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# Biometrics: India's Singular Contributions

## Legal Identity for All





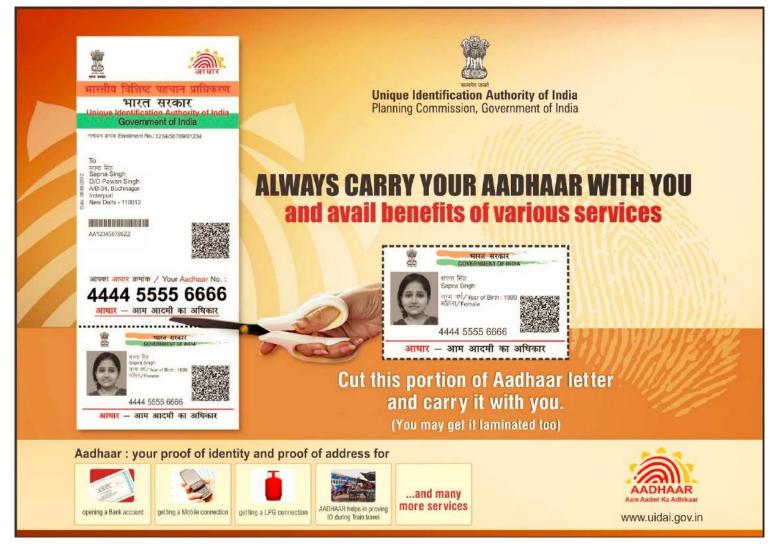
**Vaccination Clinic** 

**Food distribution** 

U.N. Sustainable Development Goal (16.9): "By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration."

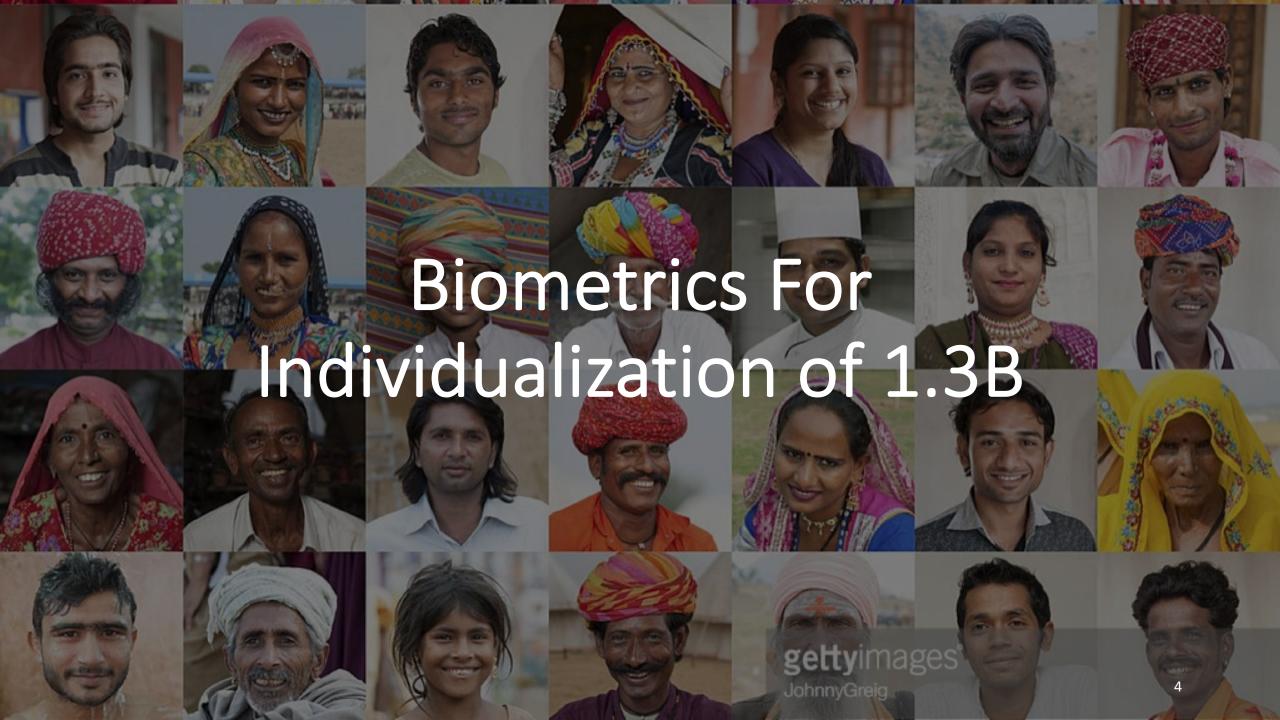
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# Aadhaar: World's Largest Identity System



