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WHAT IS APAAR?

APAAR, which stands for **Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry**, is a life-long, 12-digit unique identification system designed for all students in India. The National Education Policy of 2020 calls for the need to create a unique ID for student, that will help track students academic progress and manage their education more effectively throughout their learning journey.

It also supports in broader goals like digitization, personalized learning, universalization of education by bringing back Out of School Children (OoSC) into schools and enable more efficient interventions in students' educational paths.



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Key Features of APAAR:

Comprehensive Academic Records:

APAAR ID will help in maintaining a detailed and permanent record of each student's academic history, including courses taken, grades, certifications, and achievements across different educational institutions through its Digi Locker integration.



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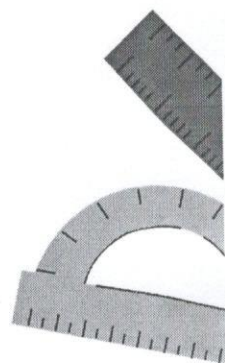
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Key Features of APAAR:

Monitoring and Evaluation: APPAR ID when combined with Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK) will enable a comprehensive monitoring framework that will understand efficacy of educational outcomes, scholarships, benefit programs and other schemes implemented by the state and central government. End user tracking can be made possible at all levels of administration

(School/Cluster/Block/State/National) through APAAR and VSK.



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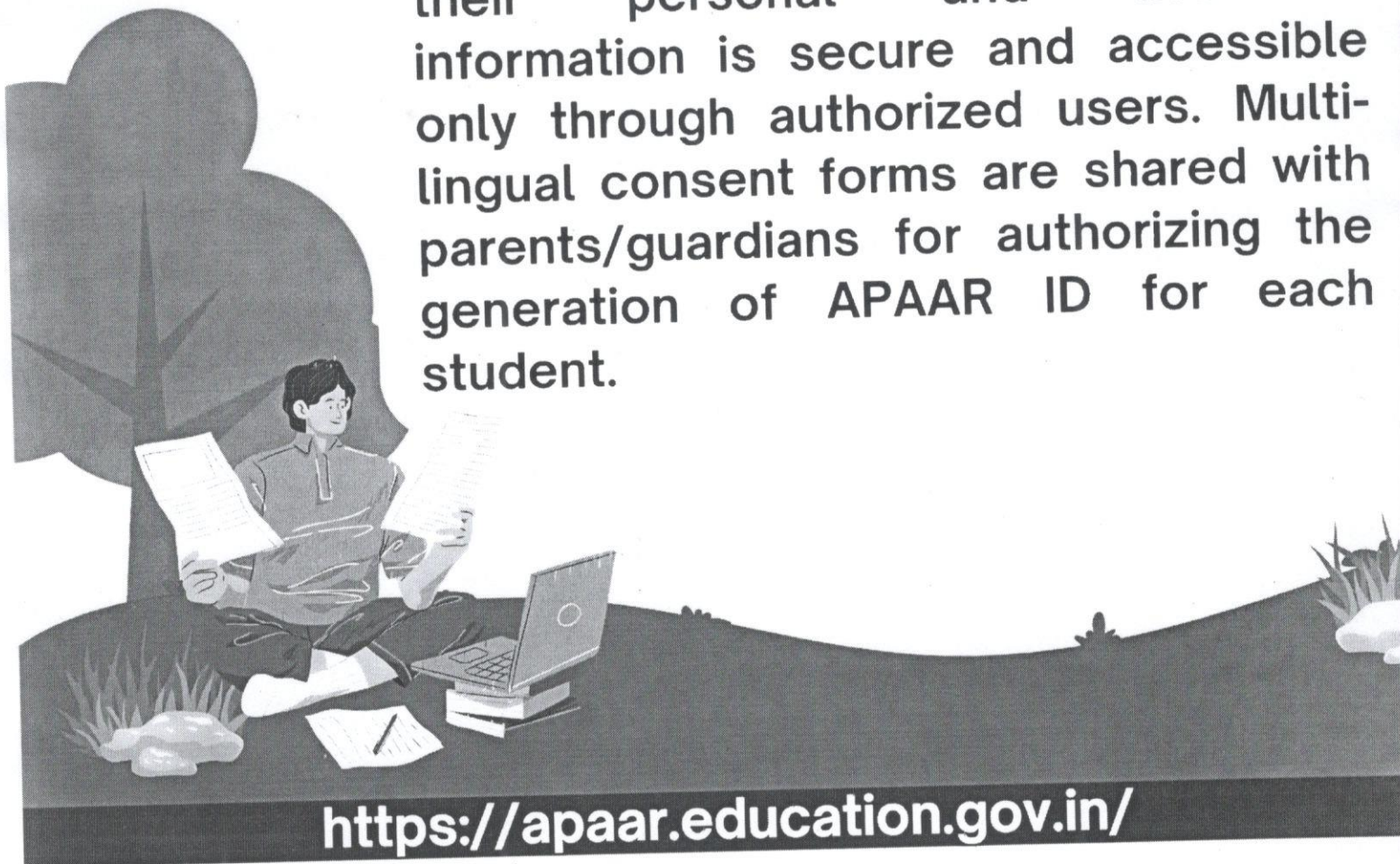
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Key Features of APAAR:

