

Don't deny benefits for want of Aadhaar: UIDAI

Aadhaar-issuing authority UIDAI on Saturday said that no essential service or benefit can be denied for want of the biometric national ID.

In a statement, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) asked Government Departments and State administrations "to ensure that no essential service or benefit shall be denied to a genuine beneficiary for the want of Aadhaar, whether it is medical help, hospitalisation, school admission or ration through PDS."

"There are exceptions to the handling regulations issued by the UIDAI vide its circular dated 24th October 2017, which must be followed to make sure that no beneficiary is denied benefits for want of Aadhaar," it said. The UIDAI said it has taken serious note of some of the reported cases where want of Aadhaar had resulted in the denial of essential services like hospitalisation.

"While the real facts behind such claims of denial are being investigated, strict action will be taken in case denial has occurred," it said.

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