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Dear Taxpayers,

This is to inform taxpayers about recent developments concerning the application process for GST registration. It is a new development in the registration process.

1. Rule 8 of the CGST Rules, 2017 has been amended to provide that an applicant can be identified on the common platform for Biometric-based Aadhaar Authentication and taking a photograph of the applicant along with the verification of the original documents.
2. The above-said functionality has been developed by GSTN. It has been rolled out in Ladakh on **30th October 2025**.
3. The said functionality also provides for the document verification and appointment booking process. After the application is submitted, the applicant will receive either of the following links in the e-mail,
 - a. [Link for OTP-based Aadhaar Authentication](#)
 - b. [Link for Document Verification and Appointment Booking](#)
4. If the applicant receives the link for OTP-based Aadhaar Authentication as mentioned in point 3(a), she/he can proceed with the authentication process.
5. However, if the applicant receives the link as mentioned in point 3(b), she/he will be required to book the appointment for document verification and biometric authentication through the e-mail.
6. The feature of booking an appointment to visit a designated GSK is now available for the applicants of Ladakh.
7. After booking the appointment, the applicant gets the confirmation of appointment through e-mail (the appointment details and the details of the designated GSK as per the chosen schedule).
8. At the time of the visit of GSK, the applicant is required to carry the following details/documents
 - a. Original documents for verification
 - b. Self-Declaration form
 - c. Recent photograph
 - d. Aadhaar card
9. The biometric authentication and document verification will be done at the GSK, for all the required individuals as per the appointment schedule.
10. The applicant is required to choose an appointment for the biometric verification during the maximum permissible time period. In such cases, ARNs will be generated once the Biometric-based Aadhaar Authentication process and document verification is completed.

11. The operation days and hours of GSKs will be as per the guidelines provided by the administration of Union Terri

Thanking You,
Team GSTN

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