GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
SAMAGRA SHIKSHA

No.1224-1/SS/MIS/2024-25   Puducherry, dated 31-12-2024
CIRCULAR

Sub: SS – APAAR ID as Primary Student Identifier for School and
Higher Education Examinations - Reg.

Ref: 1. Circular no.2409/DSE/SS/APAAR/2024-25, dt. 27.09.2024
2. Circular no.1224/SS/MIS/2024-25, dt. 04.11.2024
3. D.O.No.1-27/2023-DIGED-Part(1), dt.27.12.2024, DSE&L,
MoE, New Delhi.
4. D.O.No.16-5/2020-TEL-Part(2), dt.25.11.2024, DSE&L, MoE,
New Delhi.

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As you are aware, the APAAR ID system is designed to provide a unique, lifelong 12-digit identifier for all school-enrolled students.

It is important to initiate integration of APAAR IDs with all government-run platforms and application used for various stages of a student's life cycle.

In this regard, APAAR ID should be utilized as a primary identifier States/UTs for

1. All examinations/assessments conducted by State School Educational Boards.
2. All entrance tests/admissions/inter-school transfers or migration and scholarship linked examinations.
3. Any other large assessments or standardized testing being conducted.
4. Further, National Testing Agency (NTA) for National Level Entrance Examinations like JEE, CUET UG and NEET-UG.

The Head of the Institutions are requested to give top priority for generation of APAAR ID to all the students through the online UDISEPlus portal and complete it on or before **20.01.2025**. All the Block Offices are to assure this completion.

All the Inspecting Officers are requested to extend their utmost co-operation in this data collection exercise.

Strict Stipulation regarding this have been given by Govt. of India and the same are enclosed herewith.

//BY ORDER//

(N. DINAKAR)
STATE PROJECT DIRECTOR

To
All the Head of Schools in the UT of Puducherry
Copy to
1. All the Inspecting Officers in the UT of Puducherry
2. All the ADPCs and BRC Coordinators in DPO of the UT of Puducherry
3. The PS to DSE
4. The EDP Section, Pondicherry (to be host in the website)

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Sanjay Kumar, IAS
Secretary

D.O. No. 1-27/2023-DIGED-Part (1)   27ᵗʰ December, 2024

Subject: Implementation of APAAR ID as Primary Student Identifier for School and Higher Education Examinations.

Refer :- My letter(s) dated 2nd Sep 2024, 27th Nov 2024, 5th Dec 2024 regarding implementation of APAAR ID (enclosed).

I am happy to state that a good progress has been made for this initiative in a short span of time. More than 8 Crore APAAR ID have been validated and assigned across 9 lakh schools, with more than 1.70 Cr APAAR IDs in Secondary and Senior Secondary Classes.

The primary objective of the APAAR ID is to help ensure a comprehensive and seamless record of a student's academic journey across key touch-points. It is important to establish the APAAR ID as a single student identifier that encapsulates the student's journey, covering both academic and non-academic endeavours. This aligns with the vision of the National Education Policy of 2020 with its emphasis to use digital technology for tracking students learning outcomes.

As a next step, it is important to initiate integration of APAAR IDs with all government-run platforms and applications used at various stages of a student's life cycle.

In this regard, APAAR ID should be utilized as a primary identifier by States/UTs for

1. All examinations/assessments conducted by State School Educational Boards

2. All entrance tests/ admissions/ inter-school transfers or migration and scholarship linked examinations

3. Any other large assessments or standardized testing being conducted

This would inter-alia entail the following **minimal five (5) identified Activities on the digital platforms**:

- o Incorporating APAAR ID as a universal and default login functionality in relevant IT/digital platforms for above mentioned areas

- o Enabling e-KYC (Know Your Candidate) processes under candidate consent to prefill application forms

- o Identification and uploading issued documents to APAAR ID linked Digilocker account

- o Ensuring consent based document sharing through Digilocker
- o APAAR ID linked data should be reflected on the State/UT Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK)

Further, National Testing Agency (NTA has already been requested vide D.O. letter dated 25.11.2024 (enclosed) that for national-level entrance examinations like JEE, CUET UG,

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and NEET-UG, APAAR ID will serve as the primary identification mechanism. Hence, there should be continued focus on saturating APAAR IDs Secondary and Senior Secondary classes on a priority basis.

