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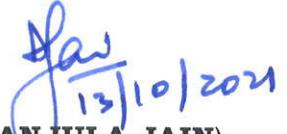
Advisory regarding the issue of LGBTQIA+ Community and necessary changes in competencies of CBME- curriculum

This is in pursuance of the direction passed by the Hon'ble Madras High Court in writ petition no. 7284 of 2021. It has been noted that the various textbooks of medical education mainly of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology subject and Psychiatry subject contains unscientific information about virginity and also contains derogatory remarks against LGBTQIA+ Community and homosexuals.

2. In this connection, all the Medical Universities/Colleges/Institutions are requested that while teaching UG & PG students wherever the issue of gender or similar kind arise, the mention of Clinical history or complaints or signs/symptoms, examination findings or history about nomenclature shall not be taught in such a way that it becomes/perceived in any way derogatory/discriminatory/ insulting to LGBTQIA+ community.

3. Further, all the authors of Medical Text Books are hereby instructed to amend the information about virginity, LGBTQIA+ Community and homosexuals, etc. in their textbooks according to the available scientific literature, guidelines issued by the Government, and directions passed by the Hon'ble Courts. Furthermore, all the Medical Universities/Colleges/Institutions are requested not to approve the books as recommended books by the University if the books have unscientific, derogatory, and discriminatory information about virginity, LGBTQIA+ Community, and homosexuals.

4. The publication shall be applied strictly by the Government and Authorities concerned.


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