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PROVISION OF DIGITAL SIGNATURE CERTIFICATE (DSC) ON THE PRESS SEWA PORTAL

Subject: Authentication of Applications for New Registration of the periodical on Press Sewa Portal using **Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)** by **Specified Authorities (SA)**.

The Specified Authority in every district is responsible for processing and examining applications submitted through the **Press Sewa Portal (PSP)** in accordance with the statutory provisions of the **Press and Registration of Periodicals Act, 2023**.

In this regard, it is informed that the functionality for authentication of **applications for New Registration of the periodical** using **Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)** has now been made live on the Press Sewa Portal. Specified Authorities may verify and authenticate applications using their DSC through the DSC facility available on the portal. The DSC provides secure and valid authentication of applications. It will be rolled out for other categories of the applications in the coming weeks.

It is further clarified that the **existing process** of authentication through **e-Sign using Aadhaar-based authentication**, shall continue to remain functional.

The **DSC Middleware Installation, Troubleshooting, and User Manual** has been made available under the login of Specified Authorities. Specified Authorities are requested to download and follow the instructions provided in the user manual to install, configure, and use the DSC functionality. It is also clarified that DSC for each user will have to be procured locally by Specified Authorities.

For any **clarification or technical assistance**, the office of the Specified Authority may contact the IT Helpdesk at it-helpdesk.rni@gov.in.