

Government of West Bengal  
Education Directorate  
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From: Director of Public Instruction, West Bengal  
Bikash Bhavan, Kolkata- 700091

To: The Vice Chancellors/ Registrars/ Principals/Vice-Principals/OICs/TICs  
Higher Education Institutions of West Bengal (All)

**Subject: Implementation of Directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 1425 OF 2025 (arising out of S.L.P. (Criminal) No. 13324 of 2024) titled AMIT KUMAR & ORS. vs. UNION OF INDIA & ORS. vide Order dated 15th January, 2026 – Regarding Student Mental Health and Prevention of Suicides in Higher Educational Institutions.**

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in its judgment dated 24th March, 2025, had constituted a National Task Force (NTF) under the chairmanship of Justice (Retd.) S. Ravindra Bhat, Supreme Court of India, to address alarming incidence of student suicides and mental health challenges within Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) across the country

The NTF has since submitted its Interim Report, based on which the Hon'ble Supreme Court has issued a comprehensive Order dated 15th January, 2026. This Order contains specific, mandatory directions and pertinent recommendations for all stakeholders, including Higher Educational Institutions. A copy of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Order dated 15th January, 2026, is enclosed herewith for your ready reference and strict compliance.

You are, therefore, requested to take all necessary and immediate action in accordance with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India Order dated 15th January, 2026.

Your timely implementation of these crucial directions will be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Enclosure: As stated

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Director of Public Instruction,  
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