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Date: 23rd August, 2025

Dear Ma'am/Sir,

As you are aware that a National Task Force (NTF) constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its judgment dated 24.03.2025 in Criminal Appeal No. 1425/2025 [SLP (Cr.) No. 13324/2024] concerning issues relating to mental health of students.

2. As part of its deliberations, NTF has launched a dedicated website to gather diverse perspectives (by hosting online survey questionnaires) 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. The website URL is <https://ntf.education.gov.in>. In this regard, OM dated 13.08.2025 for dissemination of website is also attached.

3. Further, Guidelines and Directions issued by Hon'ble Supreme Court vide judgment dated 25.07.2025 in the matter of *Sukdeb Saha vs State of Andhra Pradesh & Ors*, have also been shared with States/UTs vide OM dated 08.08.2025 and subsequent D.O. dated 14.08.2025 with Google link to provide action taken details on the Guidelines and directions of the Hon'ble Court.

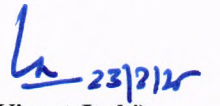
4. The Guidelines and Directions mandate the States/UTs to notify rules for registration, student protection norms, grievance redressal mechanisms, district-level monitoring committee etc. An online meeting in this regard is also scheduled to held on 27.08.2025.

5. I would, therefore, request you to sensitize the institutions regarding the NTF -mental health portal and also to instruct your concerned departments to take actions as per the mandate of Hon'ble Court and provide requisite information by filling up the Google form.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Encl: As above


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