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To
All Vice Chancellors of Technical Universities and
All Directors/ Principals of AICTE Approved Institutions,

Subject: National Human Rights Commission reference regarding
Advisory for Protection of the Rights of Children against Production,
Distribution and Consumption of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM).

Respected Sir/Madam,

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) is entrusted with the
responsibility of protecting and promoting human rights of all, including
children, under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. In this regard, the
Commission has been concerned about the proliferation of Child Sexual
Abuse Material (CSAM) and its impact on the human rights of children.

The tremendous increase in the production, distribution and
consumption of CSAM needs to be imperatively addressed as it may have a
lasting psychological impact on the child leading to further disruption of
his/her overall development.

Recognizing the role of various national as well as international
stakeholders, including Governments, Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs),
Internet intermediaries, Institutions and civil society in curbing this menace,
the Commission has issued the ‘Advisory for Protection of the Rights of
Children against Production, Distribution and Consumption of Child Sexual
Abuse Material [CSAM]’ to the Union/State Government(s) and UT
Administrations(s) to protect the human rights of children in the digital
environment. (Attached)

All Technical Universities and Institutions are advised to conduct
activities for Sensitization, Awareness, Capacity Building, and Victim Support
in accordance with the ‘Advisory for Protection of the Rights of Children
against Production, Distribution and Consumption of Child Sexual Abuse
Material [CSAM]’. Seminars, Webinars, Workshops, Expert Talks etc. may be
conducted by the Institutions and Universities for this.
Pl peruse **Section IV** of the report that explains the importance of Capacity Building, Training, SOPs, Sensitization, Awareness and Victim Support.

*With regards,*

Yours sincerely,

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