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Dated: Shimla 171001

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To

1. The Registrar, HPU Shimla-5
2. The Registrar, SPU Mandi, District Mandi, HP.
3. The Registrars, all the Govt./Pvt. Universities in HP
4. All the Principal(s) of Govt./Skt./Pvt. Colleges, in Himachal Pradesh.
5. The Secretary, H.P. Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Commission, Shimla HP.
6. The Director, Directorate of Medical Education & Research, Himachal Pradesh, SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-171009
7. The Director, Directorate of Technical Education, Vocational and Industrial Training, HP.
8. The Director, Directorate of Tourism & Civil Aviation, H.P. Shimla.

Subject:

Furnishing of Information regarding National Task Force (NTF) on Student Mental Health (Crl. Appeal No. 1425 of 2025, Amit Kumar & Ors. vs. Union of India) - regarding.

With reference to the subject cited above that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, vide Order dated 24.10.2025 in Crl. Appeal No. 1425 of 2025 (Amit Kumar & Ors. vs. Union of India), constituted a National Task Force (NTF) to examine issues relating to student mental health concerns and prevention of suicides in Higher Educational Institutions and to recommend appropriate preventive measures. The NTF has sought detailed information from the States/UTs in this regard, and the matter is listed for further hearing before the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 24.07.2026.

The Government of Himachal Pradesh, Department of Higher Education vide letter No. EDN-A-Kha(06)-07/2026 dated 07.07.2026 has accordingly directed this Directorate to furnish the requisite information as per the enclosed Annexure 'A' at the earliest, treating the matter as MOST URGENT. A detailed Proforma based on the said Annexure 'A' is enclosed herewith.

All Heads of Government/Private HEIs are requested to furnish the requisite information strictly in the enclosed Proforma, duly supported by relevant documents/data as indicated against each item, and duly signed by the Principal/Head of Institution with seal.

In view of the extremely short timeline available with this Directorate to consolidate and submit the information to the Government, the duly filled-in Proforma, along with supporting documents, may be furnished to this Directorate through e-mail as well as in hard copy within 2 days, without fail.

This being a Supreme Court compliance matter of a time-bound nature, the same may be treated as MOST URGENT and given top priority. Non-furnishing of information within the stipulated time shall be viewed seriously.

Encl.: As ~~above~~ above (via e-mail)


Director of Hr. Education
Himachal Pradesh

Endst. No. Even Dated: Shimla-171001 the July, 2026

Copy for information and further necessary action to: -

1. The Secretary, Education Govt. of Himachal Pradesh HP Shimla -
2. The Director of School Education HP, Shimla-1 for information and further necessary action in the matter accordingly.
3. In charge, IT Cell Directorate of Higher Education HP Shimla-1 to upload the same on department website.
4. Guard file.


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Annexure 'A'

1. State/UT-level Schemes, Policies, Ordinances, Guidelines, and Regulations for Higher Education Institutions pertaining to Student Welfare, Mental Health and Wellbeing. For instance: policies for provision of mental health services, such as psychological counselling/therapy etc.; scholarships/fellowships (overall, as well as those for disadvantaged groups); State/UT-level reservation policies; policies that address discrimination and promote equity in learning outcomes; policies to address academic challenges faced by students; policies to prevent dropouts; remedial coaching, bridge programmes, policies/schemes for extra-academic support; outreach programmes to disseminate information about course structures and choices available to students; training programmes for faculty to sensitize them to challenges and mental health concerns of students.
2. Faculty vacancies in higher education institutions across the State across social groups, gender, disability etc.; Recruitment and reservation policies for faculty in the State/UT
3. Implementation status and impact assessment of the existing schemes, policies, and guidelines related to student welfare, mental health and wellbeing mentioned above.
4. What dimensions of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 have been implemented in the State/UT, particularly those focusing on mental health of students, and welfare of students from disadvantaged groups. Have HEIs in the State/UT implemented the Framework Guidelines for Emotional and Mental Wellbeing of Students in HEIs, issued by the Ministry of Education in 2023? Please share information on best practices at the institutional level, if any.
5. Data on student enrolments in higher educational institutions disaggregated by social groups and gender, disability, religion. Also provide data on dropouts, if available.
6. Information about available services under Tele-MANAS. For instance, nature of mental health counselling services; number of TeleMANAS Cells; details of mental health professionals available; is there a helpline available in the State; nature of employment (contractual or permanent) and salaries of TeleMANAS counsellors.
7. State-level policy on mental health and suicide prevention in higher education, if any; details about mental health services available under such policies, mental health professionals employed, nature of their employment (permanent/contractual) and their salaries; Standard Operating Procedure for mental health crises and suicide related emergencies.
8. Data on reported cases of student suicides in HEIs in the State/UT in the past five years.
9. Implementation of Policies in relation to student well-being.
10. Challenges in the Implementation of Central Government Schemes, Policies etc.
11. Disbursal of Scholarship.
12. Suggestions, if any, regarding promotion of mental wellbeing and welfare of students, and prevention of suicides in HEIs.

