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Sub: NSU - Academic - Use of Aadhaar Secure QR Code for Offline Verification - Reg.

It is hereby informed to all students of the University that the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has introduced a facility for offline verification of Aadhaar through the Secure QR Code printed on every Aadhaar letter, PVC card, or downloaded e-Aadhaar.

The Secure QR Code is digitally signed by UIDAI and contains the essential demographic details and photograph of the Aadhaar holder. It is tamper-proof and cannot be altered without invalidating the digital signature. Verification of Aadhaar through this Secure QR Code will help in preventing the misuse of fake or manipulated Aadhaar cards.

The QR Code can be scanned only through the official Aadhaar QR Code Scanner App available on Android and iOS platforms. Since the information is embedded within the QR Code itself, it works entirely offline and ensures instant verification.

Students are advised to ensure that they use and produce only the Aadhaar with a Secure QR Code for identity verification purposes. Those having older Aadhaar cards without this facility may download the latest Aadhaar using the m-Aadhaar App or UIDAI website.

For better understanding, the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on Aadhaar Secure QR Code as provided by UIDAI is enclosed herewith.

All students are requested to take note of this and comply accordingly.


11/10/2025
Dean, Academic Affairs i/c

Encl.: FAQ on Aadhaar Secure QR Code (as received from UIDAI)

To
Whatsapp groups of all the students concerned.

Copy to

- The Systems Analyst - with a request to place the Notification on the NSU Website.
- All Deans; All HODs; Academic Coordinator, Dean-Students Welfare, CE, DR
- PS to VC / Registrar / FO; Chief Warden, Hostel Manager, Medical Officer
- Concerned File.

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

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

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