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

JLN Stadium, New Delhi
Date: 21st February, 2024

To

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

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

Sir,

I am directed to highlight the importance of integrating technology into the administrative processes within sports federations. In the ever-evolving landscape of sports, it is imperative that National Sports Federations (NSFs) adapt and utilize technological advancements to streamline and enhance various aspects of sports operations.

2. One critical area that requires immediate attention is the issuance of sports certificates to the players. These certificates serve as a testament to their hard work, dedication, and achievements within their respective disciplines. However, the traditional methods of issuing these certificates are becoming outdated and inefficient.
3. NSFs should embrace the use of technology, such as the DigiLocker facility provided by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India to issue sports certificates to athletes. DigiLocker offers a secure and accessible platform that aligns with the digital initiatives of the nation.
4. The implementation of DigiLocker for issuing sports certificates presents numerous benefits, including:

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

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

3. **Efficiency:** Streamlining the issuance process reduces administrative burden and minimizes the time taken to deliver certificates to deserving athletes.

4. **Digital Advancement:** Embracing technology demonstrates our commitment for staying abreast of advancements, setting a precedent for innovation within the sporting community along with eliminating any kind of corruption involved.
5. NSF's are required to integrate their IT structure with the IT infrastructure developed by this Ministry (i.e., <https://nsf.yas.gov.in>) and DigiLocker for issuing sports certificates as a progressive step towards modernizing the processes. Detailed step by step process for registration and issuing sports certificates will be communicated separately in due course.
6. NSF's are required to complete the necessary formalities well before 01st April, 2024 as thereafter physical certificates issued by NSF's will not be considered valid. Further, all the State and District level sports association will have to issue certificates through DigiLocker within 6 months after boarding of respective National Sports Federations.
7. Shri. Bangaraju V V K K T, Director (Email: bthatavarthi@ord.gov.in) will be the Nodal Officer from the Department of Sports w.r.t the above said transition:

Yours sincerely,



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