PROFORMA FOR COLLECTION OF INFORMATION ON STUDENT WELFARE, MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

(To be furnished by every Higher Education Institution (HEI) to the Directorate of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh)

Name of College/HEI	District	Date of Submission

1. Institutional Schemes, Policies, Guidelines and Regulations related to Student Welfare, Mental Health and Wellbeing

Sl. No.	Information Required	Details to be Furnished	Relevant Portal/Website (Official URL)	Supporting Documents/Data (if any)	Remarks
1.1	Name of Scheme/Policy/Guideline/Regulation being implemented			Copy/Notification	
1.2	Year of implementation			Government Order	
1.3	Objectives				
1.4	Target beneficiaries				
1.5	Coverage (Departments/Courses)				
1.6	Mental health services (Counselling, Therapy, Wellness Centre etc.) — Yes/No; Details		https://telemanas.mohfw.gov.in	Guidelines	
1.7	Scholarships/Fellowships (General)		https://scholarships.gov.in	Scheme Guidelines	
1.8	Scholarships for disadvantaged groups (SC/ST/OBC/EWS/Minority/PwD etc.)		https://scholarships.gov.in		
1.9	Reservation policies applicable in the HEI			Government Order	
1.10	Policies addressing discrimination/equity/inclusion				
1.11	Policies addressing academic difficulties				
1.12	Dropout prevention initiatives				

Sl. No.	Information Required	Details to be Furnished	Relevant Portal/Website (Official URL)	Supporting Documents/Data (if any)	Remarks
1.1 3	Remedial coaching/Bridge courses/Academic support				
1.1 4	Outreach/Awareness programmes				
1.1 5	Faculty sensitisation/training programmes			Training Reports	
1.1 6	Any other student welfare initiative				

2. Faculty Vacancies and Recruitment Policies

Sl. No.	Information Required	Data/Details	Supporting Documents	Remarks
2.1	Total sanctioned faculty posts			
2.2	Filled posts			
2.3	Vacant posts			
2.4	Vacancy position by Social Group (SC/ST/OBC/EWS/UR)	Table attached		
2.5	Vacancy position by Gender (Male/Female/Transgender)			
2.6	Vacancy position by Disability			
2.7	Recruitment policy		Government Order	
2.8	Reservation policy for faculty recruitment		Government Order	

Faculty Vacancy Details (Category-wise)

Category	Sanctioned	Filled	Vacant

Category	Sanctioned	Filled	Vacant
SC			
ST			
OBC			
EWS			
UR			
PwD			
Male			
Female			
Transgender			

3. Implementation Status and Impact Assessment

Scheme/Policy	Year Started	Present Status (Implemented/Partially Implemented/Pending)	Coverage	Impact Assessment Conducted (Yes/No)	Key Outcomes	Challenges

4. Implementation of NEP 2020

Component	Status (Yes/No/Partial)	Details of Implementation	Best Practices
Student Welfare Initiatives			
Mental Health Initiatives			
Equity and Inclusion Measures			
Support for Disadvantaged Groups			
Multidisciplinary Education			
Academic Bank of Credits			
Multiple Entry-Exit			
Student Counselling System			
Framework Guidelines for Emotional and Mental Wellbeing (MoE, 2023)			

6. Tele-MANAS Services

Information Required	Details	Relevant Portal/Website
Availability of Tele-MANAS in the district/State	Yes/No	https://telemanas.mohfw.gov.in
Number of Tele-MANAS Cells		
Helpline Number	14416 / 1800-891-4416	https://telemanas.mohfw.gov.in
Nature of Services		
Number of Mental Health Professionals		
Number of Psychiatrists		
Number of Clinical Psychologists		
Number of Counsellors		
Number of Social Workers		
Employment Type (Permanent/Contractual)		
Salary Structure		
Number of Calls Received (Last 3 Years)		
Number of Students Benefitted		

7. State Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Policy — Institutional Compliance

Information Required	Details
Awareness/Adoption of State Mental Health Policy at HEI level	Yes/No
Mental Health Services Available at HEI	
Number of Counsellors at HEI	
Number of Clinical Psychologists at HEI	
Number of Psychiatrists (referral tie-up)	
Nature of Engagement	Permanent/Contractual/Referral
SOP for Mental Health Crisis	Available/Not Available
SOP for Suicide Prevention	Available/Not Available
SOP for Postvention	Available/Not Available

8. Student Suicide Data (Past Five Years)

Year	Total Student Suicides	Male	Female	Social Group (if available)	Action Taken	Preventive Measures Adopted

9. Implementation of Student Well-being Policies

Policy/Programme	Implementing Agency	Coverage	Current Status	Monitoring Mechanism	Outcome

10. Challenges in Implementation of Central Government Schemes

Scheme/Policy	Challenges Faced	Reasons	Proposed Solutions	Assistance Required from Government of India

11. Scholarship Disbursal

Scholarship Name	Eligible Students	Applications Received	Beneficiaries	Amount Sanctioned (₹)	Amount Disbursed (₹)	Pending Cases	Reasons for Delay

12. Suggestions for Promotion of Mental Wellbeing and Prevention of Student Suicides

Area	Suggestions/Recommendations
Student Mental Health Services	
Counselling Infrastructure	
Faculty Capacity Building	
Financial Support	
Student Support Systems	
Suicide Prevention Measures	
Policy Reforms	
Institutional Governance	

Area	Suggestions/Recommendations
Coordination with Health Department	
Any Other Suggestions	

Annexures (to be enclosed)

Annexure No.	Document	Attached (Yes/No)
I	Copies of Institutional Policies/Schemes/Guidelines	
II	Government Orders/Notifications	
III	Faculty Vacancy Statement	
IV	Student Enrolment Statistics	
V	Scholarship Disbursal Report	
VI	Tele-MANAS Details	
VII	Mental Health Policy/SOPs	
VIII	Impact Assessment Reports	
IX	Best Practices Documentation	
X	Any Other Relevant Documents	

Certified that the information furnished above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of the Principal/Head of Institution with Seal

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Date: _____
