

# Potentials of Smart Contracts in Digital India

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# What is a Smart Contract?

- A smart contract is a **self-executing program** that automates the actions required in an agreement or contract.
- Once completed, the transactions are trackable and irreversible.



# How do you make a program self-executable?



- You need
  - An execution platform such as a Virtual Machine
  - An event handling Interface
  - A way for the program to handle events and execute appropriate event-handling function causing state transitions
  - Deterministic Execution of Event handlers
- Are Event based programs such as GUIs or Web applications smart Contracts?
  - Is the state change irreversible?
  - Is the state change history immutable?
  - Is the state trajectory trackable?
  - Is the state information highly available?
  - Is the state information transparent?
  - Is the state change verifiable by anyone?

# Smart Contract Execution Eco-System



- Execution may require authentication
- Execution must be deterministic
- State must be replicated for high availability
- Public part of the State must be transparently visible
- History of the state change must be immutable
- The state changes must be verifiable by any one

# Blockchain as a Smart Contract Execution Platform



- Blockchain with a virtual execution engine such as ethereum virtual machine provides:
  - An execution platform that replicates execution across multiple nodes
  - Public state change is a transaction and recorded in the blocks
  - State change history is immutable
  - Any validating node can also execute the program to verify the state change
  - The replication of execution provides availability
  - Anyone with access to the blocks can track the entire state trajectory

# When does an Web Application Suffice?



- An Web Application is a self-executing program that respond to user events (transactions) and makes changes to data store and state of the program
- Why not use a web application as a “smart” contract?
  - You have no visibility to the application code and its execution states (transparency)
  - You have no access to the history of execution and whether the history of data store changes are immutable (integrity)
  - Peer to peer transactions going into a blackbox and trust is not built (trust between parties)
  - Friction in peer-to-peer transactions
  - Privacy

# IMPLEMENTATIONS



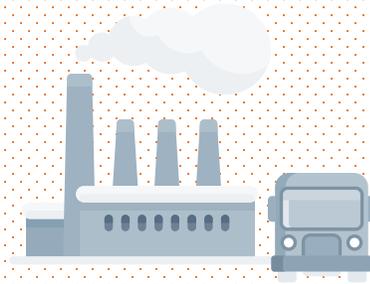
## VERIFIABLE CREDENTIALS VIA SELF-SOVEREIGN MECHANISM

Implemented in IITK, IITI,  
IGNOU, AKTU, NITR, NSDC



## LAND RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Implemented in Karnataka  
Planned in UP



## ADVANCING E-PROCUREMENT

Implemented in Karnataka



## TRANSFERRABLE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

Being Implemented in Kanpur

# 4 major projects

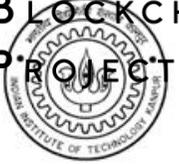
- Blockchain Based Land Record Registry
  - Kaveri Blockchain Project – State of Karnataka
- Blockchain Based eProcurement Integration
  - Karnataka Government – eGovernance Department
- Self-sovereign Identity (SSI)
  - SSI Based Degrees at IIT Kanpur, IIT Indore, IGNOU, NIT Rourkela
- Transferrable Digital Rights
  - Kanpur Development Authority – Token based DRCs

