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Subject: Adoption of e-Sign services across various citizen centric services - Reg.

Respected Madam/Sir,

This has reference to the communication received from Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeITY) DO. No 3(16)/2020-EGII dated 06/12/2021 and Ministry of Education (MoE) F.No.M.11014/02/2021-CDN dated 06/12/2021 regarding the adoption of e-Sign services across various citizen centric services. The MeITY has undertaken an e-Sign service initiative 'e-Hastakshar' as part of Digitial India programme, which is being implemented by C-DAC Pune. 'e-Hastakshar' is a secure and convenient approach to achieve the vision of Digital India programme by empowering citizens through paperless governance. Adoption and extensive use of digital signing service is needed to replace the redundant paperwork with an end-to-end digital solution.

This initiative of 'e-Hastakshar' will facilitate the easy, secure and instant signing of documents online by citizens in a legally acceptable manner as per Indian IT Act 2000. It also secures online service which has compliance of guidelines for CCA and Aadhar. Any Aadhar holder can electronically sign a form/document anytime, anywhere, through their devices such as Laptop/Computer/Mobile. The privacy of the user is ensured by thumbprint of the document for signature instead of whole document.

In this regard, all Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) are requested to adopt the e-Sign services of 'e-Hastakshar' under the Digital India programme.

For any further clarification/information, Dr. N. Subramanian, Senior Director, CDAC Pune (email: subbu@cdac.in, phone: 020-25503618, mobile: 7774036627) or Mr. Vivek Kaidalwar, Joint Director, C-DAC Pune (email: vivekk@cdac.in, phone: 020-25503379, mobile: 8380076654) may please be contacted.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely.

(Rainish Jain)

Encl: as above

To,

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