

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**OFFICE OF THE PRESS REGISTRAR GENERAL OF INDIA**  
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**ADVISORY (No.4of 2024) forPRINTERS: Owners/Keepers of Printing Presses**

**Subject: Online intimation by the Printer and creation of Printing Press Profile in the Press Sewa Portal**

The Government of India has notified the historic Press & Registration of Periodicals Act (PRP Act), 2023 and its Rules in its Gazette and consequently the Act has come into force from 1st March, 2024. Therefore, the Press & Registration of Books Act, 1867 stands repealed.

From now on, the registration of periodicals shall be governed by the provisions of the Press and Registration of Periodicals Act (PRP Act), 2023 and the Press and Registration of Periodicals Rules. **The office of Press Registrar General of India - PRGI** (erstwhile Registrar of Newspapers for India - RNI) shall be carrying out the purposes of the new Act. Accordingly, this advisory is issued to inform, guide and enable owners, publishers and other stakeholders of periodicals regarding the processes/steps involved in the registration of periodicals as per the new Act.

1. **A periodical shall be printed or published in India only in accordance with the provisions of the new Act.**
2. All applications for Registration of Periodicals shall be made in online mode only, and the new **Press Sewa Portal (presssewa.prgi.gov.in)** has been created for this purpose.
3. As per PRP Act 2023, **'Printer'** is defined as the owner or keeper of a Printing Press. **"Keeper"** is the person who manages the day-to-day operations of a printing press owned by a non-individual entity (a company or trust).
4. PRP Act defines "printing" as reproduction of a periodical through any technology involving mass production of copies, but does not include photocopying.
5. As per Section 3 of PRP Act, "Every Printer of a periodical shall furnish **an intimation in the online portal** to the Press Registrar General and the Specified Authority within whose local jurisdiction his printing press is situated with such particulars and in such manner, as may be prescribed."
6. Therefore, the Printers are to furnish the online intimation at the Press Sewa Portal and the same information will be shared with the Specified Authority in the District electronically via the portal. Therefore, no separate application needs to be submitted by the Printers to the District Authorities under the Act.

7. For the above purpose, the Printers will be required to create a profile for their Printing Presses in the Press Sewa Portal. For existing printing presses who have filed declaration under Section 4 of the old PRB Act, 1867 with the Specified Authorities in the past, a copy of the same declaration can also be uploaded.

8. The Printers are urged to furnish comprehensive details about the location (postal address), machine capacity, and other technical specifications as requested in the Press Sewa Portal. In case the Printer owns presses in more than one location, separate user IDs may be created for each of the Printing Presses.

9. If the Printer is the keeper of Printing Press, user IDs may be created in the following manner so that all the presses managed by him can be consolidated into a single account later.

a. If the First Printing Press Account is created with the user ID [rajan@gmail.com](mailto:rajan@gmail.com), the Second Printing Press Account can be created by adding a prefix before the email ID as [press2+rajan@gmail.com](mailto:press2+rajan@gmail.com). Likewise, the Third Printing Press Account can be created with [press3+rajan@gmail.com](mailto:press3+rajan@gmail.com).

b. This will help in sending/receiving alerts/emails on the primary email ID while different accounts can be managed by logging in with the IDs as created above.

10. The Registration data of periodicals already registered with PRGI (erstwhile RNI) is being pre-fed into the Press Sewa Portal. The Printers are therefore required to select from the database all the newspapers/editions/periodicals currently being printed at their Printing Press.

11. The Printers must specifically select the newspapers they are presently printing from the list available on the portal. This will help ensure accurate and up-to-date information regarding the periodicals associated with each printing press.

12. Whenever a publisher submits a request to register a periodical, the Printer (owner/keeper of the printing press) is required to endorse the printing verification request through the Printing Press Account on Press Sewa Portal.

13. Any query/ clarification in this regard may be emailed to: [it-helpdesk.rni@gov.in](mailto:it-helpdesk.rni@gov.in) or reach us via **011-24369980**

***This advisory is being issued with the approval of Press Registrar General***