Concerns with Aadhaar Misuse

What is issue?

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Aadhaar is being misused at various instances and government is ill-equipped to address this issue.

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How Aadhaar is being misused?

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- Welfare States hand out money, either in the form of cash or benefits, Well-known examples are scholarships, old age and disabled persons' pensions, subsidy for the LPG cylinder, etc.
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- But I has been found that a private college had 'ghost' students on its rolls and claimed scholarships for them.
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- Many households had two or more LPG cylinder connections and claimed the subsidy on all cylinders with the connivance of the dealers.
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- LPG dealers had enrolled 'ghost' customers, claimed the subsidy, and sold the cylinders to hotels, restaurants and marriage halls.
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How people are getting affected by this?

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- The other problem was that the poor did not have a reliable method to identify themselves.
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- The worst sufferers were migrant workers, slum dwellers, forest dwellers and people forced to live on the streets.
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- They had no verifiable address, their names were not on the electoral rolls or

any other government record, they could not get a ration card or admit their children to a school, and they were at the mercy of the police, municipal and forest officials who treated them roughly as vagabonds and encroachers.
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