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Dear Dr Kaur,

As you are aware, the Ministry of Education, Government of India has assigned the National Academic Depository (NAD) implementation via DigiLocker to facilitate students to get authentic educational documents/certificate in digital format directly from their original issuers. The digital copy available in the DigiLocker will be treated at par with the original physical document as per Rule 9A of the Information Technology (Preservation & Retention by Intermediary providing DigiLocker facilities) Rules, 2016.

2. DigiLocker is one of the key Building Blocks under India Stack comprising of Aadhaar, UPI, DigiLocker and eConsent Framework. DigiLocker is not only a vault for documents that citizens can access but also provides for consent based verification for third parties. More than 12.6 crore users have registered so far, and DigiLocker hosts around 560 crore documents from 2205 government and private organization. A project called e-Sanad of the Ministry of External Affairs, has been integrated with DigiLocker-NAD, which helps in the verification process of the student going abroad.

3. The realization and effectiveness of digitalization in education sector depend upon how quickly all Institutional bodies register and start accessing the DigiLocker-NAD system. DigiLocker in education sector have more than 1650 academic institutions including Universities, Institute of National Importance (INIs), CBSE, State Boards, NEET & CUET, etc. & more than 60 crore academic certificate data (Degree, Marksheet, Score card, etc.). Active participation of institutions is expected towards timely roll out of DigiLocker-NAD services which will reduce the turnaround time in admission as well as recruitment process.

4. In this regards, I would request you to kindly issue the necessary direction to the Medical Institutions to registered and upload their 10-years academic certificate data (Degree, Marksheet, Admit card, Score card, etc.) through DigiLocker-NAD (<https://nad.digilocker.gov.in>). I request your personal intervention to kindly ensure that all Medical Institutions under your preview are on-board with NAD at the earliest.

5. For further clarification and assistance, Mr. Durgaprasad Dash, Additional Director, NeGD (Email: [durga@digitalindia.gov.in](mailto:durga@digitalindia.gov.in) M-7735001000) or Mr. Abhinav Sharma, Nodal Officer NAD, Digital India Cooperation, NeGD (Mobile: +91-9582916201 and Email: [abhinav.sharma1@digitalindia.gov.in](mailto:abhinav.sharma1@digitalindia.gov.in)) may be contacted.

With regards

Yours sincerely,

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