State of Aadhaar Tweets

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A significant percentage of those without an #Aadhaar in rural AP, RJ & WB included children under the age of 5. Of those who tried, but were unsuccessful, #biometric error emerged as the main reason stated by respondents in RJ & WB. Source: #StateofAadhaar

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@UIDAI recently launched 2 new features - VID & limited #KYC. These could be important steps towards ensuring safety of residents' #Aadhaar #data. Success will depend on factors like effective implementation, user take-up, and iterative improvement with user and agency feedback.

Virtual ID and limited KYC may make database linking difficult by reducing access to Aadhaar numbers

Aadhaar number not shared by individuals: Virtual ID
- Temporary, revocable
- 16 digit random number
- Used with biometrics in lieu of Aadhaar number on authentication
- One VID can be generated at a time; valid for only a day
- Generated using UIDAI’s resident portal or at Aadhaar enrolment centres

Aadhaar number not stored with AUAs: Limited KYC
As per UIDAI’s notification, there will be two kinds of authentication agencies – Global AUAs and Local AUAs. Only those mandated by law can be Global AUAs and they will have access to full demographic data along with Aadhaar numbers. All remaining agencies, classified as Local AUAs, will not only have access to limited demographic information but will also not be permitted to store Aadhaar numbers on authentication, thereby potentially reducing the risk of using it as a unique identifier.

Sources: UIDAI circular dated January 10, 2018, Business Today article dated January 12, 2018, Economic Times article dated April 05, 2018
In one year, ePoS devices in #PDS ↑ by 62% across #India. This corresponds to an ↑ in use of #Aadhaar-based #biometric #authentication (#AEBBA). But is such an expansion prudent? Not according to available #evidence: 1/n

That #Aadhaar has different implications fr #women is clear. Next up is the need for credible #data from the ground to inform a nuanced discourse on the #StateofAadhaar & how exactly do the opportunities proposed stack up against the challenges. RT if u agree! #IWD2018 #WomensDay

**Why look at Women and Aadhaar?**

**OCCUPERTIES**

- **Financial Inclusion**
  Using Aadhaar-enabled e-KYC and MicroATMs, can help women open bank accounts within a day and draw cash more easily

- **Social Protection**
  Aadhaar is proposed to enable direct access to government benefits including ration, matrernity and healthcare benefits. This could have important consequences for single, widowed or elderly women

- **Woman Empowerment**
  Cash transfers under household welfare schemes are deposited in a woman's bank account. Additionally, having a strong legal identity may change household dynamics and social perceptions to enhance women's status

**CHALLENGES**

- **Digital and financial illiteracy**
  Women have lower literacy, digital and financial know-how - e.g. using OTPs or accessing internet - that are important to leverage the benefits of Aadhaar

- **Welfare Exclusion**
  Aadhaar's centralized nature increases dependence on the underlying infrastructure. In turn, authentication failures are expected to have more severe implications for women, who have fewer informal social security nets

- **Privacy and Surveillance**
  These concerns hold greater implications for women e.g. using Aadhaar for receiving medication for HIV positive individuals, or privacy breaches that target women's security and autonomy