

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

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From

Saswat Mishra, IAS  
Commissioner-cum-Secretary

To

**The Vice Chancellors**

(Utkal University/ R.D. Women's University/ Ravenshaw University/ Berhampur University/Khalikote University/ Sambalpur University/ Fakir Mohan University/ North Odisha University/ Shree Jagannath Sanskrit University/ G.M.University/ Kalahandi University/ Rajendra University/ Odisha State Open University)

**The Principals**

(All Government and Non-Government Autonomous Colleges)

Sub: Compulsory use of National Academic Depository by 31.03.2021

Madam/Sir,

1. Under the Odisha Right to Public Services Act' 2012 (ORTPSA), academic certificates and marksheets are mandated to be issued to students within a stipulated time. **Under the 5T initiative**, the State Government have decided to convert more and more physical service delivery systems to on-line service delivery systems. Therefore, Universities and Colleges need to switch over to on-line service delivery system at the earliest.
2. As far as on-line issue of academic certificates and marksheets are concerned, it is desirable that all Universities and Colleges use the National Academic Depository (NAD) instead of each institution individually developing its own on-line service delivery module.



3. NAD is an initiative of Ministry of Education (erstwhile Ministry of Human Resources Development), Government of India to facilitate digital issuance, storage, access and verification of academic certificates issued by Academic Institutions. NAD intends to do away with difficulties/inefficiencies of collecting, maintaining and presenting physical paper certificates. **UGC is the authorized body for implementation of NAD through DigiLocker.** Letter of Secretary, UGC dated June' 2020 in this regard is enclosed herewith for your reference.

4. (A) Benefit of NAD to students

- Immediate availability of academic certificates upon upload by Academic Institutions – No need to visit anywhere to apply and collect
- Permanent record of certificates available on-line at all times
- No risk of losing, spoiling and damaging the certificates
- Convenient access to certificates any time
- Verification of certificate records can be provided to any employer; no need for photocopies, notarization, presenting of original copies, etc.

(B) Benefit of NAD to Academic Institutions

- On-line, quick and secure issuance of academic certificates
- No need to print and distribute certificates
- Certificate records maintained in well-organised IT system for long period
- Duplicate certificate issuance and certificate verification services delivered on-line
- Significant saving in administrative process

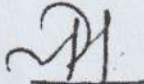
(C) Benefit of NAD to Verification Users (Employers)

- On-line, quick and reliable verification of certificates
- Access to authenticated copy of certificates
- No risk of relying upon fake and forged certificates
- Reduction in cost, time and efforts for verification




5. Due to such overwhelming advantages of using NAD, it is desirable that all Universities and Autonomous Colleges compulsorily migrate to NAD for their academic certificates/mark sheets by 31.03.2021, i.e. past academic certificates and marksheets issued at least from 2015 calendar year and onwards must be available in NAD by 31.03.2021. All certificates and marksheets to be issued in future must be mandatorily issued through NAD.
6. Under the 5T initiative of the State Government, the H.E Department will monitor the progress from time to time.
7. This is for your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

  
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Commissioner-cum-Secretary

Memo No. 29044 / dated 10.09.2020.

Copy forwarded to Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Hon'ble Chancellor, Raj Bhavan, Bhubaneswar for kind information.

  
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Memo No. 29045 / dated 10.09.2020.

Copy forwarded to Vice Chairman of OSHEC/SPD, OHEPEE for kind information and necessary action.

  
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Memo No. 29046 / dated 10.09.2020.

Copy forwarded to all Regional Directors of Education for information and necessary action.

  
Commissioner-cum-Secretary