Data Security and Privacy: APAAR is built of robust security measures to protect students' data ensuring that their personal and academic information is secure and accessible only through authorized users. Multi-lingual consent forms are shared with parents/guardians for authorizing the generation of APAAR ID for each student.



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Key Features of APAAAR:

Transparency and Accountability:
Students can access their academic records from anywhere, at any time, facilitating easier transitions between educational institutions, skilling, when applying for jobs or higher education. The system will provide real-time updates to student's academic records, ensuring that their information is always current and accurate.



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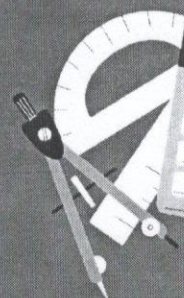
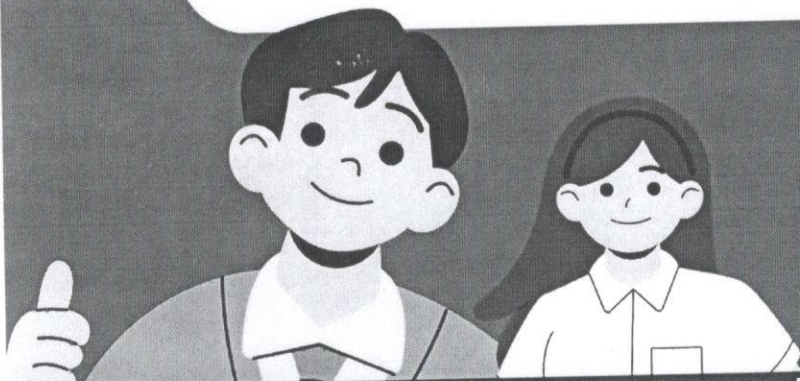
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Key Features of APAAR:

Universalization of Education: APAAR will facilitate the tracking of each student's enrollment, attendance, grade progression etc. in compliance with the RTE Act. It will also help in tracking Out of School Children (OoSC), Gifted Children, children from marginalized communities and their engagement with educational institutions. Henceforth supporting government policies and initiatives to achieve its desired outcomes.



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APAAR as an Enabler for all Stakeholders:

A. Schools –

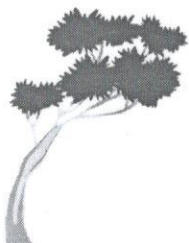
1. Seamless educational continuity
2. Personalized learning and support
3. Enhanced data management and analytics

B. Student –

1. Efficient transition and mobility
2. Comprehensive academic record
3. Enhanced access to educational and career opportunities.

C. Administration –

1. Enhanced compliance and reporting for scholarships, benefit schemes etc.
2. Streamlined transition between states/ Boards/Higher education across the country.
3. Provide focused intervention to bring OoSC back to school and curtail dropout rates.



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Benefits of APAAR:

- 1. Facilitate student mobility:** It's common for students to attend multiple institutions during their education for various reasons, APAAR will serve as a unified system for students across different states and boards, ensuring smooth transitions and consistent records as they move from one institution to another.
- 2. Enhanced Data Accuracy and Consistency:** APAAR will provide a unified and reliable database of student records, reducing discrepancies and errors due to multiple entries. This consistency will ensure that academic data is accurate and up to date, benefitting both students and educational institutions.
- 3. Storage of Academic Records:** APAAR seeded Digi Locker accounts can be leveraged by students to digitally store and share all their academic achievements in a secure location.
- 4. Improved Policy Making and Resource Allocation:** The data collected through APAAR will be shared with the VSKs, which will aid in decision making for educational policies and resource allocation. VSK will help in analyzing the trends, assess educational outcomes and identify areas customized to the region.
- 5. Implementation of Right to Education Act, 2009:** APAAR facilitates the tracking of each child's enrollment, attendance and academic progress ensuring compliance with the RTE Act's mandate for free and compulsory education for children aged 6 to 14 years.
- 6. Drop Out Prevention:** By monitoring students academic records, APAAR helps identify at-risk students, making sure timely intervention is possible to prevent dropping out of the school system.



