



Aadhaar Card Not Proof of Age: Madhya Pradesh HC

Why in News?

Recently, the **Madhya Pradesh High Court** ruled that [Aadhaar Card](#) can be used to establish identity but was **not as a proof of date of birth**.

Key Points

- **Background:**
 - A widow filed a petition seeking compensation under the [Jan Kalyan \(Sambal\) Yojana 2018](#) for her husband's death by electrocution.
 - Her application was rejected as her husband's age, according to other documents like the [Voter ID and ration card](#), exceeded the eligibility limit of 64 years.
 - The petitioner argued that the age recorded in the Aadhaar card should be considered, which would have made her eligible for the compensation.
- **Legal Precedence and Supreme Court Ruling:**
 - The High court referenced an October 2024, [Supreme Court](#) ruling stating that Aadhaar cannot be used as proof of age.
 - The ruling considered earlier judgments by various High Courts and a circular issued by [Unique Identification Authority of India \(UIDAI\)](#) in August 2023.
- The High Court observed that any **executive instruction allowing Aadhaar to be used as proof of age under state schemes cannot override Court judgments**.

Aadhaar

- Aadhaar is a **12 digit individual identification number** issued by the [Unique Identification Authority of India \(UIDAI\)](#) on behalf of the Government of India. The number serves as a **proof of identity and address**, anywhere in India.
- Aadhaar card, which is a biometric document, **stores an individual's personal information on a government database**.
- An Aadhaar card can be issued to any person **residing in the country for more than six months continuously**, provided he/she submits one of the 18 listed identity cards and an address proof.
 - Foreign nationals are eligible to obtain one **if they have been living in India for half a year**.
- Aadhaar number will help the residents to avail various services provided by banking, mobile phone connections and other Govt and Non-Govt services in due course.