Mera Aadhaar, Meri Pehchaan

~1.244 billion unique Aadhaar issued



#### **Biometrics**

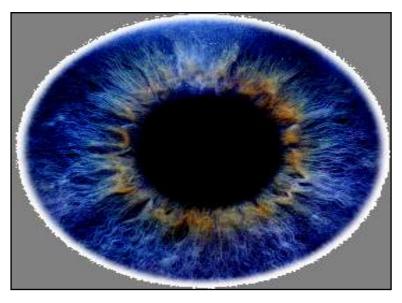
- Biometrics: You are your password (Bios: life; Metron: a measure)
- Biometric matching ensures "one person, one Aadhaar" and provides a "verifiable identity"



**Fingerprint** 



**Face** 



Iris

# Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)

To empower residents of India with a unique identity and a digital platform to authenticate anytime, anywhere.

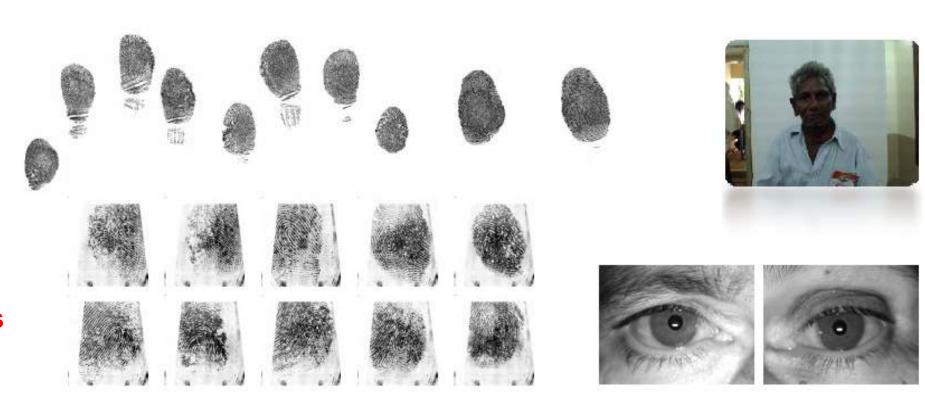


- Established in 2009
- No other country has been able to replicate such a large and successful system

