



# National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)

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## **NOTIFICATION**

NAAC insists on the registration of Degree awarding Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) with National Academic Depository (NAD). A question regarding the same will be introduced in the Institutional Information on Quality Assurance (IIQA) application. We advise you to register in the National Academic Depository ([www.nad.gov.in](http://www.nad.gov.in)) portal at the earliest.

Sd/-

**Director, NAAC**

### **Enclosers:**

1. University Grant Commission (UGC) order Dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021.
2. Ministry Order Dated 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
3. Brochure of National Academic Depository (NAD).



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**Subject: Implementation of National Academic Depository (NAD) - regarding**

Dear Madam/Sir,

As you are aware that National Academic Depository (NAD) was launched on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017, which is an online storehouse of academic awards (Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates, Mark-Sheets, etc.) lodged by the Academic Institutions in a digital format. It is a 24x7 online mode for making available academic awards and shall help in validating their authenticity, their safe storage, and easy retrieval.

The Ministry of Education (MoE) vide its letter F.No.8-2/2019-U.Policy dated 18.03.2020 has designated the University Grants Commission (UGC) as an authorized body to implement National Academic Depository (NAD) as a permanent scheme without levy of any user charges in co-operation with the DigiLocker as a single depository of NAD.

Many Academic Institutions including various Universities, Central Higher Educational Institutions, School Boards etc., are uploading their academic awards on NAD through DigiLocker-NAD platform. Also, many users are using NAD services through DigiLocker for accessing their academic awards online and verification seeking entities are also using NAD services through DigiLocker for verification of academic awards.

To enhance the reach of the NAD programme, All Academic Institutions (i.e. Universities/ IITs/ NITs/ IIITs/ IISERs/ IIMs/ AIIMSs/ NIPERs/ NIDs/ School Boards/ eligible assessment bodies) are requested to do the following:

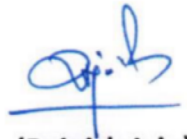
- Register their Academic Institutions on NAD through DigiLocker-NAD platform.
- Upload / Link their institution's academic award data with Digilocker-NAD.
- Advise their students to register on DigiLocker and access their awards.
- Create a hyperlink of NAD URL i.e. <https://nad.gov.in/> in their respective websites.
- Depute Nodal Officers and set up a NAD cell for implementation of NAD and reflect their details on their websites.
- Create awareness about NAD among the student through Video/Audio/Poster of NAD on their social media platforms. Video/Audio in 11 languages & Poster are available on NAD website (<https://nad.gov.in/nadMultimedia.html>).

The realization and effectiveness of NAD depends upon how quickly all academic institution, students and verification seeking entities get registered with it and start accessing the NAD system.

I, therefore, request your personal intervention to ensure that your academic institution comes on board with NAD and all academic awards are lodged digitally.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rajnish Jain', is written over a horizontal blue line.

**(Rajnish Jain)**

To

All the **Vice-Chancellors/Directors**

**MOST-URGENT**

**F.No 8-2/2019-U.Policy  
Government of India  
Ministry of Human Resource Development  
Department of Higher Education  
(U.Policy Section)**

537/C, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: March, 2020

To

The Secretary  
University Grants Commission  
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg  
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**Subject: Implementation of National Academic Depository (NAD) -regarding**

**Sir,**

The Government of India is committed in bringing the administrative and academic reform through the use of technology for delivery of efficient services to all stakeholders. Education engages with almost every citizen of the country and the Government is keen to create quality infrastructure that will facilitate delivery of services to citizens and will also facilitate academic institutions in performing their core functions. A step in this direction was the launch of the National Academic Depository (NAD) by the Hon'ble President of India on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.

2. The Government in exercise of powers conferred under section 20(1) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 had designated UGC as the authorised implementing agency of NAD and was entrusted with the task of implementation of National Academic Depository (NAD) (vide this office letter No. 5-3/2016-U.Policy dated 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2016). In order to operationalise NAD, UGC (the authorised implementing agency) entered into a tripartite agreement with NSDL Database Management Limited (NDML) and CDSL Ventures Limited (CVL) on 22.11.2016 for a period of three years.

3. Since the launch of NAD, many academic institutions including various Central Universities, State Universities, Private Universities, Central Higher Educational Institutions, School Boards etc., are uploading their academic awards on NAD. Also, many students are using NAD for accessing their academic awards online and verification seeking entities are also using NAD for verification of academic awards.

4. The period of tripartite agreement signed between UGC, NDML and CVL has ended on 22.11.2019 and the following has been decided with regard to further implementation of NAD:

- (i) NAD shall not be implemented through NDML and CVL and to take necessary action in this regard.

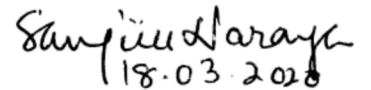
- (ii) NAD to be implemented as a permanent scheme without levy of any user charges, by Digilocker through the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) as a single entity.
- (iii) UGC to be authorised to implement NAD as a permanent scheme, in co-operation with the Digilocker.
- (iv) To undertake necessary action for delinking all applications currently using NAD portal through NDML and CVL and linking them through Digilocker.

5. In light of the above UGC may ensure the following:

- (i) The academic awards lodged on the portals of NDML and CVL are seamlessly transferred to NAD/Digilocker.
- (ii) UGC the implementing body of NAD shall ensure its implementation through Digilocker, an entity owned by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- (iii) UGC may enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Digilocker for smooth implementation of NAD clearly delineating the rights and responsibilities among them. However, both the Ministry of Human Resource Development and Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology may be kept informed in this regard.
- (iv) UGC to finalise various technical issues/various formats for uploading of academic awards/creation of student account, mapping of academic awards, procedure for verification etc in consultation with Digilocker.
- (v) UGC to ensure that reports on various parameters such as registrations/academic award upload, verification completed are provided to the Ministry as and when called for by the Ministry.

6. In view of above, UGC is requested to kindly take necessary action accordingly for the smooth implementation of NAD.

7. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.



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