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CIRCULAR

Sub: Strengthening of investigation, monitoring and co-ordination in
Cases of missing children and missing persons – constitution of
District /Division Missing Persons Units and Missing Persons
Squads -reg.

Ref: Daily order dated: 12/09/2025 in Ramakrishna S/o Subray Bhat Vs
The Director General of Police, WP HC No: 100012/2024

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The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble High Courts, in a series of judgments and directions, have repeatedly emphasized that cases of missing children and missing persons are to be treated with utmost seriousness, urgency and sensitivity. Courts have observed that delay, casual approach, or lack of coordination in such cases may result in irreversible harm, including trafficking, exploitation and loss of life. In view of the constitutional obligation of the State to protect life and liberty, and in compliance with the directions issued by the Hon'ble Courts from time to time, it is imperative that investigation, monitoring and follow-up of missing cases are institutionalised, accountable and technology-driven.

1. DISTRICT MISSING PERSONS UNITS (DMPU):

Each District/Commissionerate shall constitute a Missing Person Unit (MPU) at the District Police Office/Other COPs/All Divisions in Bengaluru City Commissionerate.

The DMPU shall function under the DCRB/CCRB and shall be responsible for collection, collation, analysis and review of data relating to missing children and missing persons.

The DMPU shall function under the overall supervision of Addl. SP (Crime) / DCP (Crime) of the respective District/ Other Commissionerates/ DCP of Divisions in Bengaluru City Commissionerate.

The DMPU shall act as the nodal coordination unit for inter-district, inter-state and inter-agency communication in missing cases.

2. MISSING PERSONS SQUAD:

Every Police Station shall have a Missing Person Squad (MPS). The MPS shall consist of One PSI as the in-charge, four staff drawn from HC/PC cadre including 1 WHC/WPC.

The MPS shall function under the overall supervision of the PI/CPI of the Police Station. The MPS shall ensure prompt registration, immediate field action, investigation, sustained follow-up, and documentation in all missing cases.

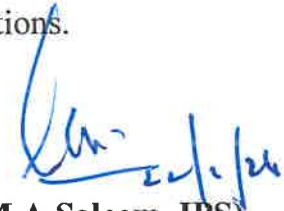
3. INVESTIGATION BY ANTI HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNITS (AHTU)

Cases transferred to AHTU as per Standing Orders shall be investigated exclusively by AHTU. Such investigations shall be conducted under the supervision of the PI of the concerned Women Police Station. The directions issued vide Circular No. CRM-2/224/WP/ 2018 dated: 16/09/2020 and SOP No. 1027 dated: 14/10/2020 shall be strictly followed without deviation.

4. MONITORING OF DIGITAL PORTALS & DATA UPLOAD

Uploading of data relating to missing children and missing persons on all prescribed digital portals, and adherence to procedural requirements, shall be continuously monitored by DMPU. The Senior Child Welfare Police Officer (Sr. CWPO) of the District/Division shall personally monitor these aspects till the missing child is traced. Any delay, omission or incorrect data entry shall be viewed seriously and fixed with responsibility.

The Unit Officers are directed to take immediate action to constitute the DMPU and MPS in your respective Units and comply the above directions.



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Director General and
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To:

All the Unit Officers.

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