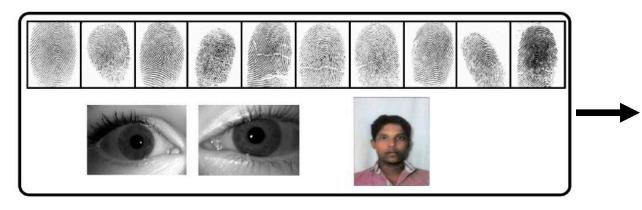
### **Enrollment**



**Proof of Identity, address and relationship; DoB** 

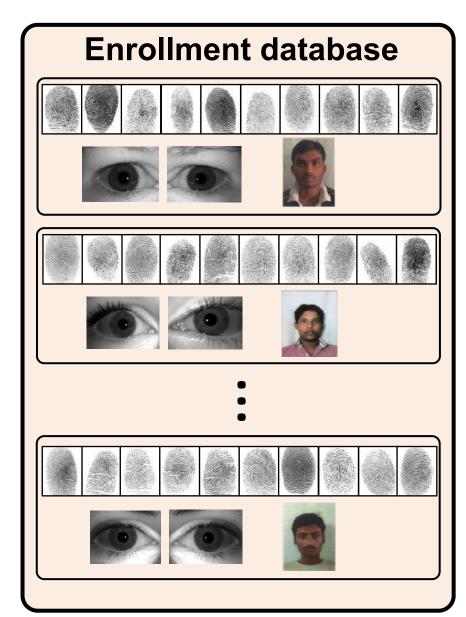


# **De-duplication**



**New Applicant** 

Fusion of face, fingerprint and iris improves finding duplicates



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#### **Aadhaar Authentication**



~30 million authentication transactions/day

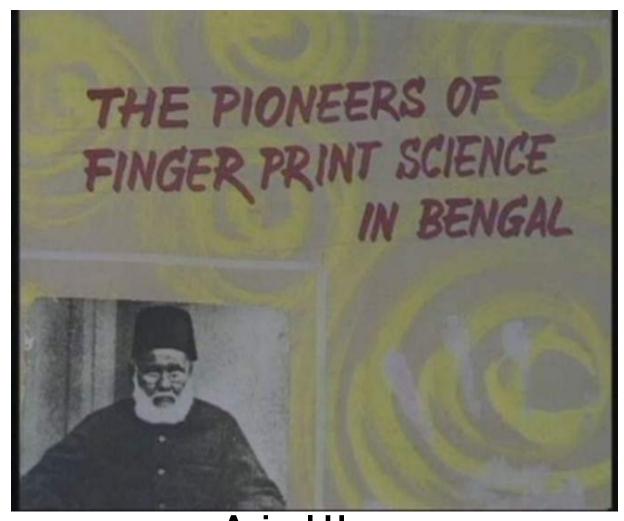
# Supreme Court upholds the constitutional validity of Aadhaar



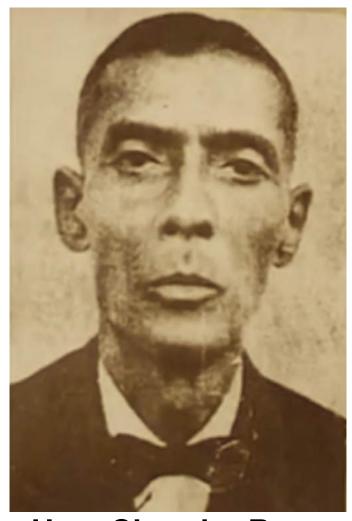
"Aadhaar gives dignity to the marginalized.

