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To

All Social media platforms:

This invites reference to the advisory dated 20.03.2020 and 07.05.2021 issued by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India regarding curbing of false news / misinformation concerning corona virus on social media platforms.

2. It has come to our knowledge that a statement is being circulated online which implies that an ‘Indian variant’ of corona virus is spreading across the countries. **This is completely FALSE.** There is no such variant of Covid-19 scientifically cited as such by the World Health Organisation (WHO). WHO has not associated the term “Indian Variant” with the B.1.617 variant of the coronavirus in any of its reports.

3. This has already been clarified by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on 12th May., 2021 through a press release available at <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717876>

4. Therefore, you are requested to remove all the content that names, refers to, or implies ‘Indian variant’ of corona virus from your platform immediately.



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