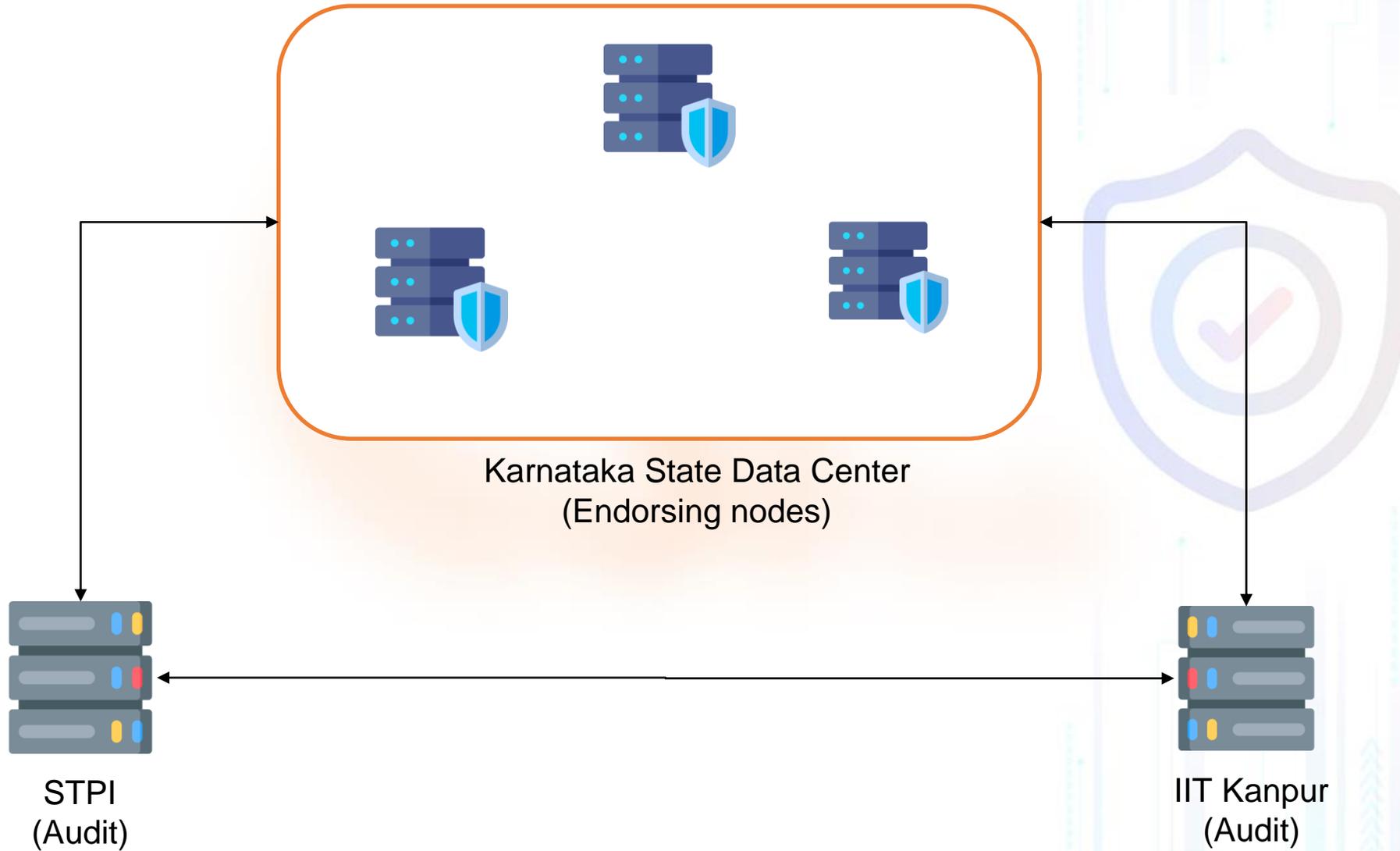


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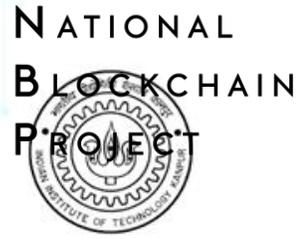