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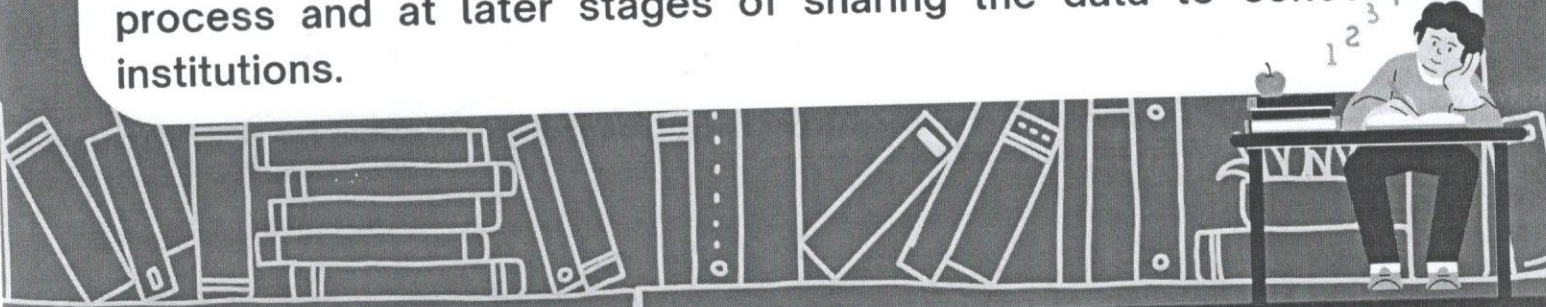
Important information regarding parent consent:

1. Why is parent consent important?

Students, below the age of 18 are considered minors. Legal and ethical standards in India require parent or guardian consent to generate, handle personal and sensitive information, including educational and identification data. Hence it is important that the legal guardian or parent of the student is submitting the consent form (provided in multilingual formats) to the school administration for generating APAAR ID for students.

2. How will parent consent be used?

The physical copy of the parent consent shared for generating APAAR ID will be stored in school and a corresponding digital copy will be generated and stored through UDISE+ portal by the school coordinator. Basis the details submitted by the guardian/parent consent will be duly sought at each stage of the generation process and at later stages of sharing the data to concerned institutions.



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Data Safety & Security in APAAR:

- 1. Encryption Standards:** APAAR employs advanced encryption standards to protect academic and personal data from unauthorized access. While sharing data sets for analysis at VSK, data anonymization will ensure removal of all Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and only aggregated forms, that will privacy and compliance with data protection regulation.
- 2. Compliance with Data Protection Laws:** APAAR adheres to the India's data protection laws ensuring that all collected information is handled according to legal requirements. In compliance to NDEAR, all user data in APAAR will be in the control of the user and made portable as per Data Empowerment (DEPA) principles in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Bill.
- 3. Access Control:** Only authorized personnel have access to the data, and multiple layers of security ensures that this access is monitored and restricted based on roles.
- 4. Audit Trails:** Regular audits and logs are maintained to track who has accessed the data and how it is being used, ensuring accountability.



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APAAR for Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) Transfers:

The academic credit transfer system as recommended by the National Education Policy 2020, introduced the Academic Bank of Credits which will store academic credits earned by students during their higher education. APAAR will enable seamless integration and transfer of these credits across Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), enabling greater flexibility and continuous tracking of learning.



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Can APAAR Be Created Without Aadhaar?

No; APAAR ID cannot be created for a learner without a valid AADHAR ID card. AADHAR number issued by UIDAI, is one of the governments issued identity card students, especially under 18 years of age can have in India. It provides a unique and verifiable identification, preventing duplication of records and ensures that each students academic information is consistent and accurately associated with their identity.

Students without AADHAR card are recommended to visit the nearest AADHAR enrollment centers, bank/post offices, AADHAR Seva Kendras or any other Government Approved Centers for the creation of AADHAR card.



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Can I Be Targeted Based on APAAR?

No; One cannot be targeted based on APAAR. All personal information including but not limited to educational achievements, academic outcomes, learning engagements, completion of sources in DIKSHA, SWAYAM etc. will be stored in encrypted forms and only be able to share to any requestor after appropriate consent. APAAR data which is shared with VSK will only be used as source to evaluate the efficacy of the governments schemes and interventions for required interventions. No personal data will be called for or monitored using APAAR.



