

PRESS NOTE

Cr.No. 186/2024 U/s 77 r/w 3(5) BNS and Sec. 66(E) IT Act of Gudlavalleru PS.

Date of Offence: Prior to 30-08-2024
Date of Registration: 30-08-2024 at 04:30 hrs
Place of Occurrence: Gudlavalleru Engineering College Ladies Hostel, 3rd Floor Washrooms.

On the night of **29-08-2024**, students residing in the Ladies Hostel of Gudlavalleru Engineering College raised concerns over alleged secret cameras installed in the **3rd Floor Common Washrooms**. The students reported that their peers had informed them about possible video leaks. Disturbed by these allegations, the students staged a protest within the college premises.

Upon receiving this information, the college management promptly informed the police. The police immediately arrived at the location, addressed the concerns of the students, and registered a case based on a written complaint filed by the students. The case was registered the same night, and higher officials were informed.

Given the sensitive nature of the incident, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, **Krishna District Collector**, and **Superintendent of Police, Krishna District**, along with **Hon'ble Minister Kollu Ravindra and other district MLAs**, visited the college. They assured the students that a thorough investigation would be conducted and that the culprits, if any, would face stringent legal action.

Investigative Measures Taken:

1. **Bomb Disposal Team Inspection:**

Under the guidance of Krishna District SP, a **Bomb Disposal Team** from Machilipatnam inspected the **Common Washrooms** using advanced **Non-Linear Junction Detectors (NLJD)** in the presence of Women and Child Welfare Department officials and selected student representatives. No hidden cameras were detected during this inspection.

2. **Special Investigation Team Formation:**
A **Special Investigation Team (SIT)** was formed, consisting of **1 WCI, 2 WSIs, and 2 WPCs**, to carry out an impartial and thorough investigation.

3. **Network and Digital Forensics Analysis:**

- Scientists from **CERT-In, New Delhi**, and **C-DAC, Pune**, were invited to analyze the college's **network traffic, firewall logs, and system vulnerabilities**.
 - They concluded that there were no connections or evidence of secret cameras being linked to the network system.
4. **Forensic Examination:**
- **Showerheads from the washrooms** were seized and sent to **FSL, Mangalagiri**, for forensic analysis.
 - A total of **9 laptops, 14 cell phones, and 1 tablet** were seized from students for forensic examination.
5. **Social Media and Influencer Investigation:**
- Social media influencers who uploaded videos related to the incident were questioned. None of them had access to any actual footage. Their videos were based solely on interviews with students.
6. **FSL Report Findings:**
- FSL, Mangalagiri, confirmed that the seized devices contained no videos or images related to the washrooms.
 - Showerheads were analyzed, and no hidden cameras were found.
7. **Further Analysis by CERT-In:**
- Data from the seized devices was separately transferred to external hard drives and sent to CERT-In, New Delhi. The scientists confirmed that there was no evidence of inappropriate material.

Conclusion: The investigation, conducted from all possible angles, confirmed that there were no hidden cameras in the Ladies Hostel washrooms. Additionally, no footage or inappropriate content was found in the seized devices.

Students and parents are assured that there is no need for concern. The case is being investigated thoroughly and will be resolved on its merits.

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