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Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education
(PN.II Section)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi Dated: 13th August, 2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Launch of the Official Website of the National Task Force constituted pursuant to Supreme Court Judgment in Criminal Appeal No. 1425/2025 @ SLP (Crl) No. 13324/2024 titled *Amit Kumar & Ors Vs. Union of India & Ors* – reg.

Reference is invited to the constitution of the National Task Force by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, vide order dated 24.03.2025 to discuss and deliberate the issues related to mental health concerns among students, prevention of commission of the suicides in educational institutions and recommend preventive measures.

- 2. As part of its deliberations, the National Task Force has launched its website on 8th August 2025. The website serves as a central platform to gather diverse perspectives from key stakeholders including **Students** of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs); **Parents** of such students; **Faculty** Members; **Mental Health Service Providers**; and **Institutional Representative**. It also seeks inputs from General Public, including friends or family members of students affected by suicide, alumni, NGOs, media professionals, and other concerned citizens.
- 3. For more information and to participate in the survey, the website URL is https://ntf.education.gov.in.
- 4. The portal hosts structured online survey questionnaires, available in English and Hindi, designed to collect *anonymous* and *confidential inputs* on a wide range of themes including Campus environment; Inclusivity and belongingness; Sources of distress and systemic discrimination; Existing support systems and grievance redressal mechanisms; and Suggestions for improving student wellbeing.
- 5. Among different categories of Surveys, **Institutional Surveys** are also being conducted to gather information from Higher Education Institutions, which can only be filled in **through AISHE User Credential assigned to HEIs**.
- 6. All stakeholders are requested to:
 - (i). Visit the website and participate in the relevant surveys;
 - (ii) Disseminate the Website Link and survey information among Students, Institutions and other stakeholders under their administrative control;
 - (iii) Encourage timely and sincere participation in the Surveys.

7. This may be given PRIORITY and WIDE PUBLICITY to encourage greater participation.

(Rina Sonowal Kouli)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

To

1. All VCs/Directors of Centrally Funded Higher Education Institutions under MoE

- 2. All Higher Education Institutions through UGC
- 3. All Technical Institutions through AICTE
- 4. All Higher Education Institutions including INIs through respective Ministries/Departments
- 5. All Secretaries of Union Ministries of Government of India
- 6. All Chief Secretaries / Additional Chief Secretaries / Principal Secretaries of Higher & Technical Education of States / UTs
- 7. Nominated Nodal Officers from States/UTs
- 8. Secretary, National Medical Commission
- 9. Chairman, Pharmacy Council of India
- 10. Chairman, Dental Council of India
- 11. Chairman, Indian Nursing Council
- 12. Chairman, Bar Council of India
- 13. Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog
- 14. Chairman, National Council for Teacher Education

Copy to, with a request to circulate the information to all Educational Institutions / Organisations / Bodies under their control and publicise it on the respective websites of their Ministry/Department:-

- 1. Secretary, M/o Home Affairs
- 2. Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, M/o Education
- 3. Secretary, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment
- 4. Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India
- 5. Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 6. Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice
- 7. Vice Chancellor, NIEPA
- 8. All Bureau Heads, Department of Higher Education with a request to ensure wide dissemination among concerned institutions.
- 9. CMIS/NIC for uploading this OM on Ministry's website, NTF's website and e-Office.

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- 2. PS to Hon'ble MoS for Higher Education
- 3. PPS to Secretary (Higher Education)
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