

National Task Force on Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
in Institutes of Higher Education
Constituted by the Supreme Court of India
Chaired by: Justice S. Ravindra Bhat (Former Judge: Supreme Court of India)

To: All the Heads of Higher Education Institutes in India

9.08.2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter invites your urgent participation in a nationwide effort to address student mental health and suicide prevention in all the institutions of higher education in the country.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in its judgment dated 24th March 2025, has constituted a National Task Force to address the rising incidence of student suicides in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs). The Task Force has been entrusted with the vital responsibility of examining the complex factors affecting student mental health and wellbeing, reviewing institutional policies and support systems, and recommending comprehensive measures aimed at suicide prevention and student support. A key part of this national mandate is stakeholder consultation. The Task Force is reaching out to HEIs, faculty, mental health professionals, parents, administrators, and other key stakeholders.

Your institution is invited to participate in the Institute Survey designed to gather institute-level information, observations and suggestions that are relevant to the subject matter.

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1. Please visit the National Task Force website: <https://ntf.education.gov.in>
2. Please go to the "Institutional Representative" tab on the home page under "Get Involved" heading. Then click on "Take the survey" under the Institute Representative heading.
3. Your login ID and password for the national taskforce portal is the same as your AISHE login credentials (*In case you have forgotten your AISHE password/user name, you may go to AISHE website login page to follow the steps to retrieve your credentials*).
4. Once logged in, carefully go through all sections of the survey and provide the required information.
5. Download the Excel templates available within the survey portal.
6. Fill in the required data and upload them as per the instructions.
7. Upload any additional documents or information as specified in the survey instructions.
8. Before submitting, thoroughly review all responses to ensure they are accurate and complete.

We also request your support in encouraging students and faculty members to participate in their respective surveys. Enclosed posters may be circulated to help inform your campus community and encourage their participation.

The Institute Survey must be completed within two weeks from the date of receipt of this letter.

We look forward to your complete, and timely responses to the Institute Survey, and to your valuable contribution to the work of the National Task Force.

Thanking You,

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Ravindra Bhat', with a stylized, cursive script.

Justice S. Ravindra Bhat (Retired)
Former Judge, Supreme Court of India
Chairperson, National Task Force