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‘Ask Our Experts’ highlights how eHastakshar is advancing Paperless Governance

Experts from C-DAC Pune discuss the technology, security, and real-world applications behind the eHastakshar initiative

E-Hastakshar is transforming the way India signs, seals, and delivers documents online

New Delhi, November 11, 2025: The National e-Governance Division (NeGD), under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), hosted the 34th episode of its exclusive LIVE series ‘Ask Our Experts’ on October 31, 2025, featuring an insightful conversation on eHastakshar.

E-Hastakshar or eSign is C-DAC’s secure and legal digital signing service, that has revolutionised the way citizens, businesses, and governments sign documents. C-DAC has issued over 31 Crore e-Signs till now.

The programme hosted two key experts from C-DAC, Pune – Ms. Jahnavi Bodhankar, Associate Director and Project Head for eHastakshar, and Ms. Jyoti Shrikant Dahiwele, Scientist-E, who shared their insights into the development, implementation, and prospects of this vital Digital India initiative.

During the conversation, the experts highlighted how eHastakshar empowers citizens to digitally sign documents using secure Aadhaar-based authentication, eliminating the need for traditional, dongle/USB-based digital signature certificate (DSC) system or cumbersome paperwork.

The technology ensures convenience, speed, and security - aligning with the vision of Paperless Governance under Digital India. eSign is legally valid under the Information Technology Act, 2000 and recognised as a valid form of digital signature at par with DSCs.

The discussion covered topics such as the inspiration behind the creation of eHastakshar and its benefits for India, how citizens and organisations can use eSign, eSign service providers and legal validity of eSign, how the platform ensures security

and traceability, and the possibilities of multiple or bulk signatures on a single document.



The experts also shared that audit trails, encryption, and multi-factor authentication make eSign one of the most secure digital tools available today. They highlighted its wide use across government departments, enterprises, and start-ups for applications like digital contracts, certificates, and citizen services.

One can learn more about eHastakshar by visiting the official website <https://esign.cdac.in/>. For any queries, citizens can dial the Toll-Free Number 18002337385 from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM on all working days or email at ess@cdac.in.

eSign is a transformative initiative that's redefining digital signatures in India and driving the nation's journey towards paperless governance.

'Ask Our Experts' is a live interactive programme streamed on Digital India's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@DigitalIndiaofficial>). It directly connects citizens with government officials and experts for discussions on Digital India initiatives. The series promotes transparency, inclusion, and efficient service delivery, while simplifying complex technologies through interactive live sessions, and brings citizens closer to India's digital transformation journey.

To watch this session on eHastakshar, visit <https://www.youtube.com/live/b8-Hj2pb1OI?si=Z5HZf1EPEWpgcLvp>.

For more information on upcoming episodes and Digital India initiatives, visit www.digitalindia.gov.in and www.negd.gov.in.