
5. Aadhaar Linking in India

Why in News?

- Recently the Election Commission (EC), over 60% of India's 94.5 crore voters have linked their Aadhaar number to their voter IDs.

Highlights

- Tripura has the highest rate of Aadhaar linking, with over 92% of voters in the state providing their Aadhaar details to the EC.
- Lakshadweep and Madhya Pradesh have the second and third highest rates of Aadhaar linking, with over 91% and 86% of voters having provided the number respectively.
- Southern states have lower proportions of Aadhaar registration compared to the national average, with Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka falling shy of 71%, and Tamil Nadu and Kerala standing around 63% and 61%.
- Gujarat has the lowest Aadhaar registration by voters, with only 31.5% of voters linking the document to their voter registration.
- Also, less than 34% of voters in Delhi had their Aadhaar linked.
- Along with pursuing the Aadhaar-Voter ID integration, the government shall also look forward to enacting the Digital Personal Data Protection(DPDP) Bill, 2022.
- The DPDP regime must also apply to government entities and require them to obtain an individual's explicit consent before sharing their data across various government institutions.