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# UIDAI and National Forensic Sciences University Sign Five-Year Agreement on Cybersecurity

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The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) signed a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation in the fields of cybersecurity, digital forensics, and capacity building. The partnership aims to strengthen India's digital identity security framework and improve cyber resilience.?

## **Objectives of the UIDAI–NFSU Partnership:**

### **The agreement seeks to promote collaboration in:**

Cybersecurity research and innovation

Digital forensic investigation

Capacity building and specialised training

Development of secure digital identity systems

Knowledge sharing in cybercrime prevention

The collaboration will also support advanced research and skill development related to Aadhaar security systems and digital authentication technologies.

## **Importance of Cybersecurity in Digital Governance:**

**With increasing digitalisation of governance and financial systems, cybersecurity has become critical for:**

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Protection of citizens' digital identity

Prevention of cyber fraud and identity theft

Secure delivery of e-governance services

Protection of sensitive biometric data

Strengthening trust in digital platforms

India's expanding digital ecosystem under initiatives such as Digital India requires robust cyber defence and forensic capabilities.

### **About UIDAI:**

The Unique Identification Authority of India is a statutory authority established under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) under the Aadhaar Act, 2016. It is responsible for issuing Aadhaar, the world's largest biometric-based digital identity system.

### **Key Functions:**

Issuance of Aadhaar numbers

Authentication and verification services

Management of biometric and demographic database

Ensuring data security and privacy standards

### **About National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU)**

National Forensic Sciences University is an Institution of National Importance under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). It specialises in forensic science, cybersecurity, criminology, and digital investigation studies.

### **Areas of Expertise:**

Digital forensics

Cybercrime investigation

Information security

Criminology and forensic science

Artificial Intelligence in forensic analysis

### **Significance of Digital Forensics:**

Digital forensics involves the identification, collection, analysis, and preservation of electronic evidence for investigation and legal purposes.

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## **Applications:**

Cybercrime investigation

Financial fraud detection

Data breach analysis

National security investigations

Electronic evidence examination

Modern digital forensics increasingly uses Artificial Intelligence and advanced analytics to improve investigation efficiency.