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Unique Document Identification Number (UDIN)

**Subject: ICSI launches Unique Document Identification Number (UDIN)**

In an attempt to pursue heightened sense of self-governance and strengthen the practising side of the profession of Company Secretaries, The Institute of Company Secretaries of India has rolled out a unique initiative in the form of Unique Document Identification Number or UDIN.

Aimed at strengthening the framework of good governance UDIN shall serve the following purposes simultaneously:

- provide ease of maintaining Register of Attestation/ Certification services
- prevent counterfeiting of various attestations/ certifications
- ensure compliance w.r.t ceilings on the number of certifications / attestations
- enable stakeholders & regulators to verify genuinity of documents signed or certified by Company Secretaries in Practice,.

Emphasizing on the need of UDIN, CS Ranjeet Pandey, President, ICSI said, **“Under the mechanism, an alpha numeric number shall be generated for the identification of every document attested by Practising Company Secretaries which shall definitely act as a trust enhancer by facilitating verification that the document is genuinely signed or certified by a Company Secretary in Practice.”**

The ICSI UDIN will be mandatory for every document except an e-form, signed or certified by a CS with effect from **1st October, 2019**.

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