

No. 5-21/2026-PN.II
Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education
(PN.II Section)

Kartavya Bhawan-II, New Delhi

Dated: 15th June, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court's Orders dated 15.01.2026 and 27.05.2026 - National Task Force constituted pursuant to Supreme Court Judgment in Criminal Appeal No. 1425/2025 @ SLP (Crl) No. 13324/2024 titled *Amit Kumar & Ors Vs. Union of India & Ors* - reg.

Reference is invited to the constitution of the National Task Force by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, vide its order dated 24.03.2025 to discuss and deliberate the issues related to mental health concerns among students, prevention of commission of the suicides in educational institutions and recommend preventive measures.

2. Pursuant to extensive consultations with various stakeholders, the National Task Force has submitted its Interim Report to the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The Interim Report has also been made available at NTF Portal [https:// ntf.education.gov.in](https://ntf.education.gov.in).

3. In view of the large volume of stakeholder inputs received, the ongoing analysis of survey responses, consolidation of recommendations, and preparation of Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs), the Hon'ble Supreme Court, vide its Order dated 27.05.2026 (copy enclosed) **has granted an extension of four months, i.e., up to 31.10.2026**, for completion of the assigned tasks. Accordingly, all concerned are requested to extend necessary cooperation, support and assistance to the National Task Force and its members, as and when required, to facilitate timely completion of its mandate.

4. Attention is also invited to the Order dated 15.01.2026 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, whereby several directions were issued for compliance by Higher Educational Institutions. **These, inter alia, include expeditious filling up of vacant positions of Vice-Chancellors, Registrars and other key academic and administrative functionaries, as well as teaching and non-teaching faculty positions, within the stipulated timeframe, with due priority accorded to posts reserved for candidates belonging to marginalized and underrepresented communities, including Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).** A copy of the said Order is also enclosed for strict compliance.

5. As the matter is scheduled to be listed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 24.07.2026, all concerned institutions are requested to accord utmost priority to the implementation of the aforesaid directions and ensure timely compliance.

Encl: As Above.



(Rina Sonowal Kouli)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

To,

1. All VCs/Directors of Centrally Funded Higher Education Institutions under MoE
2. All Higher Education Institutions through UGC

3. All Technical Institutions through AICTE
4. All Higher Education Institutions including INIs through respective Ministries/Departments
5. All Secretaries of Union Ministries of Government of India
6. All Chief Secretaries / Additional Chief Secretaries / Principal Secretaries of Higher & Technical Education of States / UTs
7. Nominated Nodal Officers from States/UTs
8. Secretary, National Medical Commission
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13. Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog
14. Chairman, National Council for Teacher Education

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4. Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India
5. Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
6. Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice
7. Vice Chancellor, NIEPA
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