Issues with Aadhaar

What is the issue?

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India is going through a curious phase of development and there are issues with Aadhaar.

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What is the real time need for Aadhaar?

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- To avoid leakages and curb black money.
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- Aadhaar based Direct Benefit Transfer
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- Jan Dhan Yojana, bank account for all.
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- Faster processing of passport applications.
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- To get the benefits of Digi locker, for safer digital storage of documents.
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What are the real-time problems with Aadhaar?

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- Separate identities for various purposes exist already.
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- E.g Identity as an NREGA worker, Identity in the Public Distribution System, Passport as the identity of citizenship.
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- Aadhaar creates the problem of multiple identity.
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- It points to techno-utopianism such that it can solve all problems.
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- Enrolment in Aadhaar is most confusing for uneducated and for rural

population.

- Aadhaar Officials are nor responsive or accountable.
- There are high possibilities of data theft and privacy concerns with Aadhaar.

How government is addressing the issues?

- Aadhaar should be considered as the only document for all activities involving financial process.
- Many initiatives were taken to reduce the difficulties in issuance of Aadhaar card.
- The enrolment and correction of Aadhaar is outsourced.
- The users are provided with option of locking their data, which are in the verge of misuse.
- Experienced and high skilled employees are appointed in the Aadhaar enrolment process.

Source: Business standard

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