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

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 7 October, 2021

To,

Shri Vincent Joseph,  
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**Subject: Registration of Indian Digital Publishers Content Grievance Council (IDPCGC) 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 13 August, 2021 from Confederation of Online Media (India) on the above mentioned subject and to convey the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry for registration of **“Indian Digital Publishers Content Grievance Council” (IDPCGC)** 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 IDPCGC 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 **“Indian Digital Publishers Content Grievance Council” (IDPCGC)** on the date of registration is as under:
  - i. Dr. K.K.N Kurup, Renowned historian and Former Vice-Chancellor of Calicut University- Chairperson
  - ii. Dr. George Onakkur, Former Director of Kerala State Bala Sahitya Institute; Former Director of Kerala State Encyclopedia, Former Chairman of State Resource Center, Renowned novelist and story writer- Member
  - iii. Shri James Joseph, Former Higher Secondary Director(Kerala); and Kerala University Controller- Member
  - iv. Shri R. Gopikrishnan, Journalist- Member
  - v. Shri Vincent Joseph, President, Confederation of Online Media (India)- Member
  - vi. Shri Abdul Mujeeb, Secretary, Confederation of Online Media (India)- Member

vii. Shri K.K. Sreejith, Treasurer, Confederation of Online Media (India)- Member

4. The IDPCGC 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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