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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Information & Broadcasting**  
**Digital Media Division**

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
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To,

**Dr. Kalyan Kumar,**

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**Subject: Registration of 'Digital Media Publishers & News Portal Grievance Council of India' as self-regulatory body under Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021-regarding**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to communication dated 25 December, 2021 from Digital Media Publishers & News Portal Grievance Council of India on the above mentioned subject and to convey the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry for registration of "Digital Media Publishers & News Portal Grievance Council of India" as the Level II Self Regulatory Body for publishers of news and current affairs content as per rule 12 of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

2. It is hereby informed that **Digital Media Publishers & News Portal Grievance Council of India** has been registered as the self-regulatory body with the member publishers as per the list enclosed at the **Annexure**.

3. As informed, the composition of the "Digital Media Publishers & News Portal Grievance Council of India" as the self-regulatory body on the date of registration is as under:

- Shri Firdos Mirza, Senior Advocate, High Court of Judicature at Bombay, Nagpur Bench – **Chairperson**
- Shri E.Z. Khobragade, Indian Administrative Service (Retired)- **Member**
- Shri Vinayak Deshpande, Vice-Chancellor, G.H. Rasoni University, Amravati, Maharashtra-**Member**
- Shri Dr. Vikas Pathak, former Professor Asian School of Journalism and Deputy Political Editor, Outlook Magazine- **Member**

- Shri Anand Deshpande, Advocate, High Court of Judicature at Bombay, Nagpur Bench - **Member**
- Dr. Kalyan Kumar, Advocate, High Court of Judicature at Bombay, Nagpur Bench - **Member**
- Shri Devnath Gandate, Journalist- **Member**

4. The Digital Media Publishers & News Portal Grievance Council of India shall perform functions laid down in the sub rules (4) and (5) of rule 12 for the purpose of redressing grievances related to Code of Ethics under the Rules. The body shall also ensure that the member publishers have agreed to adhere to the provisions of the Rules, including furnishing the requisite information under rule 18 of the Rules.

5. Any change in the composition of the body and/or the membership of the publishers shall be informed to the Ministry as soon as such change takes place.

6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority in the Ministry.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully,



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