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To

1. Principal Secretaries (Higher Education) of All States/UTs
2. Principal Secretaries (School Education) of All States/UTs

Subject: Implementation of National Academic Depository (NAD)-reg.

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the National Academic Depository (NAD) has been established to ensure a 24 X 7 digital and safe electronic store house of all academic awards viz. certificates, degrees, diplomas, mark sheets etc. It allows the academic institutions/school boards etc. to lodge and upload the academic awards which are authenticated and validated. The NAD consists of two inter-operable digital depositories viz. CDSL Ventures Limited (CVL) and NSDL Database Management Limited (NDML).

2. NAD would be of immense benefit to various stakeholders viz, academic institutions, students, prospective employers etc, as now, degrees, marksheets, certificates etc, would be available with just a click of mouse. Several services like lodging, maintenance, access, verification and authentication of academic awards in a digital format shall be provided through NAD. Keeping in view the significance of this important e-governance initiative in the education sector and the benefits in-built within NAD, most of the user charges of NAD services viz., registration, uploading of awards, initial trainings etc. are kept out of the purview of user charges for the time being. The details of NAD are available at www.nad.gov.in.

3. The realisation and effectiveness of NAD depends upon how quickly all academic institutions/boards/eligibility assessment bodies, students and verifying entities get registered with it and start accessing the NAD system. The University Grants Commission (UGC)-the authorised designated body to operationalise NAD, has already entered into an agreement with CVL and NDML. The academic institutions / school boards etc., in turn, are free to select either of the two entities for entering into legally enforceable agreement between them and the selected depository for utilizing the services of NAD. You would appreciate that many academic institutions including various State Universities and State School Education Boards have joined NAD and started lodging academic awards digitally on

it. However, the pace of implementation of this initiative needs to be speeded up. In this context, active participation of all approved academic institutions / boards / eligibility assessment bodies of your State/Union Territory is solicited towards timely roll out of NAD services.

4. Since the success of this novel digital initiative would be incomplete without the support of your State/UT, I request your personal intervention to kindly ensure that all academic institutions/school boards/eligibility assessment bodies in your State/UT are on-board with NAD at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,


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