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**Tripura Launches Special Drive for Aadhaar
Enrollment of Children Aged 0–5 Years**

In a significant move to boost Aadhaar coverage among children, the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Tripura has mandated the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to enroll children between the ages of zero and five years. This initiative aims to bridge the Aadhaar registration gap in this age group, where Tripura currently stands at 34 percent, slightly below the national average of 38 percent.

To facilitate the enrollment process a total of 138 C.E.L.C. biometric kits have been purchased. The kits ordered in March were formally received on April 22 at a program attended by Secretary of Health and Family Welfare Kiran Gitte, Director of Health Department Prof. (Dr.) Tapan Majumder, and UIDAI officials.

The department, in collaboration with UIDAI, will conduct extensive training programs for shortlisted candidates who will serve as Aadhaar operators. Region-wise training is scheduled to begin in the first week of May. These operators will be deployed across district hospitals, community health centres, primary health centres and birth registration units statewide.

With an estimated population of 2.87 lakh children aged 0–5 years in Tripura, only 98,000 have been issued Aadhaar cards so far. The department aims to launch the statewide enrollment drive within the next three months to significantly improve these numbers and ensure better access to health and social welfare services for children.
