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

Dated: 15th October, 2025

Dear Sir / Madam,

I would like to draw your attention to this Department Circular of even no. dated 25.08.2025 and D.O. letters dated 04.09.2025, 16.09.2025 & 25.09.2025 regarding filling up of Questionnaires on Official Website of the National Task Force constituted pursuant to Supreme Court Judgment in Criminal Appeal No. 1425/2025 @ SLP (CrI) No. 13324/2024 title Amit Kumar & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Ors.

2. The National Task Force on Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention in Institutes of Higher Education, has launched a series of surveys on its official website <https://ntf.education.gov.in/> to gather crucial inputs from stakeholders i.e. students, parents, faculty members and institutions.

3. I would like to bring your kind attention towards Order dated 10.10.2025 of Hon'ble Supreme Court (copy enclosed) wherein Hon'ble Court has viewed these miniscule number of responses of Institutional Survey very seriously and directed all Higher Education Institutions to cooperate and join the survey on NTF Website immediately, in the interest of the students. Through the order, Hon'ble Court has given one last opportunity to all HEIs for filling up of Institutional Survey, failing which the Court might pass Order which may bring a bad name to the Institution.

4. As the National Task Force is in process of preparing its interim report, it is imperative that all Higher Education Institutions shall fill-up the survey using their AISHE Credential immediately.

5. I therefore request you to treat this matter with utmost priority and ensure that the National Task Force (NTF) Institute Surveys are submitted **by 29th October 2025 positively**. Institutions are also strongly encouraged to widely disseminate information about the surveys to all the stakeholders.

With regards,

Encl: As above

Yours sincerely,

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Vice Chancellors/Heads of Central Universities and Centrally Funded Higher Education Institutions

Copy to: All Bureau Heads of D/o Higher Education - With a request to follow-up with the HEIs under your administrative control to expedite filling up of survey.

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