APAAR ID

The **Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR) ID**, aims to **standardize student records.** However, concerns over **implementation, data privacy** have sparked debates among activists.

- **APAAR ID:** Introduced under the **National Education Policy 2020** and aligned with the **National Credit Framework**, it aims to establish a **"One Nation, One Student ID"** system to streamline academic records and facilitate transitions between educational levels.
  - APAAR assigns a **12-digit ID**, linking academic records to **DigiLocker** and **Academic Bank of Credits** for storage and verification.
  - **Schools** record data, while **Higher Education Institutions & Skill Institutes** access verified academic records for admissions and recruitment.
- **Concerns About APAAR ID:** APAAR's Aadhaar linkage is causing issues due to spelling mismatches, necessitating updates.
  - While the Education Ministry claims APAAR is voluntary, **Central Board of Secondary Education's push for 100% enrolment of APAAR raises** concerns of implicit mandates, contradicting the Supreme Court ruling in *Justice (Retd.) K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India (2019),* which held that Aadhaar cannot be required for basic education access.
  - The Advocacy groups are concerned about **risks in handling minors' sensitive personal** data without robust data protection.
    - The **Data Protection Act, 2023** (not yet enforced) mandates that consent **must be free, informed, and unambiguous**, which activists argue is being ignored.

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Read more: [APAAR: One Nation One Student ID Card](#)