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## Seminar on National Academic Depository

24th October 2017

### Report of the Seminar

National Law University Delhi under the Agis of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) organized Seminar on National Academic Depository (NAD) at its Campus Sector-14, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078.

The Seminar was organized with the objective to guide member Universities and other higher educational institutions for practically implementation of National Academic Depository as directed by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. Delegates from Universities and Higher Education Institutions within Delhi were present during the Event. The Seminar was held under the leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh, Vice Chancellor, NLU, Delhi, Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai, Professor and Registrar, NLU, Delhi, Ms. Punya S. Srivastava, Secretary (Higher Education) and Ms. Garima Gupta, (Director-Higher Education).



During the inauguration session, Prof. (Dr.) Pankaj Mittal, Additional Secretary, University Grants Commission was invited as 'Chief Guest'. Smt. Garima Gupta, Director-Higher Education, Delhi Government, was 'Guest of the Honour' for the programme. Inaugural session was initiated with welcome address of Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai, Professor and Registrar, NLU, Delhi. Prof. (Dr.) Bajpai welcomed all delegates and dignitaries present in the programme. He appreciated the efforts of Delhi Higher Education, University Grants Commission and Ministry of HRD, Government of India for pioneering digital initiatives for facilitating access of certificates of students.

Smt. Garima Gupta under her addressed instructed the representatives of Higher Education to speed up the process of National Academic Depository at institutional level for creating national repository of certificates. Prof. (Dr.) Pankaj Mittal the Chief Guest of the Programme started her speech on efforts of the University Grants Commission in implementation of NAD project of MHRD, Government of India. She well informed the august gathering about the India's Education Space. She explained about NAD and its features, functions, stakeholders and implementation and monitoring mechanism. She also elaborated benefits, services, responsibilities and steps to be followed by the member institutions.



Dr. Priya Rai, Deputy Librarian, NLU, Delhi delivered Vote of Thanks to the delegates. She stressed over the fast and speedy implementation of the NAD process. Dr. Rai explained about the progress and status of NAD work implemented till date at National Law University Delhi. At the end Dr. Rai extended her special thanks to Prof. (Dr.) Pankaj Mittal, Additional Secretary, UGC, Smt. Garima Gupta, Director- Higher Education and Prof. G.S. Bajpai, Professor and Registrar, NLU, Delhi for sparing their precious time and sharing their experiences and guidance to the event.







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NATIONAL ACADEMIC DEPOSITORY  
Transparency & Transformation Through Digitization

### [eSanad]

#### E-Service Portal for verification & attestation of documents of Indian Citizens abroad

*Smt. Padmaja*, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs  
*Dr. R.K. Mishra*, Technical Director, Ministry of External Affairs  
(Officer on Special Duty for eSanad Programme).

The next session was begun with the special lecture on e-Service Portal for verification & attestation of documents of Indian Citizens abroad [eSanad] delivered by Smt. Padmaja, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs and Dr. R.K. Mishra, Technical Director, Ministry of External Affairs (Officer on Special Duty for eSanad Programme). Smt. Padmaja started her informative talk with widely explanation about eSanad Programme. She elaborated the need and importance of eSanad Programme especially for those who wish to study or work abroad. She explained that eSanad is actually an attestation/apostille service for recognition of Indian documents like educational testimonials, work experience, citizenships etc by foreign entities for which Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) is nodal Ministry. Dr. R.K. Mishra under the presentation elaborated a number of points related to eSanad Programme. He elucidated various categories of documents which are verified by the MEA on request of foreign entities. He further expounded a number of stakeholders of the projects viz. Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Indian Missions abroad, M/o Human Resource Development, Document issuing authorities (DIA) in India, General Administration Department (GAD) of States, Outsource Agencies (appointed by MEA), Non-Tax Receipt Portal/BharatKosh and Foreign government/employers. Dr. Mishra explicated scope and outreach, existing process, movement of documents, aims and proposed steps of eSanad programme. He also informed three future models of eSanad programme for better, efficient timely verification services of the

The next presentation was deliberated by the representatives of two firms designated by the Ministry of HRD.

Mr. Amit Kumar Jain, Manager, CDSL Ltd untangled functional and procedural aspects of National Academic Depository. Mr. Jain elaborated about the stakeholders and group of companies of CDSL. Under his presentation, he facilitated highlights of working of NAD programme including coverage, features, and two types of depository models, role of depository, benefits of NAD and timelines of NAD progress. He further expounded user functionality, process flow, and institutional registration. Under registration process he explained creation of new course, uploading of awards, updating student records and verification process. He further deciphered the requirement at the institutional end like IT Infrastructure and IT standards.



Mr. Ankur Mittal, Senior Manager, NSDL Database Management Limited was second speaker explaining about the functionality and support to NAD programme. Mr. Mittal informed about the NSDL allied company facilitating services for depository system, e-voting, numbering system, Tax Information Network and Electronic Accounting System in Excise and Service Tax. He further elaborated various issues related to NAD Programme viz. Cabinet approval for NAD, Broader User Group consultation, UGC as the Nodal Agency, Appointed NDML & CVL to set-up NAD & provide services – Tripartite Agreement with SLAs, Advisory to Academic Institutions to Join, Model Agreement of AI with Depositories, Model Data Formats for joining and lodging data, UGC to provide Governance Framework, National Steering Committee has approved framework of User Charges, NAD Technical Committee and National Awareness Campaigns. He further elucidated important concepts of NAD including System for **Issuance, Hosting, Access** of Digital Certificates, Lodgment of Awards - Academic Institution, Student cannot lodge, Authenticity – Academic Institution, NAD Copy - Golden Source of Truth, Integrity of NAD data – Depository, Certificate data replication, Verified Student Identity, All Certificates in Single Account with 24 / 7 Online Access, Verifiers access after due diligence, Online Verification - evokes Trust & Confidence and Student Consent for Verification. He further explained two depository models, role of depository in NAD and agreement and other terms and condition for joining NAD.





## SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

At the end, an interactive session for open discussion was called up. A number of questions and queries and suggestions were received by the two companies designated to expedite NAD functioning. The following suggestions were received from the delegates.

- ⇒ There should be a separate NAD cell for handling NAD work.
- ⇒ There should be a special grants for establishing IT infrastructure and staff engagement for the project of NAD.
- ⇒ Training sessions for IT persons of the concerned higher education institutions should be provided separately for facilitating practical training apart from policy matter discussion.

