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**PUBLIC ADVISORY: Unauthorised Agents Offering Fraudulent
Registration/Circulation Verification Services**

The Press Registrar General of India (PRGI) has observed serious instances of individuals fraudulently impersonating PRGI officials and demanding money for registration of newspapers/periodicals and Circulation Verification on the Press Sewa Portal.

PRGI does not authorise any agent, middleman, or private individual to collect money or provide registration-related or circulation verification-related services. All applications, communications, and payments (wherever applicable) are carried out strictly through the Press Sewa Portal, Bharatkosh Payment Gateway and nic.in/gov.in emails only.

Any person claiming to facilitate registration/circulation verification through "special influence," "direct contact," or unofficial means is a fraudster. Such acts constitute criminal offences under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and will invite strict legal action.

Publishers and owners are strongly advised to use and operate the Press Sewa Portal on their own and to strictly avoid agents or agencies demanding unauthorised or exorbitant payments. Sharing of Press Sewa Portal user credentials with any agent or third party is strictly prohibited, as it may lead to data misuse, legal complications, and unintended consequences, for which the user shall be solely responsible.

If any person demands money in the name of PRGI, the matter must be immediately reported to the nearest Police Station and informed to PRGI at prg.prgi@gov.in or it-helpdesk.rni@gov.in, along with complete details.

Remain vigilant. Do not make any payment to unauthorised persons under any circumstances.

This issues with the approval of Press Registrar General of India.

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