Five States Felicitated for Digi Locker Integration Initiatives

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Why in News?

National e-Governance Division (NeGD) recently felicitated 5 states for their exceptional contribution toward large-scale DigiLocker integration and adoption across state government services.

- **Recognition during** - *National Consultative Workshop on Strengthening Cybersecurity Frameworks for State Data*.

States Recognized & their achievements

- **Gujarat –** On boarded 65% of services; Innovative Digital Disability Certificates for free bus transport. Over 1.92 Crore citizens covered.
- **Karnataka –** On boarded 73% of e-services; Digitized 3 Crore electricity bill records across all 5 Discoms. Highest number of accounts (2.7 Crore).
- **Keralam -** Completed on-boarding of 117+ services in less than 7 days.1.15 Crore registered users.
- **Nagaland -** Nominated as 'Digital Rising State'; Integrated 32 services in 1 month using both Issuer & Requestor models. Excellence in rapid digital transformation.
- **Rajasthan -** Integrated the Jan Aadhaar (Family Register) with DigiLocker. Catered to 7.5+ Crore citizens.

About Digi Locker

- **Definition -** A flagship initiative under the Digital India programme, DigiLocker is a secure cloud-based platform for storage, sharing, and verification of documents and certificates.
- **Nodal Ministry -** Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**).
- **Implementing Agency -** National e-Governance Division (**NeGD**).

Core Concepts:

- **Issuer -** An entity (e.g., CBSE, Registrar Office, RTO) that issues certificates to individuals in electronic format.
- **Requestor -** An entity (e.g., Employers, Banks, Universities) that requests access to the digital documents for verification.
- **Resident -** An individual who uses the Digi Locker service based on their Aadhaar number.

Significance of Digi Locker Integration

- **Ease of Living -** Reduces the need for physical documents and physical verification.
- **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) -** Strengthens India's DPI by making government

services interoperable and paperless.

- **Efficiency -** Enables "anytime, anywhere" access to authentic documents, reducing administrative overheads.
- **Security -** Provides a trusted and secure ecosystem for data exchange between government departments and citizens.

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