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All Member Banks
Lead District Managers
SLBC, Maharashtra.

Subject : Temporary closure of Aadhaar Enrolment Centre (AEC) functioning till 31.03.2020 at Bank branches in view of the pandemics of CORONA (COVID-19)

All are aware that Govt. of India on 14.03.2020 has declared the pandemic COVID-19 as a **notified disaster under the Disaster Management Act 2005.**

Meanwhile Banks received advisory from UIDAI on 12.03.2020 & 20.03.2020.

Sensing usual rush at AECs, in addition to regular Bank customer visiting branches, we approached UIDAI favouring closure of AECs as a measure to tackle threat of contamination, vide our letter dated 17.03.2020.

District collectors of few district in the State have already suspended working of AECs. Besides, many Member Banks have approached us for suspension of AECs.

Secondly, vide our communication dated 21.03.2020 we approached **Hon'ble Chief Secretary, Govt. of Maharashtra** for temporary closure of AECs, till 31.03.2020.

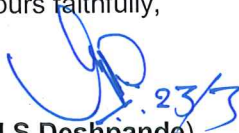
Further, on 22.03.2020 during the Press conference, **Hon'ble Chief Minister, State of Maharashtra** has announced imposition of **Section 144** on the State from 23.03.2020, till 31.03.2020, which disallows gathering of more than 5 persons at a place. It is also announced that Banks will be keep open "**Essential Services / Activities**".

In this backdrop, AECs not being essential service, **Additional Director General, UIDAI** consented our decision for closure of AECs temporarily till 31.03.2020.

Accordingly, with a view to tackle pandemic of COVID -19 by ensuring check on people gathering at Branches, amid the prevailing imposition of **Section 144**, we advise **Member Banks to suspend their AECs, temporarily till 31.03.2020.** Further, guidelines will be given depending upon the situation & announcements by authorities concerned.

This is for your information and urgent action.

Yours faithfully,


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Convenor, SLBC, Maharashtra.