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**PROOF OF IDENTITY**

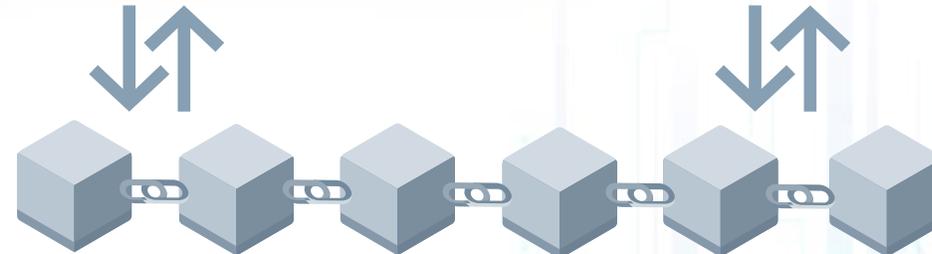
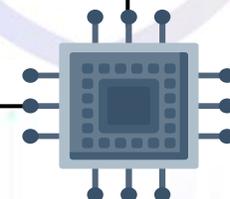


OR  
OTHER TYPES OF  
KYC

**PROOF OF  
OWNERSHIP**



**PROOF OF CONSENT**

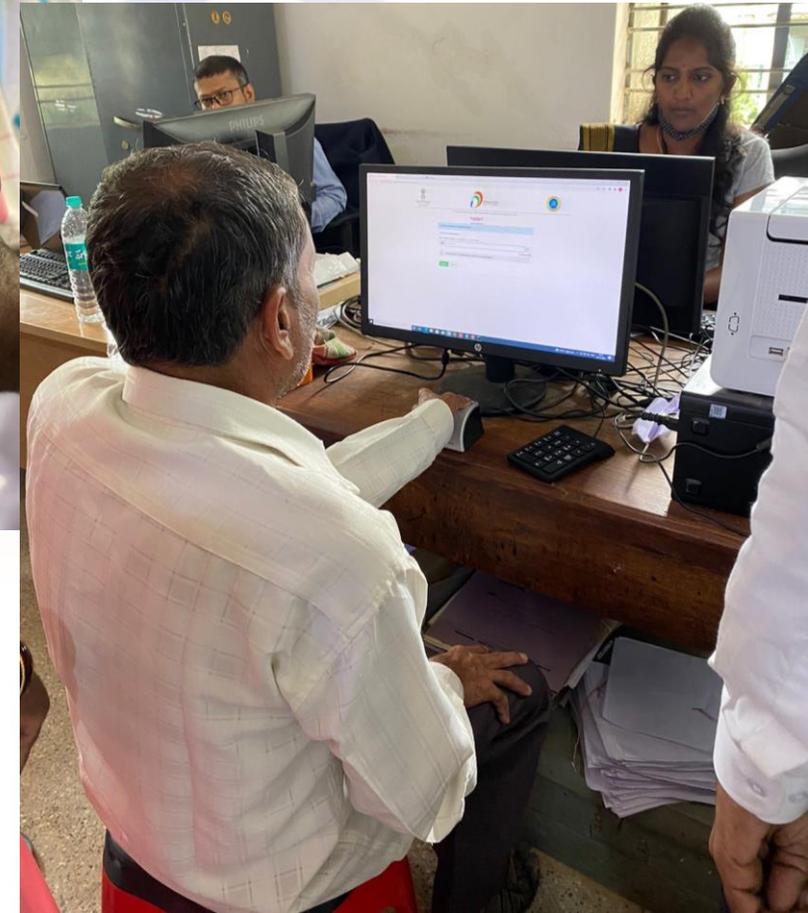
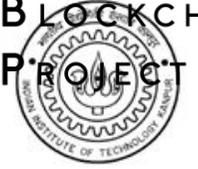


Permissioned Blockchain

# Glimpses



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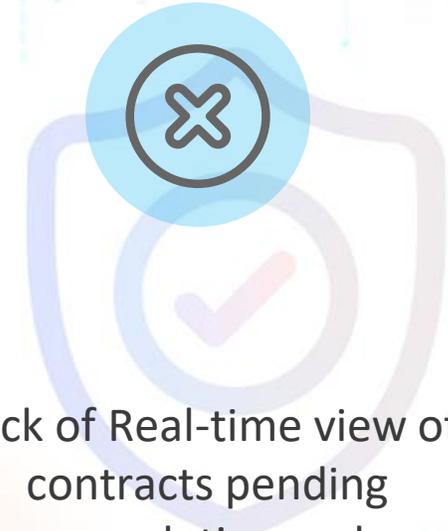
# eProcurement Integration Problem



