

Best Practice ONE : National Academic Depository (NAD)

1. Title of the Practice:

The National Academic Depository (NAD) is a 24X7 online store house of all academic awards viz. certificates, diplomas, degrees, mark-sheets etc. which is duly digitized and lodged by academic institutions/boards/eligibility assessment bodies.

2. Objectives of the Practice:

NAD not only ensures easy access and retrieval of academic awards but also validates and guarantees its authenticity and safe storage. It further helps eliminating fraudulent practices such as forging of certificates and mark-sheets.

3. The Context:

The UGC has been designated as the authorized body to operationalize NAD. The Academic Awards to be lodged on NAD cover degrees, diplomas, certificates, mark-sheets including awards issued for skill development. NAD comprises of two interoperable digital depositories viz., NADL Database Management Limited (NDML) and CDSL Ventures Limited (CVL).

4. The Practice:

Mizoram University has joined the national endeavor of NAD through the NADL, Mumbai and the Degrees/Certificates of MZU are uploaded to the NAD portal. Mizoram University created awareness about NAD among students through various means: By publishing in a national newspaper The Indian Express and local newspapers Vangliani and The Zozam Times and by publicizing the same in AIR Aizawl and local TVZonet and LPS. Further, Mizoram University created a web portal in this regard for registration of the students.

Mizoram University has entered into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with NADL, Mumbai to provide National Academic Depository (NAD) as a “Digital Initiatives for Higher Education”.

5. Evidence of Success:

MZU is one among few Universities in the country which has achieved the distinction of practicing this policy initiative of Govt. of India. The students as well as other stakeholders such as the employers find it convenient to verify the degree certificates online. The students can now obtain digital documents such as mark-sheet and pass certificate.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

As NAD is an important initiative of Government of India facilitated by Ministry of Education, Mizoram University is able to obtain required technical support in encountering the challenges.

7. Notes:

The University has adapted the 100 National Academic Depository System in the University campus and its affiliated colleges.

Best Practice TWO : Computerized Accounting System

1. Title of the Practice: Digital Accounting System

2. Objectives of the Practice:

To enhance the efficiency of administrative/academic work and to provide better services to the stakeholders of Mizoram University.

3. The Context:

The maintenance of accounts in MZU was a challenging task and with the introduction of Accrual system of accounting, the University administration introduced the automation through digital platform which offers an accurate and speedy delivery of the whole process beginning from seeking concurrence to the actual passing of bill capturing transaction in every detail.

4. The Practice:

Mizoram University has switched over to the Accrual System of Accounting and indeed successfully implemented it. The office automation system enables to provide speedy financial concurrence for all proposed expenditure vis-à-vis fund positions in the current head/allocation. All bill details, mode and details of transaction captured live by the system and such data form an entry for the University accounts.

5. Evidence of Success:

The introduction of computerized accounting system has not only reduced paperwork but has also minimized the number of staffs manning the finance department. Not a single case has been moved or nor has transaction been processed outside the purview of the system of automation since its inception. Further, the compilation of the University annual accounts has become convenient. Moreover, no complain or gross error committed on part of MZU.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

So far, the University has not experienced any major problem.

7. Notes:

The University is practicing 100 digital accounting system