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Citizens of Hyderabad have demanded scrapping of the UID Number Aadhaar project of the Government of India. In a Citizens Declaration issued today, the UID Number/Aadhaar has been termed as the most intrusive, coercive and anti democratic act of the Government. The Declaration named **Hyderabad Declaration for Boycott of UID/Aadhaar**, has warned the citizens that this heralds a surveillance state and therefore gives a call for its boycott by citizens.

P V Satheesh, Director of Deccan Development Society, Saraswathi Kavula of the National Alliance of Peoples Movements [NAPM] and Shakeel Mohammed of the Human Rights Law Network [HRLN] presented the Declaration to the media in a media meet held at Somajiguda Press Club today.

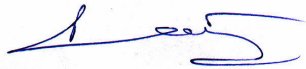
They took serious objection to the fact that UID/Aadhaar which had been billed as voluntary had ceased to become one. Already there were backdoor attempts to connect Aadhaar Card as the basis for accessing public services such as LPG cylinder, NREGA, PDS and many others. All other state provided identities such as ration cards, passports, driving licenses would be gradually subvert one's possession of AADHAAR. Therefore without Aadhaar, no citizen in India could survive and this would be in contravention of the constitutional rights of a citizen they said.

The biometric measurements which are the basis of Aadhaar Card, was a fascist way of bringing a citizen under submission, they alleged. By making ones fingerprints and retinal profile compulsory for Aadhaar Card, state was criminalizing its citizens. What used to be the tools used to identify criminals and terrorists is now used against common, law abiding citizens of the country. Mahatma Gandhi revolted against such measures when he was leading his struggles in South Africa and in recent times countries such as the UK which had tried and tested this had withdrawn it in the face of public revolt, they said. "Can there be a more shameful aspect of the state intrusion into individual privacy?" the speakers asked. Besides the collection of sensitive Biometric and personal data of the citizens of India by a number of private organizations is an assault on civil liberty and must be immediately halted; they demanded.

Aadhaar also threatens to snatch the Right to Privacy of an individual. Every single aspect of an individual's life will be recorded through the UID project. In a landmark judgement, the Supreme Court had upheld that Right to Privacy is Right to Life and no government can take it away from its people. UID Number project is openly flouting this judgement of the Supreme Court, the speakers maintained.

The **Hyderabad Declaration for Boycott of UID/Aadhaar** cites a number of such anti people clauses in the UID/Aadhaar initiative and demands its total scrapping. It also demands on the AP Government to cancel all its agreements with UID Authority of India. The other demands made by the citizens of Hyderabad are:

- UID project is against all accepted norms of Rule of Law and fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution of India;
- UID Number project is in violation of Right to Life and Personal Liberty as guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India;
- UIDAI must also cancel the MOUs it has entered with all other government agencies besides the contracts that has been entered into and the appointments of companies, societies, trusts and organizations as Registrars for UID/Aadhaar Number Project.
- We are alarmed that UIDAI has entered into contracts with companies like Accenture and L 1 Identity solutions, companies that are providing similar services to US Department of Defense and Intelligence. This has dangerous possibilities.
- The project does not have any constitutional, legal or democratic basis. Therefore, we appeal to all citizens of AP and India to join civil disobedience movement against the Unique Identification / Aadhar Number project and protect individual liberty and dignity of the citizens of this country.



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