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

Dear Madam / Sir,

I would like to draw your attention to this Department letters of even no. dated 25.08.2025 and D.O. letters dated 04.09.2025, 16.09.2025, 25.09.202 and 15.10.2025 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 (Crl) 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 again like to bring your kind attention towards Order dated 10.10.2025 of Hon'ble Supreme Court (copy enclosed) wherein Hon'ble Court has expressed its disappointment over the miniscule number of responses of Institutional Survey 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 al HEIs for filling up of Institutional Survey, failing which the Court might pass Order which may bring a bad name to the respective Institutions."*

4. Vide DO letter dated 15.10.2025 the Centrally Funded Institutions were accordingly requested to treat the matter with priority and ensure that the NTF Surveys are submitted by 29.10.2025.

5. It has been noted that as on date only 32 Central Universities, 23 IITs (all submitted), 22 NITs, 7 IIITs, 13 IIMs, 5 IISERs etc have submitted survey data.

6. The matter is listed for hearing in the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 14.11.2025, I would therefore, request earnestly you to take urgent action in light of the request made vide DO letter dated 15.10.2025 (Copy Attached).

With regards,

Encl: As Above

Yours sincerely,

(Rina Sonowal Kouli)

Vice Chancellor of Central Universities/ Directors NITs, IIITs, IISERs, IIMs / Heads of Centrally Funded Higher Education Institution