Dignity to the marginalized outweighs privacy" -

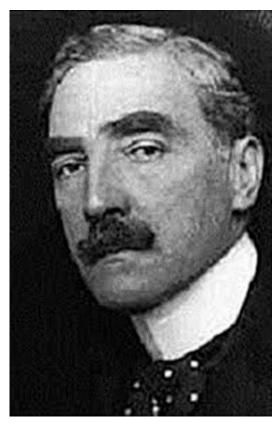
# Forgotten Indian Wizards



**Azizul Haque** 

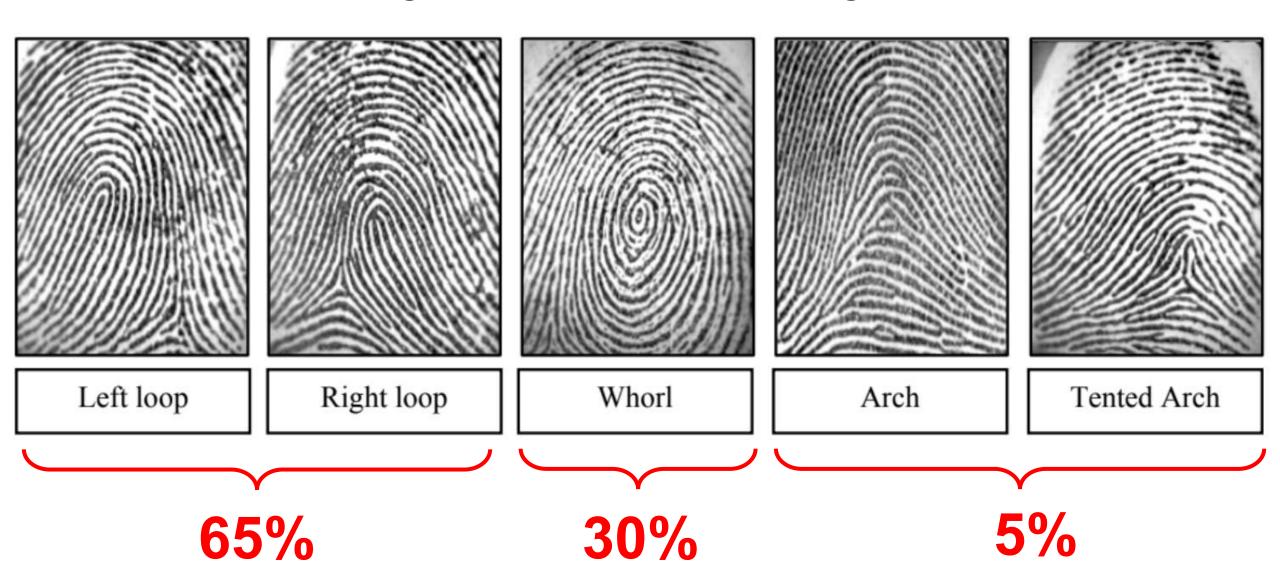


**Hem Chandra Bose** 



Edward Henry, IG Bengal Police, took the credit (1899)

## **Henry Classification System**

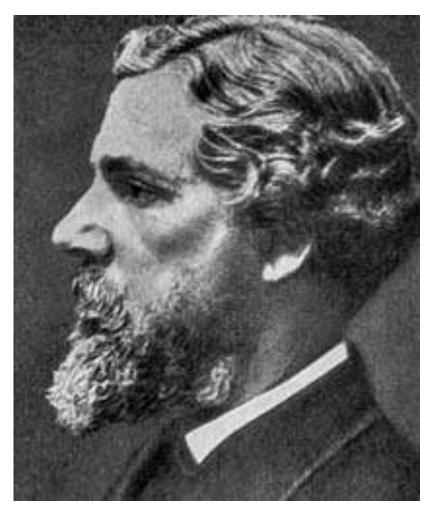


# **Manual Classification and Matching**



Michigan State Police, 1960s

### William Herschel: Fingerprints/Handprints



**Posted in India, 1853-1878** 



To avoid impersonation and fraud related to contracts and wage payments

# Oldest Fingerprint Bureau, Calcutta



http://www.aparchive.com/metadata/youtube/aa45e16396fc636eb59a816a eb6063a7

### What's Next?

### **Growing Use of Face Recognition**



Pedestrians walk past a surveillance camera near Parliament House in New Delhi. Photographer: Anindito Mukherjee/Bloomberg

