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NOTIFICATION

In pursuance to the guidelines under Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 issued by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (New Delhi, the 25th February, 2021) and under the provision of Section 23 of POCSO Act 2012 and as per the various judgements pronounced by the judiciary and other relevant guidelines issued from time to time by concerned/ authorities (State & Central) and in inviting a reference to the letter issued by Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MSCPCR) Dated June 15, 2021 , it is hereby **'Instructed and Notified'** that all media houses under the State of Meghalaya are to follow these guidelines when it comes to publishing and airing news/ programmes pertaining to children under 18 years as mentioned herein below :-

1. Any program being broadcasted through any form of media (electronic or print) should maintain utmost caution so as not to infringe upon the privacy, dignity and identity of the child in any manner whatsoever.
2. Any videos being uploaded or which has been uploaded in YouTube or any other video sharing platforms inclusive of the News channel's websites, are to follow **the YouTube Child safety policy and the Digital Media Ethics Code** laid down in the aforementioned Rules and Acts and further **'ARE TO MANDATORILY DISABLE THE COMMENT SECTION'** and failing to do so would attract legal penalties **under Section 67B and Section 72 of IT Act and Section 23 of POCSO Act 2012** and others relevant laws of the land.

This notification is being made and circulated in view of the exponential rise of cases of harassment and societal stigmatisation of the child and the family members involved in the videos especially when it is related to POSCO and any other incidences which negatively impacts on the rights of the child and when these cases/events are discussed publicly and in an objectionable manner in the comment sections of such websites.

Further, any dereliction from the established ethical code of practice would invite penalties and legal action under the laws of the land.

This notification shall come into effect immediately.

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Chairperson
MSCPCR