Considering the criticality of this initiative to create an ecosystem of **Ease of Education**, it is important that you directly drive the activities in this regard. UDISE+ would continue to be the single source of truth for APAAR ID going forward. SPDs may be requested to continue as Nodal Officer and ensure creation 100% APAAR IDs in all Schools (across all management types) in your State/UT.

May I request you that, all five (5) identified Activities for Digital platforms should be completed on or before 31st March 2025 to ensure successful implementation of APAAR ID in the next academic session.

Shri Anandrao V. Patil, AS(Digital & PMPY) (Tel. No. 011-23383226, Email: aspmpy-moe@gov.in) and Shri Gaurav Singh, Director(Digital) (Mob:8879260858, Email: gauravsingh.dhe@gov.in) will continue to coordinate for APAAR ID led activities and facilitate support as needed in this endeavour.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Sanjay Kumar)

Encl: As above

To,

Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary (School Education) of all States/UTs.

Copy to :

State Project Director (School Education) of all States/UTs.

27/12/2024

(Sanjay Kumar)

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D.O. No. 16-5/2020-TEL-Part(2)

Respected Sir,

The NEP 2020 envisions a higher education system with large, multidisciplinary universities and colleges. It aims to create flexible, credit-based curricular structures, removing rigid boundaries and fostering lifelong learning with multiple entry and exit points.

2. To support this vision, APAAR ID under Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) has been established which digitally stores academic credits earned from recognized HEIs. APAAR ID promotes flexibility of curriculum and interdisciplinary/ multidisciplinary academic mobility of students across the Higher Education Institutions with appropriate "Credit Transfer" mechanism. As on date, more than 3.5 Crore+ APAAR IDs have been successfully created across the Higher Education.

3. The objective of the APAAR ID is to ensure a comprehensive record of a student's academic journey. Moving forward, the Ministry of Education plans to establish the APAAR ID as a single student identifier that encapsulates student's journey covering both academic and non-academic endeavors. This aligns with the vision of the 'One Nation, One Student ID' program, in accordance with the National Education Policy of 2020.To realize this vision, it is necessary to establish a clear understanding of the students' journey and identify stakeholders involved throughout the entire student journey with a clear coverage of academic and non-academic endeavors.

4. Thus, the Department of Higher Education plans to initiate efforts towards creation of a two-way integration of APAAR IDs with all government-run platforms and applications utilized at various stages of a student's life cycle. This integration includes incorporating APAAR login functionality in the platforms which will facilitate seamless document sharing and e-KYC (Know Your Candidate) processes under candidate consent. Additionally, it will allow platforms to upload issued documents to the Digilocker/National Academic Depository (NAD) or Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), mapped with APAAR IDs.

5. One of such identified platforms for integration with APAAR ID are the NTA entrance test applications and in this respect, it is requested that NTA may take necessary steps in coordination with the Digital India Corporation team in making APAAR Id as a primary identifier for any entrance examination and to begin with it for JEE, CUET UG and NEET UG examinations and enabling e-KYC features. Further it should be ensured that the result of the entrance test is deposited in the APAAR ID linked Digilocker account of the student.
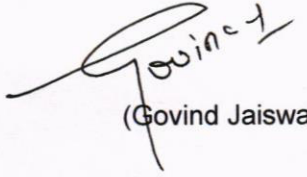
Further Mr Gaurav Khare, Senior Manager from the Digital India Corporation (DIC) is identified as the nodal person from the Ministry side to initiate this process of integration.

For any assistance, you may contact following Nodal person:

(i) Mr. Gaurav Singh, Director, Ministry of Education, (gauravsingh.dhe@gov.in, Mob: +91 88792 60858).
(ii) Mr. Gaurav Khare, Senior Manager, Digital India Corporation (DIC) (gaurav.khare1@digitalindia.gov.in, Mob: +91 98910 81761)

    With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Govind Jaiswal)

To,

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