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## WHY IN NEWS

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with CE Info Systems Ltd. (MapmyIndia) on April 1, 2026, enabling citizens to locate over 60,000 Aadhaar enrolment centres and Aadhaar Seva Kendras (ASKs) through the Mappls navigation app.

## THE MOU: KEY DETAILS

- **Signed:** April 1, 2026 between UIDAI and MapmyIndia (CE Info Systems Ltd.)
- **Purpose:** Integrate UIDAI-provided centre location data into the Mappls app with accurate geo-listing and categorised search



- **Coverage:** 60,000+ Aadhaar enrolment centres and ASKs across India
- **Rollout:** Within 2 months of signing
- **Filters:** Citizens can search by service type — adult enrolment, child enrolment, address update, mobile update, biometric update
- **Objective:** Help citizens easily locate authorised centres, and prevent confusion with fake/unauthorised operators

## ABOUT MAPMYINDIA (CE INFO SYSTEMS LTD.)

FEATURE	DETAILS
Full Name	CE Info Systems Ltd.
Consumer Brand	Mappl (navigation and mapping app)
Type	India's largest indigenous digital mapping company
Listed on	BSE and NSE (IPO: December 2021)
Key products	Mappl (B2C navigation), MapmyIndia APIs (B2B), MOVE platform
Government use	NavIC integration, NIC maps, election logistics, disaster management
Differentiation	Fully indigenous; alternative to Google Maps/Apple Maps for sensitive government data

MapmyIndia has positioned itself as the **indigenous alternative to global mapping giants**, critical for:

- Government applications that cannot use foreign platforms for sensitive location data
- Offline-capable maps for remote/border areas
- NavIC (India's indigenous GPS system) integration

## AADHAAR SEVA KENDRAS (ASKS)

**ASKs** are dedicated Aadhaar service centres set up by UIDAI with enhanced facilities:

- **Premium centres** with appointment-based access, air-conditioned facilities, and professional staff
- Offer both basic (address/mobile update) and complex (biometric update, child enrolment) services
- Located at post offices, banking correspondents, Common Service Centres (CSCs), and state government offices

As of 2026, India has:

- Over **1.4 billion Aadhaar enrolments** (covering ~99% of adults)
- More than **60,000 enrolment centres** across the country

## UIDAI: INSTITUTIONAL BACKGROUND

### History

- **Established:** Initially as an authority by executive order in **January 2009**; given statutory basis by the **Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016**
- **Under:** Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi

### Supreme Court Verdict (2018)

- In **Justice K.S. Puttaswamy vs. Union of India (2018)**, a five-judge constitution bench upheld Aadhaar as constitutionally valid for welfare subsidies and government benefits
- However, the court ruled:
  - Aadhaar **cannot be mandatory** for private entities (banks, telecom)
  - Children cannot be denied welfare benefits for lack of Aadhaar
  - Section 57 (allowing private entities to use Aadhaar) was struck down

### Key Aadhaar Architecture

- 12-digit unique identification number linked to biometrics (fingerprints, iris scans) and demographics
- Authentication APIs used for **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** across 300+ central schemes
- **Virtual Aadhaar ID (VID):** 16-digit temporary ID for privacy protection during authentication
- **Masked Aadhaar:** Shows only last 4 digits for partial disclosure

## DIGITAL INDIA AND AADHAAR INTEGRATION

Aadhaar underpins India's **JAM (Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile)** trinity — the architecture for financial inclusion and subsidy delivery:

- **Jan Dhan accounts:** Bank accounts for the unbanked
- **Aadhaar:** Identity verification
- **Mobile:** Digital payment and communication channel



The MOU with MapmyIndia extends Aadhaar's service delivery reach in line with **Digital India** and **Ease of Living** principles. An earlier tie-up with **Google Maps** served a similar purpose; the MapmyIndia MOU is part of government preference for indigenous platforms for sensitive data applications.

## UPSC RELEVANCE

### GS Paper 2 — Governance

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- Digital India initiative and e-governance
- Welfare service delivery through JAM architecture
- Privacy vs. utility debate in Aadhaar (Puttaswamy judgment)
- Role of UIDAI in identity infrastructure

### GS Paper 3 — Economy

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- Financial inclusion: DBT, JAM trinity, banking correspondent model
- MapmyIndia's role as indigenous digital infrastructure company

### Mains Question

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“The Puttaswamy judgment struck a balance between the utility of Aadhaar and the right to privacy. Critically analyse the implications for welfare delivery and data governance in India.” (250 words)

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**UIDAI-MAPMYINDIA MOU:**

Date: April 1, 2026

MapmyIndia brand: Mapppls; full name: CE Info Systems Ltd.

Aadhaar centres listed: 60,000+; rollout: within 2 months

Filters: adult enrolment, child enrolment, address/mobile/biometric update

**UIDAI:**

Est. January 2009 (executive order); statutory: Aadhaar Act, 2016

Under: MeitY; HQ: New Delhi

Aadhaar enrolments: 1.4 billion+ (as of 2026)

**AADHAAR ACT, 2016:**

Full name: Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016

SC verdict: Puttaswamy (2018) — upheld for welfare; struck down Section 57 (private use)

**JAM TRINITY:**

Jan Dhan (bank account) + Aadhaar (identity) + Mobile (payment/communication)

Underpins Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) across 300+ central schemes

**MAPMYINDIA:**

Listed: BSE and NSE (IPO: December 2021)

Indigenous; NavIC-integrated; used by NIC, election logistics, disaster management

Sources: [PIB](#), [UIDAI](#), [MapmyIndia](#)

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