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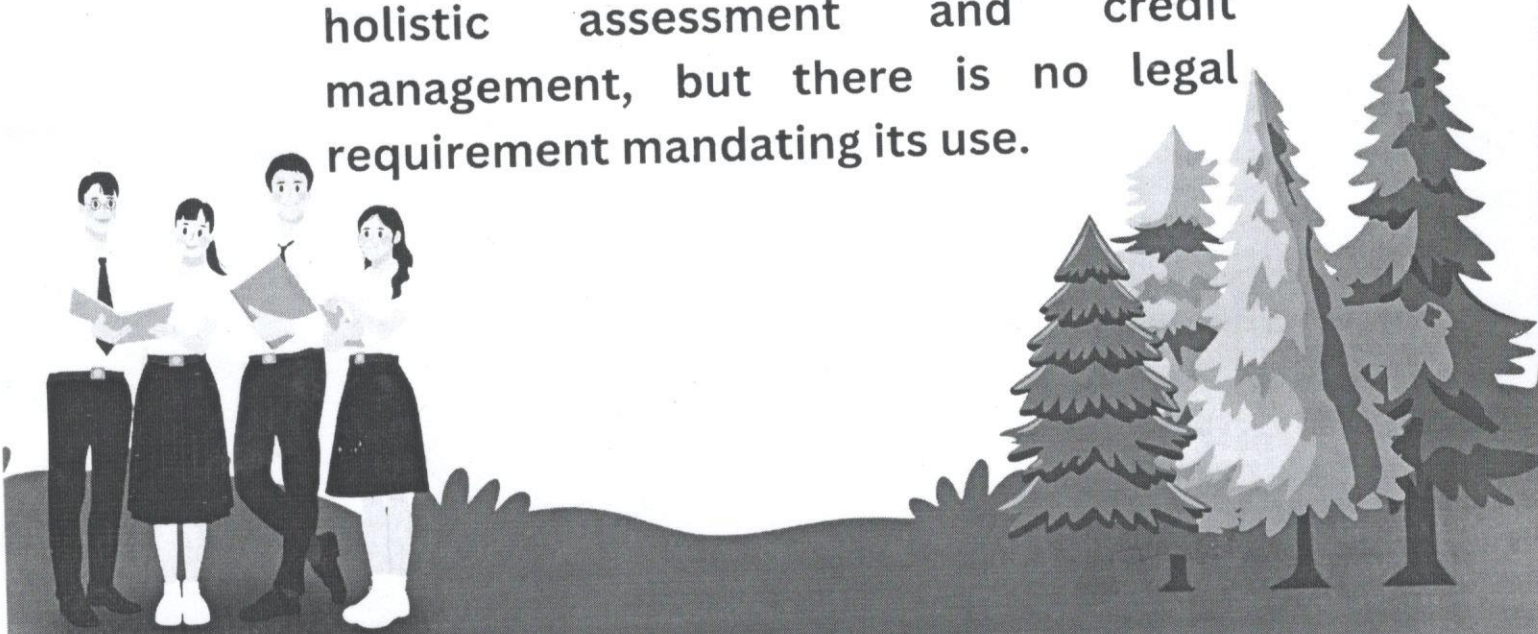


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Is APAAR Mandatory?

APAAR is not mandatory. While APAAR is a cornerstone initiative for enhancing academic tracking and flexibility, participation in the APAAR system is not compulsory. Institutions and students can choose to utilize this system to benefit from its features, such as holistic assessment and credit management, but there is no legal requirement mandating its use.



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STUDENTS REGISTRATION PROCESS-FLOW

