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Dear Sir/Ma'am,

As per latest notification by MHRD dated 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020, National Academic Depository scheme is now implemented as a permanent scheme by DigiLocker as a single entity. DigiLocker currently has more than 4.6 Crore registered users and provides access to over 460 Crore authentic digital documents issued by various government agencies including Aadhaar, PAN record, Driving License, Vehicle Registration, Educational Certificates, Caste Certificates etc.

2. It has been brought to our attention by many students that Digital Documents from DigiLocker are not being accepted by many universities during admission process. We would like to inform you that **the documents in DigiLocker are deemed to be at par with original physical documents as per Rule 9A of the Information Technology (Preservation and Retention of Information by Intermediaries providing Digital Locker facilities) Rules, 2016.**

3. It is hereby directed to all the Universities / Academic institutions to accept the issued documents from DigiLocker and treat them equivalent to the original physical document. The documents can be verified in real time using DigiLocker Scanner available on DigiLocker Android App and also verify Online using our Verification APIs. Universities and AIs must not insist on paper based certificates if the requisite certificate is presented in authentic digital format. **Currently, University of Delhi has transformed their admission process completely presenceless and paperless by integrating their application with the DigiLocker.**

4. For any assistance in this regard please reach to us on our email id [partners@digitallocker.gov.in](mailto:partners@digitallocker.gov.in)

Yours sincerely,



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