

UIDAI enrolls over 79 lakh children under Bal Aadhaar initiative in last four months

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The Bal Aadhaar, a **precursor to a standard Aadhaar**, is issued in **blue colour to children aged up to five**. Upon expiration, a regular Aadhaar is issued.

"Bal Aadhaar works as a facilitator in availing several welfare benefits, and also works as a digital photo identity for children.

For Aadhaar enrolment of children in the age group of 0-5 years, (finger prints and iris) biometrics are not collected. It is carried out **based on facial image of the child, and biometric authentication of the parent/guardian** (having a valid Aadhaar).

A proof of relationship document (preferably birth certificate) is collected at the time of enrolment for Bal Aadhaar.

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