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**ADDENDUM**

**Subject: Clarification/Modification regarding Aadhaar-based e-KYC in National Instructor Management System (NIMS) for Instructor Permanent Registration Number (IPRN) and extension of timelines for instructor registration and mapping for the Session 2026- reg.**

This is in reference to the DGT Orders dated 16.01.2026 and 27.02.2026 pertaining to the National Instructor Management System (NIMS), wherein Aadhaar-based authentication through e-KYC was envisaged for validation of the Name, Date of Birth, and Gender of instructors.

2. In this regard, a writ petition bearing W.P. (C) No. 4481/2026, titled *ITI Club of India & Anr. vs. Directorate General of Training*, has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, inter alia, challenging the requirement of Aadhaar authentication for instructor registration on NIMS on the ground that it is allegedly contrary to the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India* [(2019) 1 SCC 1]. Similarly, multiple representations have also been received to DGT from various ITI associations raising the same concern.

3. Further, vide Gazette Notification No. CG-DL-E-05032026-270663 dated 03.03.2026 issued by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), it has been stipulated that Aadhaar authentication may be undertaken on a voluntary basis for use of digital platforms with a view to ensuring good governance, promoting ease of living for residents, and enabling better access to services. It has also been notified that the Ministry shall undertake Aadhaar authentication for the purpose of authentication of trainers and examiners during the assessment process of the vocational education system. The relevant extract of the aforesaid notification is reproduced below:

*“Now, therefore, in pursuance of rule 5 of the said rules read with sub-clause (ii) of clause (b) of sub-section (4) of section 4 of the Act, the said Ministry hereby notifies the following, namely:*

*(1) The Ministry, as provided in the Act, shall obtain the consent of the Aadhaar number holder for the purpose of authentication herein.*

(2) Aadhaar authentication facilities used shall be using Yes/No authentication or/and e-KYC authentication.

(3) As per sub-rule (2) of rule 3 of the said rules, Aadhaar authentication is on voluntary basis; the Ministry shall inform the Aadhaar number holder of alternate and viable means of identification and shall not deny any service to the Aadhaar number holder for refusing to, or being unable to, undergo Aadhaar authentication, namely:

- (a) Bank or Post Office Passbook with photo;
- (b) Voter Identity Card;
- (c) Passport;
- (d) Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card.”

4. In view of the above, the matter has been examined by the competent authority, and it has been decided that **Aadhaar-based e-KYC shall be made voluntary** for instructor registration and the generation of the Instructor Permanent Registration Number (IPRN) under NIMS.

5. Where an instructor does not opt for Aadhaar-based e-KYC, the following documents shall be mandatorily uploaded on the portal, as per the guidelines specified below:

- a. A duly sworn affidavit by the instructor (in the prescribed format downloadable from the portal) declaring that he/she has never registered on the NIMS portal in respect of the same ITI or any other ITI.
- b. Any Government-issued identity proof, such as:
  - PAN Card
  - Voter ID
  - Passport
  - Driving License
- c. The instructor shall also require to produce the original identity proof uploaded on the portal before the Authorized ITI at the time of verification.
- d. The live photograph of the instructor shall be captured by the ITI at the time of registration.
- e. It is the responsibility of the ITI to ensure that an instructor is not registered multiple times, and any deliberate violation in this regard shall attract strict action against the offender.
- f. The instructor shall be required to visit an Authorized ITI within 7 working days from the date of submission of the application for verification. Failure to do so may result in automatic rejection of the registration application.



an IPRN on NIMS portal. These ITSUs may be utilized in subsequent academic sessions once a qualified instructor is duly mapped on NIMS portal to the respective ITSU by the ITI.

12. All State/UT Directorates shall ensure that CTS-2026 admissions are allowed strictly as per the seat matrix generated up to 30.06.2026.

13. All other guidelines/instructions contained in DGT letter dated 27.02.2026 shall remain unchanged.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Hindi version will be issued separately.



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