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

Dear Madam/Sir,

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Dated: 04 December 2025

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, 15.10.2025 and 30.10.2025 regarding filling up of Questionnaires on the 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 like to draw your kind attention to the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Order dated 10.10.2025, wherein the Court has expressed serious concern over the low number of responses to the Institutional Survey and has directed all Higher Education Institutions to complete the survey on a priority basis and within the stipulated timelines.

4. Earlier, Institutions were requested to submit the survey by 29 October 2025. Given the low response rate on the website, it has been decided to extend the timeline for submission of responses up to 15th December 2025.

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 15th December 2025 positively. Institutions are also strongly encouraged to widely disseminate information about the surveys to all stakeholders.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

Encl: As above

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(Rina Sonowal Kouli)

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 the survey.