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Sub:- Removal of Arrestee details from the Official
Website of Kerala Police- Instructions issued-reg.

Ref:- PHQ Circular No. 07/2011 dated 16.03.2011

Vide the reference cited, the State Crime Records Bureau, PHQ, Thiruvananthapuram has been functioning as the state level control room for monitoring arrests in the State. All DySsP of District Crime Records Bureaus are consolidating the list of persons arrested in the districts, every week and electronically forwarding this consolidated list to SCRB, on the succeeding Wednesday. The details of arrested persons received at SCRB are maintained as computerized digital data bank for the department, and later, such consolidated list is published in the official website of Kerala Police, <https://keralapolice.gov.in> for information of the general public. However, no direction has been issued regarding the period of retention of this data in the official website of Kerala Police, for the information of general public.

Recently, some complaints are received that details of persons arrested by the Police are remaining in the website even after the Courts have acquitted them, after the trial. The details of arrested persons remain

available in the website, for anybody to view online. This will adversely affect the day to day life of arrested persons.

After considering the facts above, it is directed to delete details of arrested persons from the website of Kerala Police within 30 days of publication under the following circumstances:-

- 1) In all preventive arrest cases.
- 2) If the court acquits an arrested person, as not guilty in the trial and the prosecution is not filing appeal against acquittal.
- 3) If the prosecution files appeal against acquittal based on the outcome of the appeal.
- 4) If a Court has imposed fine on the arrested persons, after the remittance of fine by the accused persons.
- 5) If the court has punished the accused persons with simple or rigorous imprisonment, after completing the imprisonment period.
- 6) If the court has awarded life imprisonment, after completing the period of imprisonment / death of the convict.
- 7) If the court has awarded death penalty, after the execution of court orders.
- 8) If the accused person has died, during normal course.
- 9) Quashing of the connected FIR by a Court.
- 10) Deleting an arrested person from the array of accused by the investigation officer during investigation.