# 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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