



Aadhaar Hackathon 2021

Why in News

The [Unique Identification Authority of India \(UIDAI\)](#) will be hosting a Hackathon titled "**Aadhaar Hackathon 2021**".

- This is the **first-ever event being conducted by the Aadhaar team**.
- A **hackathon** is an event, usually hosted by a tech company or organization, where programmers get together for a short period of time to collaborate on a project.

Key Points

▪ About:

- Its target is to to **identify young innovators** in the field of information technology
- To solve the hackathon challenges through innovative technological solutions, UIDAI is **reaching out to the young minds of all the Engineering colleges**.

▪ Themes: Aadhaar Hackathon 2021 is themed around two topics.

- **Enrolment and Update:** It essentially covers some of the **real-life challenges** being faced by the residents while updating their address.
- **Identity and Authentication:** UIDAI is soliciting innovative solutions to **prove Identity without sharing the Aadhaar number** or any demographics information.

- Also, it is looking for **innovative applications around face authentication Application Programming Interface (APIs)**, the newly launched authentication modality of UIDAI.

- The objective is to popularize some of the existing and new **APIs** to solve the needs of residents.

▪ Other Hackathons:

- [Virtual Agri-Hackathon 2020](#).
- [Drug Discovery Hackathon 2020](#).
- [CCTNS Hackathon & Cyber Challenge](#).
- [India - Australia Circular Economy Hackathon](#).
- [5G Hackathon](#).
- [Hackathon Manthan 2021](#).

Unique Identification Authority of India

- **Statutory Authority:** The **UIDAI** is a **statutory authority** established on 12 July 2016 by the Government of India under the **jurisdiction of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**, following the provisions of the [Aadhaar Act 2016](#).

- The UIDAI was initially set up by the Government of India in January 2009, as an attached office under the aegis of the [Planning Commission](#).

- **Mandate:** The UIDAI is **mandated to assign a 12-digit unique identification (UID) number**

(Aadhaar) to all the residents of India.

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