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Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Department of Sports

JLN Stadium, New Delhi
Date: 23rd February, 2024

To

President / Secretary General
National Sports Federations
(as per list attached)

Subject: Embracing Technology for Issuing Sports Certificates through DigiLocker-reg:

Sir/Madam,

This is regarding use of latest technological advancements to bring more transparency and efficiency in the administrative process of the National Sports Federations (NSFs). The Ministry is of the view that the NSFs must put in place technology based tools and solutions in order to serve the interest of the sports, specially, the athletes, in a better way. One of the areas which requires immediate transformation is the issuance of the sports certificates to athletes. These certificates are a proof of the athletes commitment.

2. The issuance of sports certificates to athletes is identified as a significant area requiring immediate transformation. These certificates, are a proof of the athletes' commitment, effort, and accomplishments in their respective sports, and are currently distributed through outdated and inefficient conventional methods. As a result, it is common for the athletes to run around for verification of certificates which is highly undesirable. The Ministry also receives numerous requests & complaints with regard to verification of certificates.

3. The initiative of Digilocker by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, has demonstrated tremendous potential in the digitization of records. Presently, almost all educational and governmental certificates are issued seamlessly through the DigiLocker. Therefore, it is only natural that the Sports Achievement/Participation Certificates issued by the NSFs and their affiliated units are made accessible to athletes and other stakeholders using the DigiLocker, for the sake of transparency & efficiency.

4. The implementation of DigiLocker for issuing sports certificates has numerous benefits, including:

i) Accessibility: Athletes can easily access and share their certificates anytime, anywhere, eliminating the need for physical copies.

ii) Security: DigiLocker provides a secure environment for storing and verifying documents, ensuring the integrity and authenticity of the certificates.

iii) Efficiency: Streamlining the certificate issuance process reduces administrative burden and minimizes the time taken to deliver certificates to deserving athletes.

iv) Digital Advancement: Embracing technology demonstrates our commitment to use of technological, advancements, fostering setting a precedent for innovation within the sporting community along with eliminating the existing malpractices.

5. It has therefore been decided that the NSFs should start utilizing the Digilocker for issuance of sports certificates as per the following timelines:

a) The NSFs to integrate their IT system with the IT infrastructure developed by the Ministry (i.e., <https://nsf.yas.gov.in>) and Digilocker, by completing the necessary formalities not later than 30.04.2024.

b) The period from 01.05.2024 to 31.05.2024 to be utilized for necessary process streamlining and training of the concerned NSF officials. The Ministry shall organize workshop/training (in hybrid mode) during this period to familiarize and train the NSF officials. Test runs of the dg-locker system would also be conducted during this period by all the Federations as part of the training;

c) From 01.06.2024, physical certificates issued by the NSFs shall not be recognized for Government and other benefits, and only dg-locker shall be permitted; and

d) All the affiliate units of the NSFs shall also start issuing the certificates through the dg-locker from 01.01.2025. No recognition or acceptance of physical certificates shall be done after 31.12.2024.

7. The following will be Nodal Officers from the Department of Sports to assist in transition:

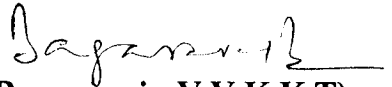
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S.No	NAME OF NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS
1.	All India Chess Federation
2.	All India Football Federation
3.	All India Sports Council for Deaf
4.	All India Tennis Association
5.	Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India
6.	Amateur Soft Tennis Federation of India
7.	Archery Association of India
8.	Athletics Federation of India
9.	Atya Patya Federation of India
10.	Badminton Association of India
11.	Basketball Federation of India
12.	Billiards & Snookers Federation of India
13.	Boxing Federation of India
14.	Bridge Federation of India
15.	Cycle Federation of India
16.	Cycle Polo Federation of India
17.	Equestrian Federation of India
18.	Fencing Association of India
19.	Gymnastic Federation of India
20.	Hockey India
21.	Indian Golf Union
22.	Indian Kayaking & Canoeing Association
23.	Indian Pencak Silat Federation
24.	Indian Polo Association
25.	Indian Rugby Football Union
26.	Indian Triathlon Federation
27.	Indian Weightlifting Federation
28.	Kho-Kho Federation of India
29.	KIFI Association
30.	National Rifle Association of India
31.	Netball Federation of India
32.	Rollball Federation of India
33.	Roller Skating Federation of India
34.	Rowing Federation of India
35.	School Games Federation of India

36.	Sepaktakraw Federation of India
37.	Shooting Ball Federation of India
38.	Special Olympics Bharat
39.	Squash Racket Federation of India
40.	Swimming Federation of India
41.	Table Tennis Federation of India
42.	Taekwondo Federation of India
43.	Tennisball Cricket Federation of India
44.	Wako India Kickboxing Federation
45.	Wushu Association of India
46.	Yachting Association of India
47.	Yogasana Bharat