

## **Academic Bank of Credit launched through CSCs.**

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APAAR has been conceptualized under the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) in which all college/university-going students are required to register on ABC, i.e., Academic Bank of Credits. According to the new rule, it is necessary to have an ABC ID to take admission to any college or university.

Launching the scheme through CSC (Common Service Centres), Shri Sanjay Kumar said that the number of digital services in the country is continuously increasing, and one can take maximum advantage of digital services in school education through CSC. He also said that all school children should be given provisional APAAR ID immediately and it should be authenticated with Aadhaar and linked to Digi Locker. A business model for this service for Village-Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) is also being considered, he added. He emphasised that this system would make school education and higher education more transparent and easier.

Shri K. Sanjay Murthy emphasised that the Academic Bank of Credits has been established on the lines of the National Academic Depository (NAD). Despite the fact that ABC enables students to register or commence credit transfer, the final outcomes of credit redemption and issuance of certificates as well as the compilation of award records are administered by academic institutions, he added.

Shri Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education, said that APAAR ID will remain with the children for their entire lives. Students will also be able to get credit in future by passing various exams, he explained. Students will not be required to give certificates anywhere and just giving APAAR ID will be sufficient, he added.

Shri Sanjay Rakesh said that this is a revolutionary initiative in which all the records of students can be connected in one place. This will also curb illegal activities. There are many schools that don't have the infrastructure for online services. CSC VLEs will be a great help to them in this regard, he said.

What is the Academic Bank of Credit?

ABC is a digital repository or digital storage. Students can easily avail its benefits. For this service, the student does not need to go anywhere else but to the nearest CSC. In this digital credit bank, all the credits, i.e., marks scored by the students and all their personal information will be available. With the help of this ID, it will be easy for all the students to take admission from one institute to another for graduation and post-graduation. Universities will now be able to access all the data of students with one click with the help of ABC ID. The suggestion to bring the Academic Bank of Credit in education was given in the NEP 2020.

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