- Multiple e-Government Procurement Portals across the Country with no shared view



Suppliers manage different identities which are not interoperable

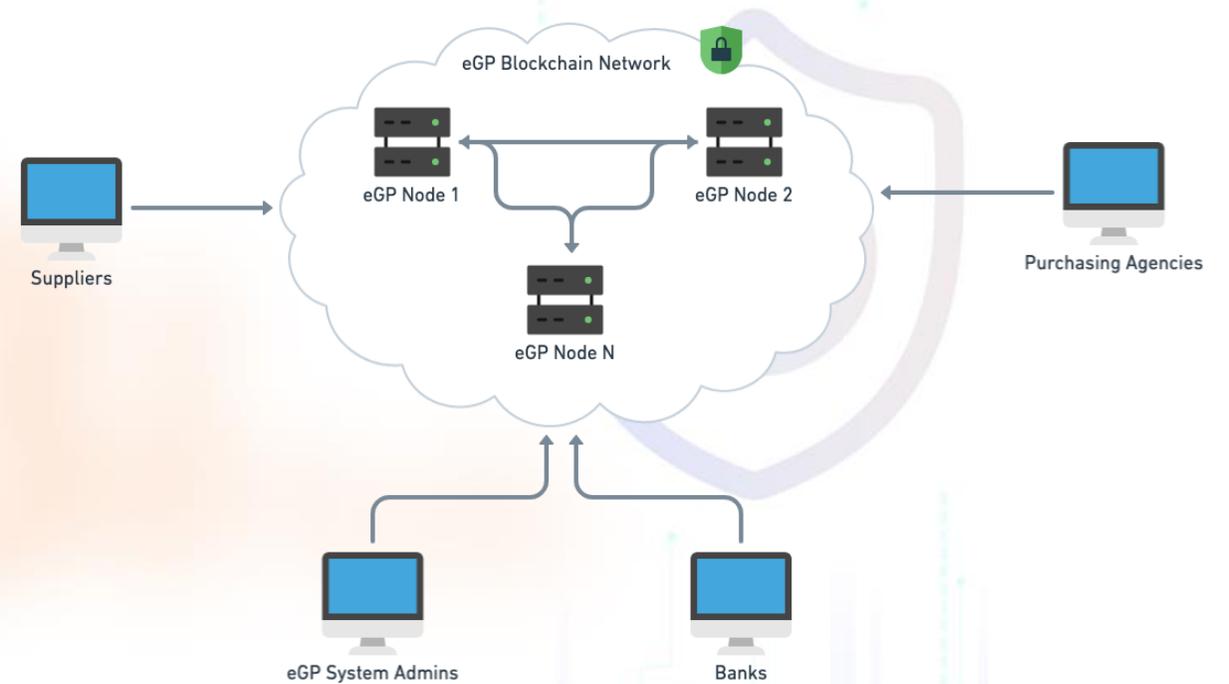


Lack of Real-time view of contracts pending completion and standardization of work experience certificates

# Solution



- A permissioned blockchain network setup between the e-GP Systems across the country
- Governed by the terms and conditions decided by the consortium of these e-GP Systems
- Will act as the national de-duplicated supplier datastore, with award of contracts and work experience certificates linked to supplier identity
- The supplier will be able to retrieve all the relevant data across all the e-GP Systems



# STATUS



e-Government Procurement Blockchain network went in live in January 2022. The government of Karnataka has onboarded the following States on the network

