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D.O. No. 5-21/2025-PN.II

I would like to draw your kind attention to this Department's communications dated 05.04.2025, 05.05.2025, 20.06.2025, 17.07.2025, 30.07.2025, 13.08.2025 and 23.08.2025, in compliance of the judgment dated 24.03.2025 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the Criminal Appeal No. 1425/2025 [SLP (Crl.) No. 13324/2024], which underscores the urgent need for comprehensive measures to address mental health concerns among students. A National Task Force has been constituted and mandated to submit its interim report by end of September 2025 and final report by December, 2025.

2. The Task Force has since commenced deliberations and launched a dedicated **website/portal** (<https://ntf.education.gov.in>) to gather diverse perspectives through survey questionnaires from students, parents, faculty members, mental health service providers, institutional representatives, and general public including alumni, NGOs, and concerned citizens.

3. In this regard, I also had a meeting with ACS/Pr. Secretary/Secretary, Higher & Technical Education and nominated Nodal Officers of States/UTs on 27.08.2025 wherein all State/UT Governments have been requested to get the Institutional Survey filled-up by Higher Education Institutions of their respective State/UT. So far, responses have been received from 2,47,868 students; 38,152 faculty; 35,741 parents; 2288 HEIs; 1766 mental health providers and 57,411 concerned citizens. As far as Institutional Survey is concerned, a large number of Higher Education Institutions have not filled-up the respective Survey Form. Now, the National Task Force has extended the date for submission of responses on its website. **All HEIs registered under AISHE are required to complete the institutional survey by 4th October 2025 positively, using their AISHE Credentials.**

4. In view of the above, I would therefore seek your kind cooperation and request you on the following:-

(i) Kindly instruct Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) of your State/UT to complete the survey form using AISHE Login Credential.

(ii) Advise State Regulatory Authorities in the field of Higher Education for wider dissemination of website of NTF-Mental Health and urge them to further direct HEIs to fill the survey.

(iii) Kindly instruct nominated State Nodal Officer to provide requisite data/information to NTF as decided in the meeting of NTF held with them on 06.08.2025. **A copy of D.O. letter dated 25.08.2025 along with summary of discussion is enclosed for reference.**

(iv) Heads of HEIs may be instructed to provide requisite data/information with regard to mechanism/initiatives taken to promote mental health and wellbeing of students and to facilitate visit of NTF as and when they come to their Institution.

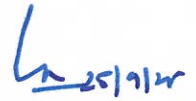
5. I would be grateful if you could kindly issue necessary advisory to Higher Education Institutions/Education related Regulatory Bodies from your end to expedite the matter and issue the Press Note also. Your prompt action in this regard will greatly contribute to foster a safer and more supportive environment for students.

6. Ms. Rina Sonowal Kouli, Joint Secretary (Email: rinasonowal.edu@nic.in and Phone No. 011-23385162 and 0-1123381721) of this Department who is the Convenor of the National Task Force, may be contacted in case of any further assistance in the matter.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/
(Vineet Joshi)

ACS / Pr. Secretary / Secretary to Higher & Technical Education, All State / UT Governments

Copy to:- Nominated Nodal Officers of States/UTs


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