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Date: 16th September, 2026

Sir / Madam

As you are aware Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its judgment dated 24.03.2025 in the matter of Amit Kumar & Ors. vs. Union of India & Ors., has constituted a National Task Force (NTF) to address Mental Health concerns of students and prevent the commission of suicides in HEIs under the Chairmanship of Justice (Retd.) S. Ravindra Bhat, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India.

2. Vide its order dated 15.01.2026, Hon'ble Court had inter-alia issued a number of directions for appropriate and immediate action by all State/UT Government, Regulatory Bodies, Higher Educational Institutions and concerned Ministries/Departments. The order was circulated vide my D.O. letter of even number dated 05.02.2026 and OM dated 15.06.2026 for taking necessary action as per the court's directions. Further, in pursuance to Hon'ble Court's order dated 30.07.2026, vide D.O. letter dated 10.08.2026, it was informed to file the compliance affidavit, in the format prescribed, in the Hon'ble Court.

3. Now, vide its order dated 01.09.2026, Hon'ble Court has observed that all the directions issued by the Court from time to time shall be duly complied with.

4. In view of the above, the directions issued by the Hon'ble Court vide its order dated 15.01.2026 are set out briefly below :-

Para 45 (iii) Mandatory reporting of suicide/unnatural deaths by HEIs - HEIs shall immediately report every student suicide or unnatural death to police authorities, irrespective of location, circumstances, mode of study or accommodation.

Para 45 (iv) Annual reporting of student suicides/unnatural deaths - HEIs shall annually report student suicides and unnatural deaths to UGC/regulatory bodies, while Central Universities, INIs and other HEIs shall report to the Department of Higher Education.

Para 45 (v) Round-the-clock medical assistance for residential HEIs - Residential HEIs shall provide round-the-clock qualified medical assistance; where unavailable on campus, equivalent emergency medical support shall be ensured within one kilometre.

Para 45 (vi) Filling of vacant faculty positions within four months - All vacant teaching and non-teaching positions in public and private HEIs shall be filled within four months, prioritising reserved posts and undertaking special recruitment drives where necessary.

Para 45 (vii) Filling of key institutional and administrative posts - Vacancies of Vice-Chancellors, Registrars and other key posts shall be filled within four months, with recruitment initiated sufficiently early to minimise periods of vacancy.

Para 45 (viii) Timely disbursement of scholarships and protection of students - Pending scholarships shall be disbursed within four months, with reasons for delay communicated within two months. Students shall not face academic or administrative penalties for such delays.

Para 45 (ix) Compliance with UGC regulations and grievance mechanisms - HEIs shall strictly comply with UGC regulations on ragging, equity, sexual harassment and grievances, ensuring functional committees and officers and adherence to prescribed procedures.

5. I would also request you to kindly follow-up with the HEIs under your administrative jurisdiction for compliance of directions issued by the Hon'ble Court, and maintain the compliance data for timely submission before the Hon'ble Court, as and when required.

6. Copies of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's orders dated 15.01.2026 and 30.07.2026 are enclosed for reference.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Encl: As above


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