- Telangana
- Andhra Pradesh
- Chhattisgarh
- Assam

Following banks have also been onboarded to the network

- SBI
- Canara
- HDFC



# Transferable Development Rights



# What is TDR

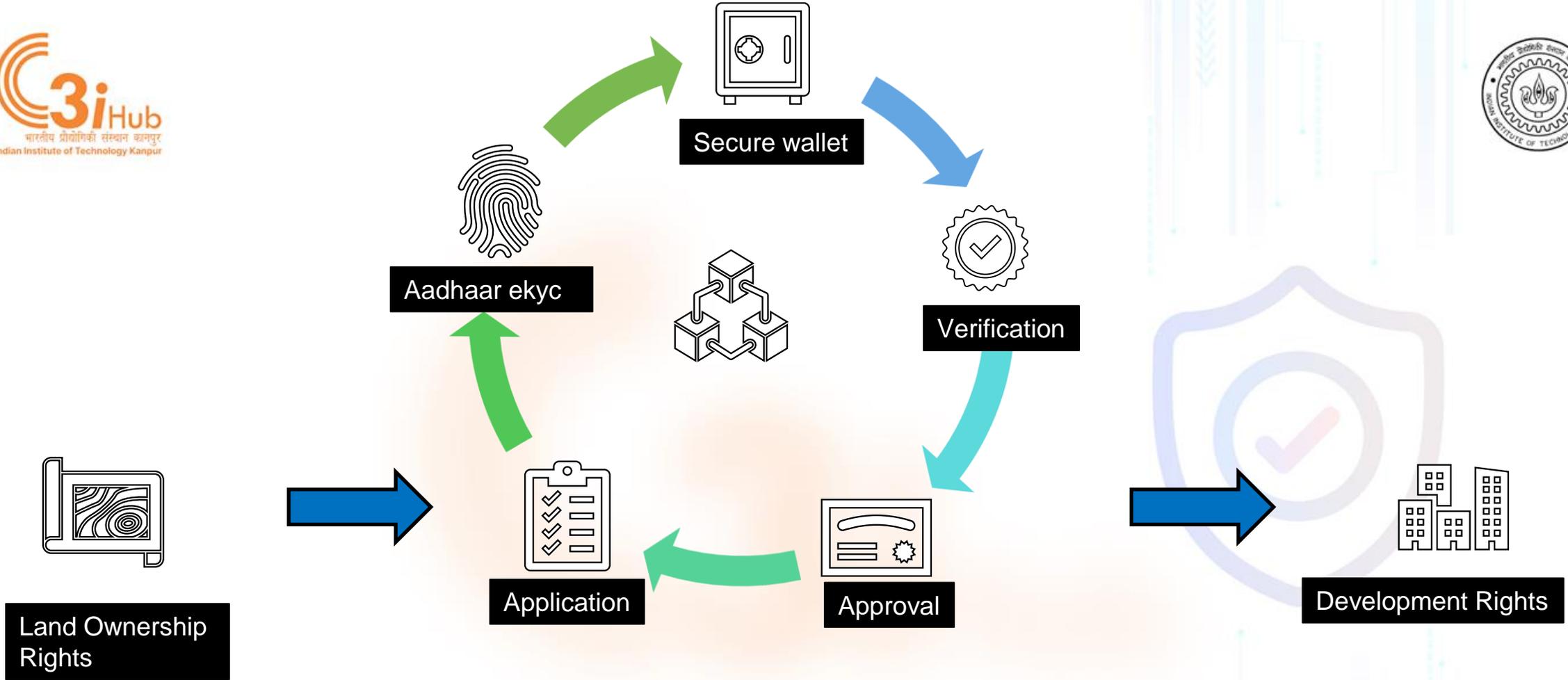
A concept used in town planning where land is acquired for development projects

Instead of paying monetary compensation, the land owner is given development rights, which he can either use himself or sell to another entity for use in development projects.

Helps development authorities acquire land without the burden of monetary compensation and provides landowners with an alternative form of compensation.

