry's Framework for emotional and mental well-being of students in HEIs issued on 10.07.2023. So far, we have received data from 19 CFIs only. (List attached).

4. Given the gravity of the matter, I kindly request your institution to provide necessary data/information with regard to existing mechanism/initiative taken in light of the above guidelines/framework, specially information related to counselling system, number of counsellors, system of third party faceless evaluation mechanism, and the outcome of such initiatives.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Encl: As above

(Rina Sonowal Kouli)

Vice Chancellors/Heads of Central Universities and Centrally Funded Higher Education Institutions

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All Bureau Heads of D/o Higher Education: With a request to follow-up with the HEIs under your administrative control to provide requisite information/data for consideration of the National Task Force.



(Rina Sonowal Kouli)

No. 5-21/2025-PN.II
Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education
(PN.II Section)

Shastri Bhawan New Delhi,
Dated 21st July, 2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Addendum - Constitution of the National Task Force constituted by Supreme Court of India in the matter of Criminal Appeal No. 1425/2025 @ SLP (Crl) No. 13324/2024 titled Amit Kumar & Ors Vs. Union of India & Ors in the Supreme Court of India.- reg.

In continuation of this Department's OM of even number dated 05.04.2025 (copy enclosed) on the subject mentioned above and in pursuance of Order dated 14.07.2025 (copy enclosed) of Supreme Court of India, it is informed that **Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs has been co-opted as an ex-officio member of the National Task Force** to discuss and deliberate the issues related to mental health concerns among students, prevention of commission of the suicides in educational institutions and recommend preventive measures.

2. This issues with the approval of competent authority.


(Rina Sonowal Kouli)

Joint Secretary to Govt. of India

To,
Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs

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