

Introduction to E-Government

Exercise: 5

Subject: ANALYISING PROJECTS REGARDING ONCE-ONLY

PRINCIPLE

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Project Overview – UMANG (Federal level)



- UMANG (Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance) was launched by the Ministry of Electronics and IT
- ➤ Offers access to 1,700+ services from 210+ departments on a single platform
- Targets simplification and digitization of citizengovernment interaction
- Supports regional languages and rural access via mobile

Services include:

- Filing income tax returns
- Booking gas cylinders
- Paying utility bills and traffic fines
- Accessing health records and pension data



https://web.umang.gov.in/landing/

Once-Only Principle Implementation In UMANG



Centralized Data Hub:

✓ Aadhaar-based authentication ensures a unique identity

Pre-filled Forms:

✓ Reuses existing data from previous submissions across services

Interlinked Services:

- ✓ Example: Taxpayer PAN details used in passport applications
- ✓ Health insurance applications pull income records from tax data

Data Sharing via APIs:

- ✓ APIs allow secure, controlled data flow across ministries
- ✓ Reduces manual verification steps

Enablers of OOP in UMANG



Aadhaar Infrastructure:

✓ Verifiable digital identity with minimal error

API Gateway:

✓ Real-time communication between UMANG and government services

Cloud & Hosting Backbone:

- ✓ Maintained by NIC (National Informatics Centre)
- ✓ Ensures high availability, scalability

Unified Login System:

✓ SSO for all departments – once logged in, access is seamless

DigiLocker & eKYC:

✓ Citizens can store, retrieve, and authorize official documents securely

Benefits Achieved



Reduced Redundancy:

✓ Fewer repetitive form submissions and fewer in-person visits

Faster Turnaround Time:

✓ Real-time form submission and approvals

Cost Efficiency:

✓ Saves administrative time and resource cost

Increased Trust and Transparency:

✓ Clear consent mechanisms and data visibility

Inclusivity:

✓ Rural reach through mobile access; supports multiple Indian languages

Limitations & Challenges



Departmental Silos:

✓ Not all ministries have exposed APIs or digitlized backend systems

Consent Management:

✓ Currently lacks granular user control over which department accesses what

Data Privacy Concerns:

✓ Public awareness of data policies and opt-in transparency is low

Infrastructure Limitations:

✓ Rural areas with poor mobile or internet connectivity face issues

Interoperability Gaps:

✓ Legacy systems and newer platforms often misalign

Expansion Scenario – "UMANG for Employment"



New Initiative: UMANG Integration with Employment Services

Objective: Create an OOP-centric job and employment ecosystem

Integrated Platforms:

- Skill India (training & certification)
- ➤ National Career Service (NCS)
- > EPFO (pension fund) & ESIC (insurance)

Citizen Journey:

- Aadhaar-based registration
- > Auto-import qualifications, job history from Digilocker/Skill India
- ➤ One-click job applications with no re-uploads
- > Seamless tracking of PF & ESIC after employment

How Scenario Enhances OOP



Cross-Department Data Flow:

- ✓ Skill certifications → matched with job profiles on NCS
- ✓ Education records from DigiLocker → shared with EPFO for verification

Improved Efficiency:

✓ No need to submit physical copies to each employer or job portal

Example Flow:

✓ Degree uploaded once → validated by education board → used for job, tax benefits, skill upgrades

Dynamic Profile Updates:

✓ Job switch triggers updates in EPFO, ESIC, and income tax records automatically

Conclusion & Recommendations



UMANG aligns with OOP through:

- ✓ Unified access
- ✓ Cross-agency integration
- ✓ Aadhaar-backed identity & data reuse

Recommendations:

- ✓ Extend OOP to sectors like employment, education loans, transport permits
- ✓ Strengthen data protection laws and user control
- ✓ Incentivize backend digitization in lagging ministries
- ✓ Improve UI/UX and language accessibility for wider adoption

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