Implemented through the issuance of certificates, known as Development Rights Certificates (DRC), which represent the development rights.





# Solution Overview

# Advantages



Marketplace for Development rights

Integrated with Building Plan Approval Portal

Timebound Delivery of Service

Encrypted Wallet

Aadhar Based Identification

Traceable Ownership of Rights

Non-Repudiable Consent



# Self Sovereign Identity

A digital identity ecosystem enabling trusted, verifiable and privacy-preserving credential exchange interactions.

# Self sovereign identity



## Self Sovereignty - User

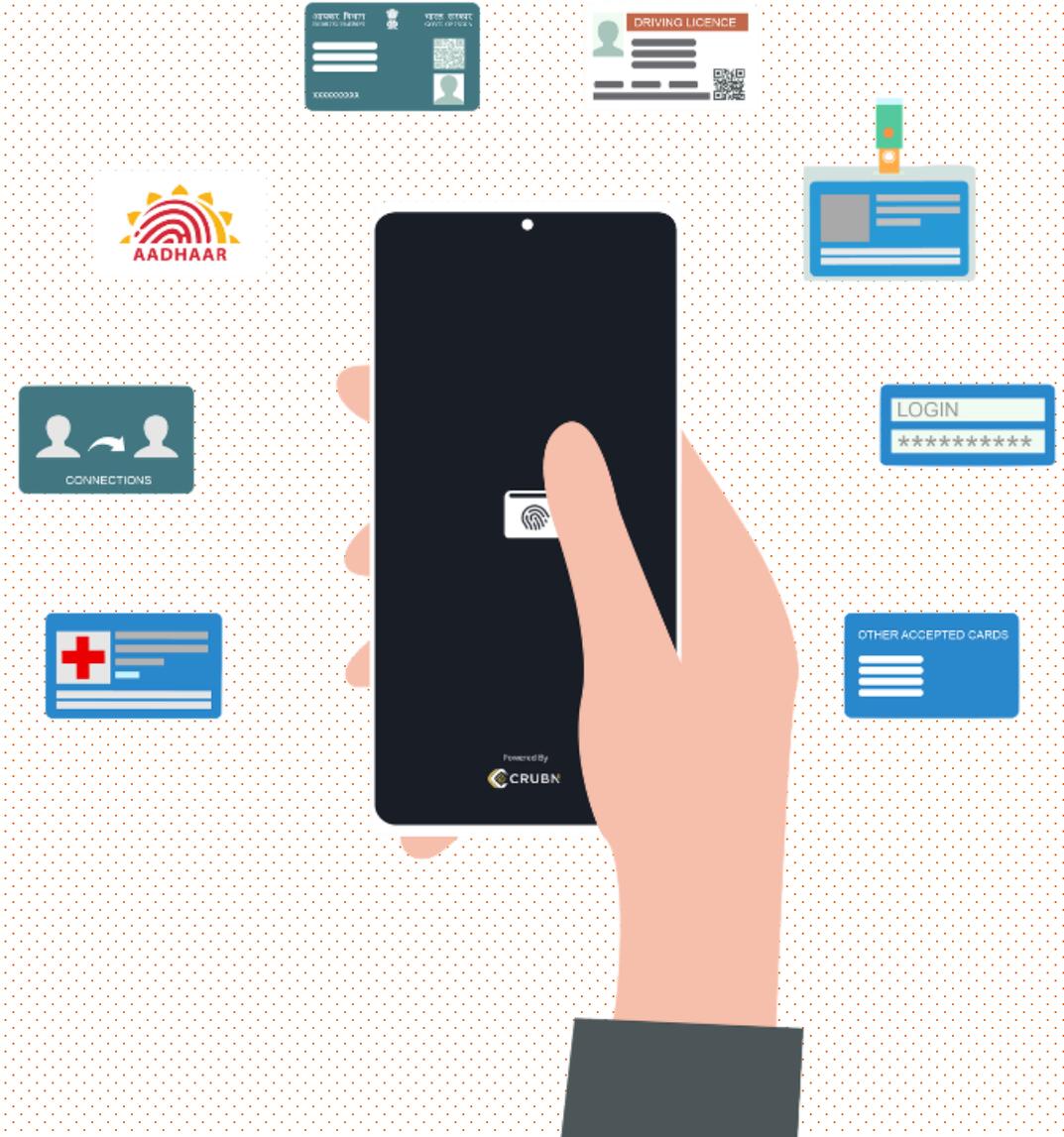
- Data under complete control and ownership of the user.
- Can be shared as and when the user wants.

