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Respected Vice-Chancellor/Director,

As you are aware that National Academic Depository (NAD) is an online storehouse of academic awards (Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates, Mark-Sheets, etc.) lodged by the academic institutions/boards/eligibility assessment bodies in a digital format. It is a 24x7 online mode for making available academic awards and shall help in validating their authenticity, their safe storage, and easy retrieval. NAD comprises two interoperable digital depositories namely NSDL Database Management Limited (NDML) and CDSL Ventures Limited (CVL). These digital depositories shall keep the academic awards in the digital format and ensure data integrity.

The Government of India has designated University Grants Commission (UGC) as an authorised body for implementation of the NAD Project. UGC vide its letter of even no. dated 24th November 2016 requested all the Academic Institutions viz. Central Universities, Institutions of National importance, State Universities, State-funded Deemed to be Universities, Private Universities, School Boards and Others to enter into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with either of the depositories for on-boarding on NAD.

I am glad to share with you that the NAD has made a very significant progress in last two years and 1,106 Academic Institutes have already signed SLA and have uploaded their data. To enhance the reach of the programme Academic Institutions are requested to take actions as under:

- Designate Nodal Officers and set up a dedicated NAD cell for implementation of NAD and reflect their details on respective website.
- Advise their students to register on NAD website.
- Reach out to those students whose awards are already uploaded on NAD, to start using NAD services for accessing their academic awards.
- NAD-ID should be made a compulsory field in the **admission and examination** forms of the academic institutions.
- The email addresses and mobile numbers of the students should be provided by the Academic Institutions to the depositories for automatic creation of NAD IDs.

To attain the objectives of NAD, you are requested to kindly upload the legacy and fresh data of your institution before 31st December, 2019.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely

(Rajnish Jain)