

1. What is Digital Locker? Highlights the major benefits of Digital Locker system. How does Digital Locker differ from other such systems?

Answer:

- The Digital Locker is an online storage facility provided by the Government of India to store important documents. Under this a person can upload documents like Voter Id card, PAN card, BPL card, Driving license, education certificates, etc. These documents will be linked to the person's Aadhar number and can be treated as authorized documents. So, a person need not to carry physical documents while applying for jobs or government certificates or educational institutions etc.
- The Digital Locker system has the following advantages:
 - a) Print anytime from anywhere – All electronic documents will be in a printable format enabling users to print anytime from anywhere. This will help users to access the documents in case of any disaster or loss of documents.
 - b) Convenience – No more long queues or procedures to get the documents.
 - c) Free of cost – Digital Locker facility is provided to Indian Citizen free of cost which will enable its usage even by the lower strata of society.
 - d) Shareable– Residents can easily share the documents with other agencies/departments without having to share photocopies, scan copies, document uploads etc. Sharing can easily be done even on phones via SMS and text based systems.
 - e) Verifiable – Documents and certificates issued by Government can be verified online which will stop the usage of fake documents/certificates.
 - f) Secure - Only the owner has the right to see and share the documents as per his/her requirement and convenience.
- Digital Locker differ from other such websites in following ways
 - a) Digital Locker offers much more than a place to store the documents.
 - b) A person can upload scanned copies of documents, like in other websites. But these scanned documents which, if required, can be digitally signed thus making the e-document at par with the original one.
 - c) Going forward the locker will be repository or store house of all your government issued e-documents. These electronic e-documents will be uploaded by issuers, government departments or agencies such as CBSE, registrar office, income tax department.
 - d) The documents can be shared via email, the e-documents from governments agencies viewed by an authorised list of requestors such as a bank, university, the passport office or the transport department.
- However, with other websites, cyber law and jurisdiction is a concern. When people upload their personal information into these websites they have very less idea where the data is stored (somewhere in cloud), who else has access to the information. Or what polices these companies have in regards to what employees have access to customer data. Or what policies they have in regard to things like legal subpoenas and requests from law enforcement agencies and governments.
- If a person stores anything in Drop Box or Google drives, it is governed under US regulations and there is no direct protection under the Information Technology (IT) Act.

- Though Online free storage services are equally secure, however, the government's locker is more secure primarily because the data gets stored within India and are legally protected under the Information Technology Act, 2000.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Answer the following Questions

1. Identifying the various issues plaguing the voluntary sector in India, discuss the need for a national accreditation agency to overcome them. Discuss. (150 words)
2. Given the importance of a teacher in affecting the learning outcomes of children, discuss the problems in the present system of teacher training in India. How can these be addressed? (150 words)