## Verifiable Credentials

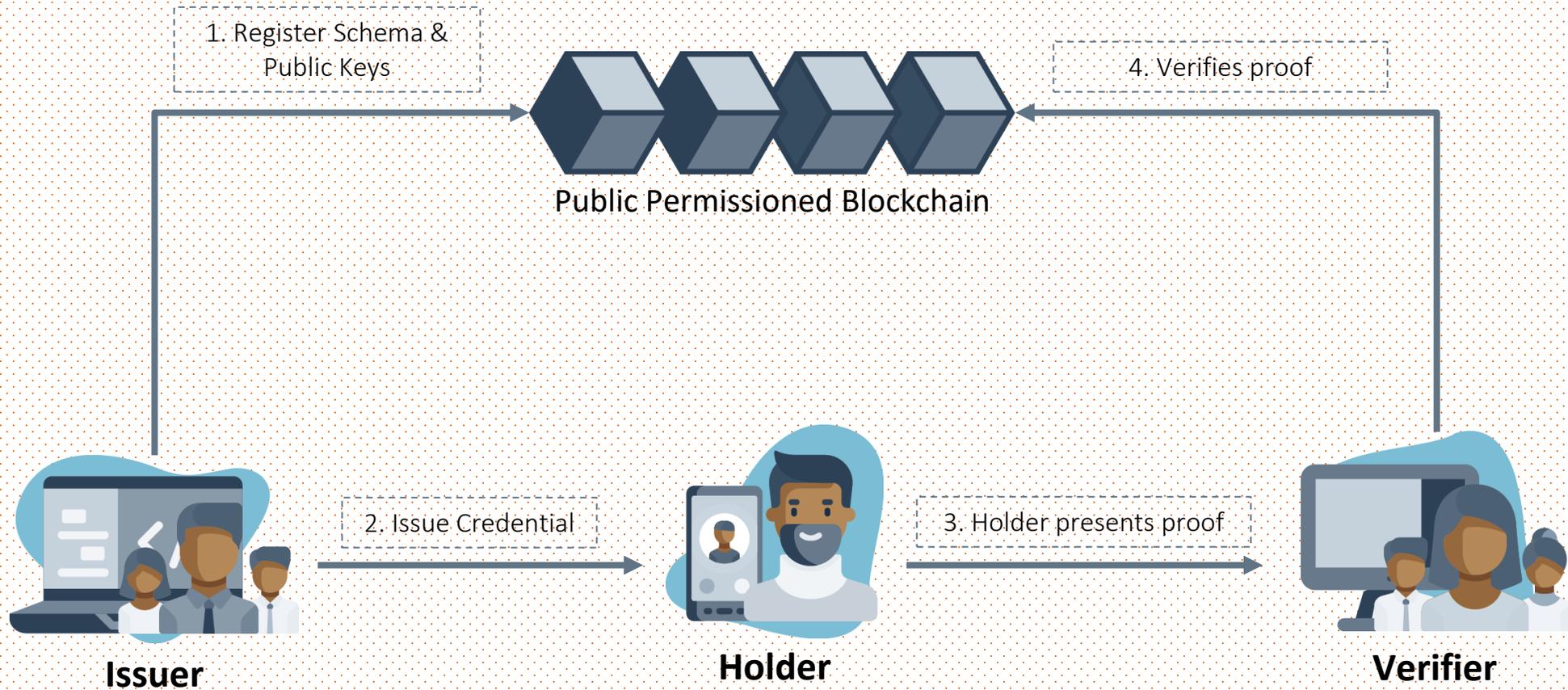
- Digital counterparts of credentials like Aadhaar, D/L, PAN, etc. with added features like digital signatures.
- Standardized at World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)