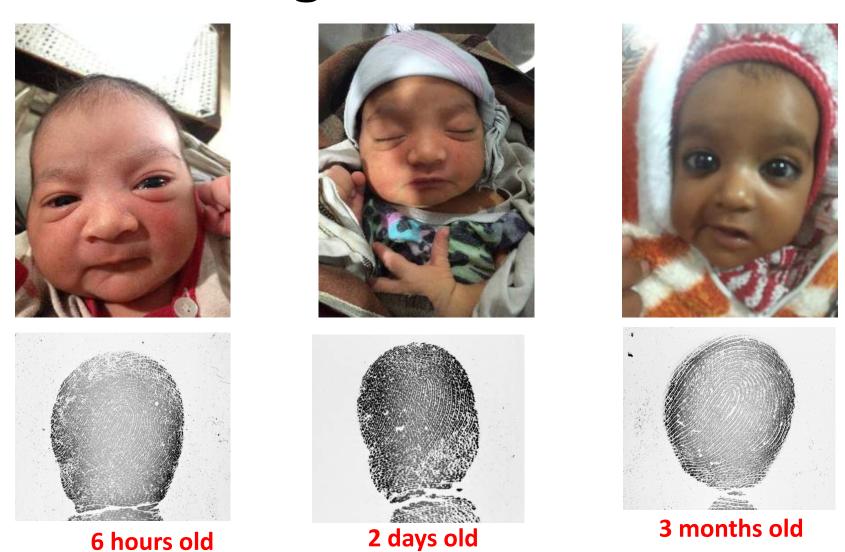


**Entry into the Unites States** 



**Exit from the United States** 

# Recognition of Infants



To provide legal identity for all, we must recognize ~130M newborns

# **Image Quality**

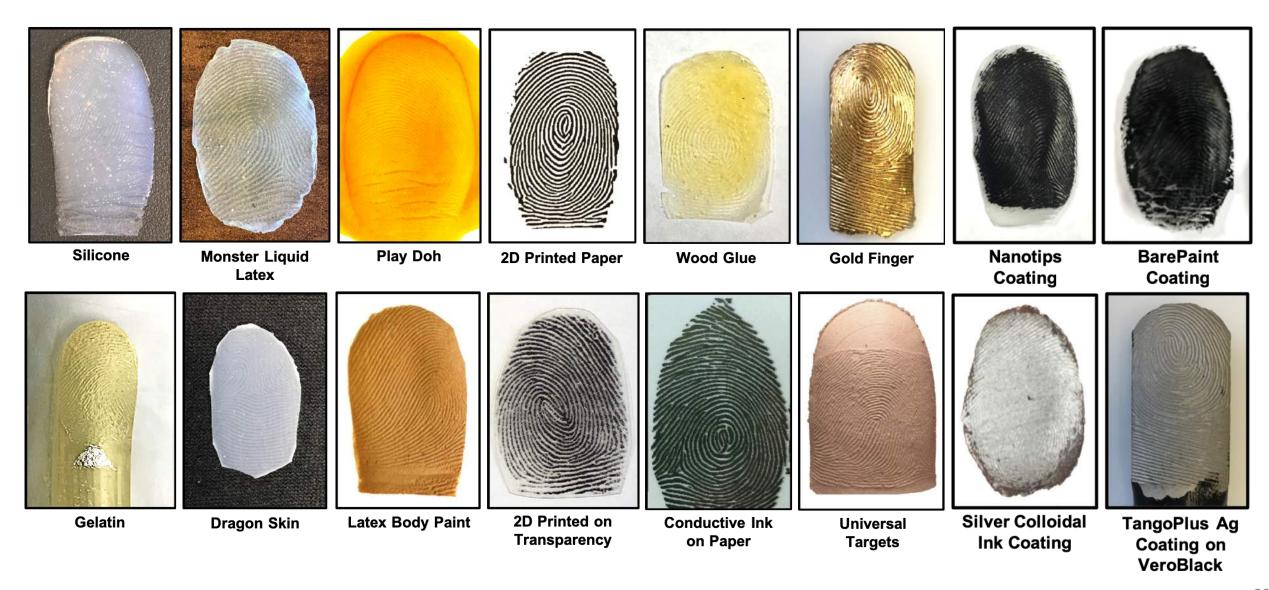


Worn out & damaged fingers



Henna

# **Fingerprint Spoofs**



# **Privacy**

- Biometrics (fingerprints, voice, face) user ID & passwords of over 1M were compromised (August 2019)
- Privacy regulations:
  - GDPR, 2018
  - Non-invertible biometric encryption for secure matching



### Summary





#### **Biometrics**

 Only way to ensure: one person, one Aadhar!

#### **India's Contributions**

- Henry classification system
- Oldest fingerprint bureau
- Herschel: civil application (1877)
- Aadhaar: World's Largest biometric system (2009-)



#### Responsible use

- Privacy & security
- Fair & ethical use