APAAR ID Creation Process-Flow through the UDISE+ Portal

- **Step-1:** Organize a Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM): Schools shall arrange and conduct a PTM to introduce APAAR & its unique use cases and Create "STUDENTS APAAR IDs".
- **Step-2:** Distribute Consent Forms: Schools provide physical consent forms to parents.
- **Step-3:** Obtain Parental Consent: For minors, parents should fill up and sign the consent form, while the school verifies student and parent identities.
- **Step-4:** Educate on APAAR: Schools shall provide a complete overview of APAAR to students and their parents.
- **Step-5:** Capture Consent: Schools must collect & store the "physical consent form" from parents. The PTM may be disbursed post consent form collection.
- **Step-6:** Access APAAR Module: The school UDISE Coordinator or Class Teacher logs into the UDISE+ portal after the PTM and navigates to the APAAR Module tab.
- **Step-7:** Authenticate Information: School authorities authenticate student details **only for the students whose consent has been received** (e.g., name, gender, DOB, parents' names, Aadhaar number) to create the APAAR ID through the UDISE+ APAAR Module.
- **Step-8:** Generate APAAR ID: The UDISE Coordinator or Class Teacher creates the APAAR ID upon successful verification of Students details. It is then securely pushed to the student's DigiLocker account. A confirmation SMS will be delivered to the parents through their registered mobile number linked to **their UDISE+ account**.
- **Step-9:** Share APAAR ID: After successful APAAR ID creation, schools provide "APAAR ID" to students and their parents. Additionally, School authorities mention APAAR ID number in their School ID Card as well. A **confirmation SMS will be delivered to the parents through their registered mobile number updated in UDISE+ system**.
- **Step-10:** Failed to Create APAAR ID: Upon unsuccessful validation of Students details or any other errors, UDISE portal will highlight the Error message to the school authority. School may redirect the parents to the Common Service Centre (CSC) for the required corrections.

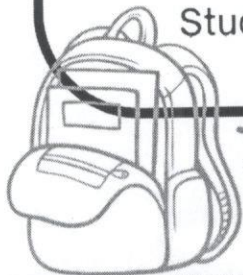




ACTIONABLE POINTS FOR SCHOOLS



1. Organize Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs) in a phased manner while prioritizing from Class-IX to Class-XII.
2. For the PTM, School authority may invite either of the parents along with their AADHAAR card or any other photo ID proof.
3. In every PTM, conduct a 15-20 minute awareness session on APAAR.
4. Provide detailed information on APAAR to students and parents during the PTM.
5. APAAR introduction videos & document (FAQ) maybe circulated or shown at the time of PTM.
6. Ensure parental consent is collected physically for APAAR ID creation.
7. Parents need not be asked to stay for creation of APAAR IDs after PTM.
8. Verify and authenticate Students Name, Father's/Mother's Name, Gender, DOB, and other required details collected under UDISE+ portal, and it should match student AADHAAR details.
9. Ensure parental consent has been collected both physically and updated digitally on UDISE+ portal during the APAAR ID creation.
10. Following day the teacher shall share the APAAR IDs to students.
11. Student School ID card issued after the creation of APAAR ID, must contain the students APAAR ID.
12. Complete any additional tasks assigned by regulatory bodies or the education department.
13. Collect audio/video bytes or testimonials about APAAR from Students, their parents, or from teachers.



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27th February, 2025

D.O.No. 23-2/2024-Stats (Part 1)

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you in connection with issuing guidelines regarding change/ correction in name and date of birth of student in Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) database.

2. As you are aware, Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSE&L) is maintaining individual student wise data from 2022-23 and using student's database Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR) ID is created.

3. It is brought to our notice that creation of APAAR ID has slowed due to mismatch of student's details in UDISE+ database, birth certificate maintained in school record and Aadhaar ID.

4. You would agree with me that most of the students provides birth certificate as a proof of date of birth and parents documents such as Aadhaar Card, Voter ID Card, Driving License etc as address proof. Further, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) vide its notification No. 1/12/2014-VS(CRS) dated 30.06.2015 has stated that correction in date of birth in birth certificate is not allowed however, correction in name of the child can be made after adhering to the set procedure such as publishing of the advertisement in the local newspaper and state's official Gazette publication. **A copy of the circular is attached for reference.**

5. In view of the above, I would like to advise you to issue suitable guidelines to the schools under your States/UTs jurisdiction to follow the following safeguards while doing UDISE+ data entry.

- If birth certificate of child is available then UDISE+ record should reflect the same name and date of birth in portal irrespective of the name entered in Aadhaar ID.
- If name in Aadhaar ID and birth certificate is same and record in UDISE+ is different, then updation in UDISE+ as per birth certificate is to be carried out.
- If record of child in birth certificate and UDISE+ is same but different in Aadhaar ID then correction to be made in Aadhaar ID and not in UDISE+ database. However, if the parents of the students desire in writing about the change in the name of the students then the SoP as per the MHA guidelines may be followed to make correction in the school records.
- If birth certificate is not available and the child is admitted on the basis of some other relevant document, then UDISE+ data entry to be done based on Aadhaar ID.

6. Following the above procedure if APAAR ID is generated, the same shall be treated as final and no further change in any of the documents viz., Aadhaar ID, APAAR ID and UDISE+ database shall be allowed.

7. Looking forward to your suggestions and cooperation in this matter. This would bring back focus on attention to detail while creating identity documents.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely,

(Sanjay Kumar)

Encl. As above

Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary (School Education), All States and UTs.

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