## Digital Wallet

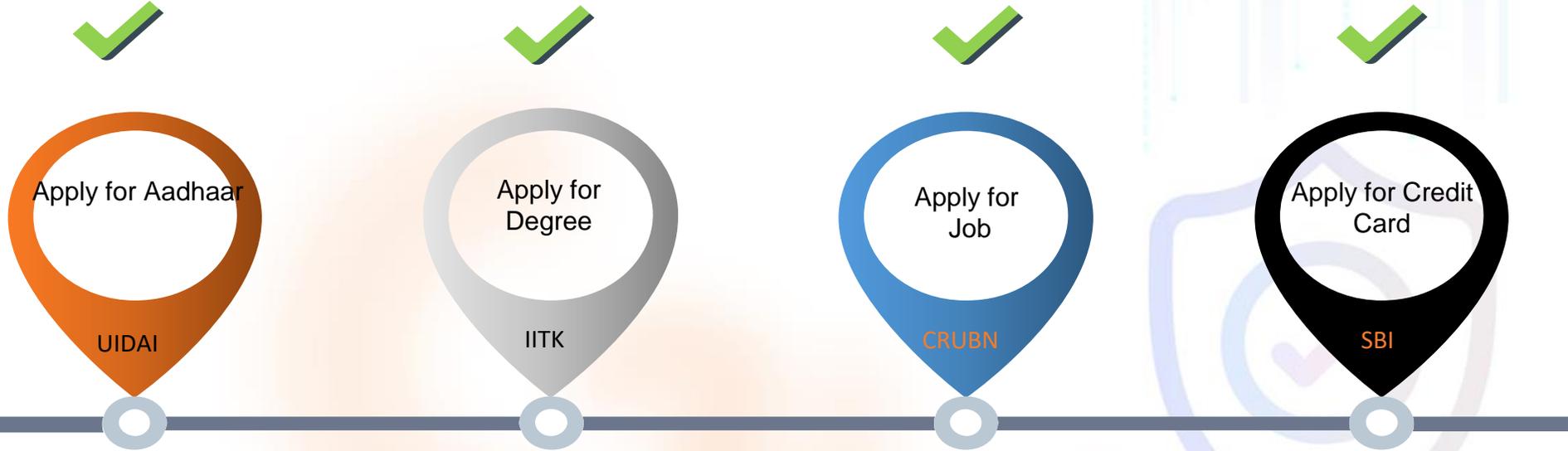
- Data is stored locally in an encrypted format.
- It is used to create and share cryptographic proofs with verifiers.
- Each user owns a wallet.



# Self sovereign identity – how it works?



Note: The issued credential is stored on the mobile device of the holder



Vidya



Digital wallet



- ✓ Aadhaar eKYC
- ✓ Receive Aadhaar



- ✓ Prove Identity
- ✓ Receive Degree



- ✓ Prove Identity, Degree
- ✓ Receive Job certificate



- ✓ Prove Identity, Address, Income
- ✓ Receive Credit card



# Features & benefits – SSI Ecosystem



## Features

- Digital Wallet
- Selective Disclosure
- Non-transferable Proofs
- Zero-Knowledge Proofs
- Multi-credential Proofs
- Interoperability
- Secure and Private Channels
- Autofill

## Benefits

- Reduced Correlation
- Data Minimization
- Reduced Identity Fraud
- Fewer Obligations (Verifiers)
- Instant Verification of documents
- Data Security
- Password-less login
- Extensible & Flexible