DIGILOCKER USERS CAN NOW DIGITALLY STORE HEALTH RECORDS AND LINK THEM WITH AYUSHMAN BHARAT HEALTH ACCOUNT (ABHA)

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Highlighting the advantage this integration has for the users, Dr. R. S. Sharma, CEO, National Health Authority (NHA) said – "Under the ABDM, we are building an inter-operable health ecosystem. The different applications from both the public and private sectors partners integrating with ABDM are helping expand the reach of the scheme to more users and adding more functionalities. DigiLocker is a trusted and popular app to access authentic documents. Therefore, it is a significant development as users would now get to use it as a PHR app and get the benefits of paperless record keeping."

Speaking about the integration, Shri Abhishek Singh, MD & CEO, Digital India Corporation said – "We are proud to extend the benefits of ABDM to our 130 million registered users. The platform has already helped generate close to 85 thousand ABHA numbers. With the health locker integration, we're positive that more people would be able to easily link and manage their health records digitally. DigiLocker aims to be the preferred health locker for ABHA users."

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