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Ministry of Education
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Department of Higher Education

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Date: 20th June 2025

Dear Ma'am / Sir,

Please refer to my earlier D.O. letter of even number dated 05.04.2025 and 05.05.2025 regarding National Task Force constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its judgment dated 24.03.2025 in Criminal Appeal No. 1425/2025 [SLP (Crl.) No. 13324/2024] concerning the prevention of student suicides in Higher Educational Institutions. A copy of letter dated 05.04.2025 along with copy of judgement is again enclosed for reference.

2. The National Task Force has started deliberation on the issues as per the mandate entrusted to it by Hon'ble Supreme Court and is to submit its interim report by end of September 2025.

3. In compliance of order dated 24.03.2025, States/UTs were requested to nominate a Nodal Officer (not below the rank of Joint Secretary in the Department of Higher Education) to coordinate with the Task Force and oversee compliance with the Court's directions. Nominations have been received from State/UT of Assam, Jharkhand, Ladakh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Dadra Nagar Haveli D.D. UT, Chandigarh, Andaman & Nicobar, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Tripura, Nagaland, Goa and Odisha only.

4. I would, therefore, request you once again to kindly **nominate a Nodal Officer** (not below the rank of Joint Secretary in the Department of Higher Education) and share the complete contact details with this Department **by 26.06.2025**.


5. Further, I would also request you that the Higher Education Institutions in your State/UT may be directed to extend full cooperation to the Nodal Officer and **provide necessary data/information with regard to existing mechanism/initiative taken in the field of mental health and wellbeing of students and outcome of such initiatives**, as may be sought by the National Task Force, for its consideration and analysis.

6. Ms. Rina Sonowal Kouli, Joint Secretary (Email: rinasonowal.edu@nic.in and Phone No. 011-23385162 and 011-23381721) of this Department who is the Convenor of the National Task Force, may be contacted in case of any further assistance in the matter.

With regards,

Encl: As above

Yours sincerely,


(Dr. Vineet Joshi)

Chief Secretaries of remaining States/UTs

(as per list)

N.O.O.

Copy to:-

ACS / Pr. Secretary / Secretary to Higher & Technical Education,

All State / UT Governments

Copy also to:-

Nodal Officers of States/UTs

List of States

S.No	State/UT
1.	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Arunachal Pradesh
3.	Bihar
4.	Gujarat
5.	Haryana
6.	Karnataka
7.	Kerala
8.	Maharashtra
9.	Manipur
10.	Meghalaya
11.	Mizoram
12.	Sikkim
13.	Tamil Nadu
14.	Uttarakhand
15.	West Bengal
16.	Union Territory Lakshadweep
17.	Union Territory of Puducherry
18.	Union Territory, Jammu and Kashmir