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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

**DEPARTMENT OF SWARNA GRAMAM AND
SWARNA WARDU**

AUTHENTICATION USER AGENCY (AUA) / KYC USER AGENCY (KUA) SERVICES
USAGE OF VOLUNTARY AADHAAR AUTHENTICATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS
OF SUB - CLAUSE (ii) OF CLAUSE (b) OF SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 4 OF
THE AADHAAR (TARGETED DELIVERY OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER SUBSIDIES,
BENEFITS AND SERVICES) ACT, 2016, PERFORMANCE OF AADHAAR
AUTHENTICATION, ON VOLUNTEER BASIS TO ESTABLISH THE IDENTITIES OF
THE USERS / APPLICANTS DURING REGISTRATION AND AVAILING APSEVA
SERVICES OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT - APPROVAL.

[G.O.Ms.No.04, Swarna Gramam and Swarna Wardu, 7th September, 2026.]

Notification

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the
Constitution of India, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following rules
namely: -

2. The Swarna Gramam and Swarna Wardu (SGSW) Department is Appointed as
Sub-Authentication User Agency (AUA) / KYC User Agency (KUA) to Information
Technology, Electronics & Communications Department, Government of Andhra
Pradesh to use Volunteer Aadhaar Authentication Services under the Aadhaar
Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules,
2020 read with sub-clause (ii) of clause (b) of sub-section (4) of section 4 of the

Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 ("Act"), performance of Aadhaar authentication, on a voluntary basis, to establish the identities of the users / applicants during registration and availing services of the State Government (APSEVA), as given in Annexure-I using Yes/No or/and e-KYC authentication facilities for www.vswsonline.ap.gov.in (both Mobile & Web application) of GWV&VSW Department e-Platform of Government of Andhra Pradesh.

3. Further the SGSW shall adhere the following conditions for use of Aadhaar authentication as conveyed by the Unique Identification Authority of India for delivering of APSEVA services to the eligible citizens through www.vsws.ap.gov.in portal.

- a. The instant approval is for both 'Yes/ No' authentication and e-KYC authentication facilities. ITE&C Department (APTS) shall be the AUA/ KUA for the above purpose.
- b. The informed consent of the resident shall be obtained for the purpose of authentication in terms of Section 29 of the Aadhaar Act, 2016. The purposes for which the Aadhaar number and related information are being sought must be communicated clearly to the resident. Specifically, the manner in which the Aadhaar number will be collected, stored and used should be clearly communicated to the residents.
- c. The resident shall be informed of the alternate mechanism of identity verification as the instant usage of Aadhaar authentication is permitted purely on voluntary basis.
- d. There shall not be the denial of any service/ benefit to the resident on account of the failure of Aadhaar based authentication.
- e. There shall not be a display of Aadhaar number anywhere in the system and wherever required only the last four digits of Aadhaar number may be displayed.
- f. Aadhaar numbers, if stored, shall be stored securely in Aadhaar Data Vault in an encrypted manner as per the UIDAI Circular dated 25.07.2017 issued in this regard. Any sharing or movement of Aadhaar number shall be done only in an encrypted manner.
- g. Complete details of the e-KYC information of the resident shall not be displayed on the screen instead only necessary demographic details such as first name, year of birth etc., may be displayed.
- h. Biometric authentication of beneficiaries shall be performed only in assisted mode or controlled environment by the operator registered/verified by Swarna Gramam and Swarna Wardu (SGSW) Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh or ITE&C Department (APTS).
- i. Swarna Gramam and Swarna Wardu (SGSW) Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh shall get its application audited by any CERT-In empanelled IS Auditor and submit that report to UIDAI. Any subsequent suggestions made by UIDAI may also be complied with.

- j. Swarna Gramam and Swarna Wardu (SGSW) Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh may encourage the use of Iris-based biometric authentication, wherever required, considering that it is more accurate, contactless, and safe.
- k. Authentication transactions done by Swarna Gramam and Swarna Wardu (SGSW) Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh or by ITE&C Department (APTS) on behalf of Swarna Gramam and Swarna Wardu (SGSW) Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh for the purpose approved herein, shall be exempted from charges under the Aadhaar (Pricing of Aadhaar Authentication Services) Regulations, 2021.
- l. Swarna Gramam and Swarna Wardu (SGSW) Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh shall comply with all the relevant provisions of the Aadhaar Act, its associated regulations and other instructions issued by UIDAI from time-to-time.

This notification shall come into effect on the date of its publication in the Andhra Pradesh Ex-Ordinary Gazette

The Director, SGSW, Vijayawada, shall take further necessary action accordingly.

BHASKAR KATAMNENI,
Secretary to Government.

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