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Director General Postal Services has recently inaugurated **first** Permanent Aadhaar Enrolment Centre (PAEC) for Army through **Army Postal Service**.



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About the PAEC services:

- The **PAEC** will facilitate **Aadhaar related services** such as **enrolment** and **updatation** for **tri-services personnel** (Defence & civil) and their **dependents** through their **Field Post Offices (FPO)**.
- The expansion of this service through more **FPOs** will help facilitate **troops** to get user friendly **government service** in their **vicinity**.
- This service will be provided in **48 locations** in the country.
 - These 48 PAEC will be functional in both **Field** and **Peace locations**.
- All Command Headquarters (HQs), Corps HQs and selected FPOs has to **establish** PAEC services.
- Department of Posts (DoP) and Unique Identification Authority of India (**UIDAI**) have provided **training, equipment's** and **tech support**.

About the Army Postal Service:

- The Army Postal Service (APS) is a government-operated **military mail system** in India.
- They are **subsidized** to ensure that **military mail** posted between **duty stations abroad** and the **home country** (or vice versa) does **not** cost the sender more than normal domestic mail traffic.
- It was established in 1856.
- **Headquarters:** Sena Dak Bhawan, Delhi
- **Badge:** consists of a **flying swan (Raj Hans)** encased by a **wheat stalk wreath** in a **semi-oval** shape.
 - The words '**Mail-Milap**' ('union through mail') and '**Sena Dak Seva**' in **Hindi** are embodied on **scrolls** in the badge.
- Officers are deputed from the **Indian Postal Service** and from the **Army Corps**.

- Army Postal Service is the **only** service that enables **civil service officers** to work in the **armed forces**.

Activities of Army Postal Service:

- The Army Postal Service provides **Postal, Remittance, Savings & Insurance** services to Army, Indian Navy, Air Force and Paramilitary forces personnel.
- It also provides services to **Indian troops** deployed with **United Nations Peace Keeping Forces** abroad.