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પ્રતિ,
આચાર્યશ્રી
તમામ પ્રાથમિક, માધ્યમિક અને ઉ.મા. શાળાઓ,
સુરત જિ.સુરત

વિષય: બાળકોના ડેટાના સંગ્રહ/પ્રક્રિયાના સંદર્ભમાં DPDP અધિનિયમ 2023 અને અન્ય કાયદાઓનું પાલન કરવા બાબત.

સંદર્ભ: (૧) પ્રાથમિક શિક્ષણ નિયામકની કચેરી ગાંધીનગરના પત્રકમાંક: DPE/ SKL/ efile/ 105 / 2026/1614/sankalan

(૨) વિજ્ઞાન અને ટેકનોલોજી વિભાગ, ગુજરાત સરકારના પત્રકમાંક: DST/DIT/ICT/O211/DTC

ઉપરોક્ત પત્ર અને સંદર્ભ અન્વયે જણાવવાનું કે, રાષ્ટ્રીય માનવ અધિકાર આયોગ (NHRC) એ યુનાઇટેડ સ્ટેટ્સ સ્થિત આર્ટિફિશિયલ ઇન્ટેલિજન્સ કંપની (એન્થ્રોપિક) અને બિન-સરકારી સંસ્થા (પ્રથમ) એ ભારતમાં બાળકો માટે શિક્ષણની ગુણવત્તા વધારવામાં સહયોગ અંગે માહિતી પહોંચાડી છે. આ પહેલ હેઠળ, આર્ટિફિશિયલ ઇન્ટેલિજન્સ ટ્રસ્ટનો ઉપયોગ બાળકોના હસ્તલિખિત પ્રતિભાવો, શૈક્ષણિક પ્રદર્શન રેકૉર્ડ અને વ્યક્તિગત પ્રતિસાદ ડેટા પર પ્રક્રિયા કરવા માટે કરવામાં આવી રહ્યો છે.

ઉપરોક્ત બાબતોને ધ્યાનમાં રાખીને બાળકોના વ્યક્તિગત ડેટાની સંવેદનશીલતાને ધ્યાનમાં રાખીને, ખાસ કરીને શિક્ષણ ઇકોસિસ્ટમમાં શાળાઓ, શૈક્ષણિક સંસ્થાઓ, NGO, EdTech ભાગીદારો અથવા રાજ્યમાં કાર્યરત કોઈપણ તૃતીય-પક્ષ એજન્સીઓ દ્વારા બાળકોના ડેટાનો કોઈપણ સંગ્રહ, પ્રક્રિયા અથવા શેરિંગ ડિજિટલ પર્સનલ ડેટા પ્રોટેક્શન એક્ટ, 2023 (DPDP એક્ટ) અને અન્ય લાગુ કાયદાઓ, નિયમો અને માર્ગદર્શિકાઓની જોગવાઈઓનું સખત પાલન કરવાનું રહેશે.

જિલ્લા શિક્ષણાધિકારી

સુરત, જિ.સુરત

નકલ રવાના: નાયબ શિક્ષણ નિયામક, પ્રાથમિક શિક્ષણ, ગુ.રા.ગાંધીનગર



P. Bharathi, IAS
Secretary



Department of Science & Technology
Government of Gujarat
Block No. 7, 5th Floor, Sachivalaya,
Gandhinagar-382010
Letter No.: DST/DIT/CT/0211/DTG
Date: 16-03-2026

To:
Additional Chief Secretary,
Higher & Technical Education, Government
of Gujarat.

Principal Secretary,
Primary & Secondary Education,
Government of Gujarat.

Sub.: Compliance with DPDP Act, 2023 and other applicable laws in respect of collection/processing of children's data through AI-based initiatives.

Ref.: Communication received from National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), regarding the reported collaboration between a US-based Artificial Intelligence company and an NGO working with children in India.

Respected Sir,

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In view of the above, and considering the sensitivity of children's personal data, particularly in the education ecosystem, it is imperative to ensure that any collection, storage, processing, or sharing of children's data by schools, educational bodies, NGOs, EdTech partners, or any third-party agencies operating within the State is undertaken strictly in compliance with the provisions of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 (DPDP Act) and other applicable laws, Acts, rules and guidelines.

Accordingly, it is requested that:

- It may kindly be examined whether any such AI-based tools/platforms are being deployed in Government, grant-in-aid, or private schools within the State involving processing of children's personal data.
- In case children's data has been or is being collected, processed, or shared with any external entity, strict compliance with the DPDP Act, 2023, including lawful consent mechanisms (especially verifiable parental consent for children), purpose limitation, data minimization, storage limitation, and security safeguards, may be ensured.
- All agreements/MoUs executed with NGOs, technology partners, or service providers may be reviewed to ensure adequate data protection clauses, confidentiality safeguards, and clear accountability provisions.
- Necessary instructions may be issued to all subordinate offices and educational institutions under the Department to strictly adhere to applicable data protection and child safety norms.

In view of the sensitive nature of minors' data and the evolving digital ecosystem in the education sector, it is requested to ensure DPDP Act and other applicable laws compliance and proactive oversight to safeguard the privacy and best interests of children.

Best regards,

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પ્રાથમિક શિક્ષણ નિયામકની કચેરી,

બ્લોક નં. ૧૨/૧, ડૉ. જીવરાજ મહેતા ભવન,

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ઉક્ત વિજ્ઞાન અને ટેકનોલોજી વિભાગ, ગાંધીનગરના તા.૧૬/૦૩/૨૦૨૬ ના પત્ર અન્વયે આપની કક્ષાએથી જરૂરી નિયમાનુસારની કાર્યવાહી કરવા તથા સૂચનાનું પાલન કરવા સારું...

પ્રતિ,

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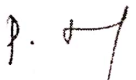
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