

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHER EDUCATION, ASSAM
KAHILIPARA, GUWAHATI-19

e-CF No. 850722/2026/1

As on e-signed

From: Smti. Gayatri Naiding, AES
Joint Director of Higher Education, Assam
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

To: The Principal,
All Government Colleges/Provincialised Colleges/
PDUAMs/Government Model Colleges of Assam.

Sub: Recommendations of NHRC on "Access to Social Media by Children"
- regarding.

Ref: Govt. Letter No. E-844705/2026/5 dated 15-09-2026

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the Government letter cited above, I am directed to forward herewith the letter along with its enclosures received from the Higher Education Department, Government of Assam, regarding the recommendations of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) emanating from the Open House Discussion on "Access to Social Media by Children", for your information and necessary action.

In this connection, you are requested to carefully examine the recommendations contained in the enclosed communication and take necessary action for their appropriate implementation at your institutional level.

You are further requested to furnish an Action Taken Report (ATR) on the action taken in respect of the recommendations, as stated in the enclosure at point no 3, with an intimation to this Directorate, at the earliest accordingly.

Encl.: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by
GAYATRI NAIDING
Date: 08-10-2026
10:40:08

Joint Director of Higher Education, Assam
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

Memo e-CF No. 850722/2026/1-A

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Copy for kind information to:

1. The Additional Secretary to the Government of Assam, Higher Education Department, Dispur, Guwahati-06.

Digitally signed
Joint Director of Higher Education, Assam
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

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E- 844705/2026/5

From : Shri Eldad L. Faihriem, ACS,
Additional Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Higher Education Department.

To : 1) The Director of Higher Education,
Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

2) The Director of Technical Education,
Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

3) The Registrars,
All Universities

Sub : NHRC Recommendations on "Access to Social Media by Children" – regarding.

Ref : D.O. No. 5-35/2025-PNII dated 25-06-2025.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith the recommendations of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) emanating from the Open House Discussion on "Access to Social Media by Children", chaired by its Chairperson, Justice V. Ramasubramaniam,

The recommendations emphasise coordinated efforts towards child safety, awareness and capacity building among children, parents and teachers, along with appropriate implementation and child-protection measures.

This is for kind information and necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,

Enclosure: As stated.

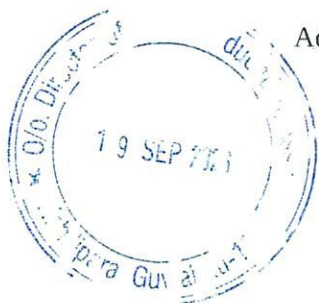
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Date: 15-09-2026 20:13:10

Additional Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Higher Education Department.

Memo No. E- 844705/2026/5-A

Copy to:

P.A. to Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Higher Education Department, Assam,
Dispur, Guwahati-06.



(e-Signed)
Additional Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Higher Education Department.



GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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No. E.269291 /490

Dated Dispur, the ____ Sept, 2026

From : Under Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Women and Child Development Department.

To : 1. The Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
School Education Department
2. The Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Higher Education Department
3. The Member Secretary
State Child Protection Society, Assam
Beltola Road, Guwahati-28

Sub : Recommendations of NHRC on “Access to Social Media by Children” –
regarding.

Ref : Letter no. R-32/1/2026-PRPP, dated 21/08/2026

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter under reference received from the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) along with the copy of recommendations, emerging from the Open House Discussion chaired by Hon'ble Justice V. Ramasubramanian, discussed on the theme “**Access to Social Media by Children**”.

You are therefore requested to kindly examine the recommendations and submit an Action Taken Report (ATR) directly to the NHRC within the stipulated period prescribed by the NHRC.

This is for your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by
Jayashree Deka
Date: 10-09-2026
13:52:41

Encl: As stated above

Under Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Women and Child Department, Dispur

Memo No. E.269291 /490

Copy to:

S.O. to the Chief Secretary, Assam for kind information.

(e-signed)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Women and Child Department, Dispur



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NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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Website : www.nhrc.nic.in

No. R-32/ 1/ 2026-PRPP

Dated: 21st August 2026

To,

Chief Secretary
Government of Assam
Block- C, 3rd Floor, Assam Sachivalaya
Dispur- 781 006, Guwahati

Addl. CS, Home & Political

✓ Addl. CS, Women & Child Dev.
R.B.

Subject: Recommendations emanating from the Open House Discussion on the theme 'Access to Social Media by Children'— regarding.

Sir,

The National Human Rights Commission is mandated under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 to protect and promote human rights in the country. To fulfil its mandate, the Commission performs several functions, including reviewing the safeguards provided by or under the Constitution or any law for the time being in force for the protection of human rights and recommending measures for their effective implementation in the country.

2.) In this regard, an Open House Discussion on the theme 'Access to Social Media by Children' was held on 16th March 2026, at Manav Adhikar Bhavan, under the chairpersonship of Justice V. Ramasubramanian, Hon'ble Chairperson, NHRC. The recommendations emanating from the meeting, as approved by the Full Commission are mentioned in the Annexure for necessary action.

3.) It is, therefore, requested to send an Action Taken Report to the Commission within 4 weeks for its perusal. A copy of the ATR may kindly be mailed at sro-nhrc@nic.in

Yours faithfully,

[Saidingpuii Chhakchhuak]
Joint Secretary

Enclosed: As above

Old The Chief Secretary
To The Govt. Of Assam
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Recommendations emanating from the Open House Discussion on the theme 'Access to Social Media by Children' are given hereunder:

- i. A coordinated centralised approach should be adopted where the Central Government sets uniform standards on child safety and platform regulation, while State Governments handle implementation through local enforcement, education and child protection systems.
- ii. Awareness and capacity-building initiatives should be conducted for children, parents, teachers and communities to promote safe and responsible digital use.
- iii. Parents should be encouraged to adopt balanced and communicative approaches, with structured usage habits, reasonable screen-time limits and promotion of offline engagement.
- iv. Schools should implement appropriate device-use policies, provide counselling support and promote responsible use of digital tools for learning.
- v. Policies should ensure that they do not widen the digital divide and must account for the needs of rural populations, girls and marginalised groups, including shared-device environments.
- vi. Large-scale and longitudinal research should be conducted for a better understanding of children's digital usage patterns and long-term impacts.
- vii. Children should be included in policymaking processes and online safety measures should be integrated into broader child protection frameworks.