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University Grants Commission

(शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)
(Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

URGENT – Supreme Court Matter

F.No.15-23/2025(CPP-II)(C.163104)

21 कार्तिक, 1947/12th November, 2025

CIRCULAR

Subject: Urgent compliance of the Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 10.10.2025 in the matter of Criminal Appeal No.1425 of 2025 and the National Task Force constituted by Supreme Court of India – reg.

In continuation of the University Grants Commission's earlier communications dated 08.08.2025 and 04.09.2025 regarding compliance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Orders dated 24.03.2025 and 28.07.2025, attention is invited to the further Order dated 10.10.2025 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, wherein directions have again been reiterated concerning the functioning of the National Task Force (NTF) established to address issues related to mental health, emotional well-being, and prevention of student suicides in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs). The Commission, vide its earlier communication, had requested all HEIs to access and widely disseminate the Official Website of the NTF and participate in the relevant survey by informing students, institutions and other stakeholders under their jurisdiction.

The Hon'ble Court has recorded its disappointment that a large number of institutions have not yet responded to the survey, while observing that it is very important for all these Institutes to cooperate and join the survey. The Hon'ble Court has observed that the purpose of this exercise is entirely in the interest of students' well-being, and full cooperation from HEIs is essential to enable the NTF to finalize its report on the subject.

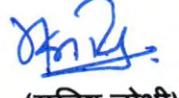
In this regard, Point No.17 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Order dated 10.10.2025 states as under:

"We would like to give one last opportunity to all these Institutes to cooperate and join the survey, failing which we may have to pass some orders which the Institutes may not like and may bring a bad name to the respective Institutes."

Considering the strict view expressed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, all HEIs are once again urgently requested to treat this as a matter of highest institutional priority and ensure full, proactive, and timely compliance of order dated 10.10.2025 without any further delay.

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A copy of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Order dated 10.10.2025 is attached herewith for ready reference and immediate necessary action.


(मनिष जोशी)

संलग्नक: उपरोक्तानुसार

सेवा में,

1. सभी विश्वविद्यालयों के कुलपति।
2. सभी महाविद्यालयों के प्राचार्य।

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BY SPEED POST
OUT TODAY

SECTION - II-D
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 1425 OF 2025

AMIT KUMAR & ORS

...PETITIONERS

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS

...RESPONDENTS

TO :

1. State of Andhra Pradesh,
Through its Chief Secretary,
1st block, 1st Floor, Interim Govt. Complex, A.P. Secretariat
office, Velagapudi,
Andhra Pradesh-522503
2. State of Arunachal Pradesh,
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Civil Secretariat, Itanagar,
District Arunachal Pradesh-791111
3. State of Assam,
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Assam, Secretariat Road,
Janata Bhawan, Gauwhati, Assam,
4. State of Bihar,
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Bihar, Main Secretariat,
Patna, Bihar-800015
5. State of Chhattisgarh,
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Chhattisgarh, Mahanadi Bhawan,
Mantralaya, Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492002.
6. State of Goa,
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Goa, Secretariat,
Porvorim Bardez, District Goa-403521.
7. State of Gujarat,
Through Its Chief Secretary,
Government of Gujarat, 1st Block, 5th Floor, Sachivalaya,
Gandhinagar, Gujarat

8. State of Haryana,
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Haryana, 4th Floor, Haryana Civil Secretariat,
Sector-1, Chandigarh-160019
9. State of Himachal Pradesh,
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Himachal Pradesh, HP Secretariat, District Shimla,
Himachal Pradesh-171002
10. State of Jharkhand,
Through Chief Secretary, Government of Jharkhand,
1st Floor, Project Building, Dhurwa,
District Ranchi, Jharkhand
11. State of Karnataka,
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Karnataka, Room No.320, 3rd Floor, Vidhana
Soudha, Bangalore, Karnataka-560001
12. State of Kerala,
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Kerala, Secretariat,
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala-695001
13. State of Madhya Pradesh,
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Madhya Pradesh, MP. Mantralaya,
Vallabh Bhavan, Bhopal,
Madhya Pradesh-462004
14. State of Maharashtra,
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Maharashtra, CS Office Main Building,
Mantralaya, 6th Floor, Madame, Mumbai,
Maharashtra-400032
15. State of Manipur
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Manipur, South Block, Manipal Secretariat,
Imphal, Manipur-795001
16. State of Meghalaya,
Through its Chief, Government of Meghalaya, Main Secretariat
Building, Meghalaya, Secretariat, Shillong
Meghalaya-793001
17. State of Mizoram,
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Mizoram, New Secretariat Complex, Aizawl,
Mizoram-796001

18. State of Nagaland,
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Nagaland, Civil Secretariat,
Kohima, Nagaland-797004
19. State of Odisha,
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Odisha, General Administration Department,
Odisha Secretariat, Bhubaneshwar, Odisha-751001
20. State of Punjab,
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Punjab, Punjab Civil Secretariat 1,
Sector-1, Chandigarh-160001
21. State of Rajasthan,
Through the Chief Secretary,
Government of Rajasthan
Secretariat, Jaipur, Rajasthan-302005
22. State of Sikkim,
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Sikkim, New Secretariat, Gangtok,
Sikkim-737101
23. State of Tamil Nadu,
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Secretariat, Chennai,
Tamil Nadu-600009
24. State of Telangana
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Telangana, Burgula Rama Krishna Nagar,
Hyderabad, Telangana-500063
25. State of Tripura,
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Tripura, New Secretariat Complex,
Agartala, Tripura-799010
26. *State of Uttar Pradesh
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Uttar Pradesh, 101, Lok Bhawan, U.P. Civil
Secretariat, Vidhan Sabha Marg, Lucknow
Uttar Pradesh-226001.
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27. State of Uttarakhand
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of Uttarakhand, 4 Subhash Road,

Uttarakhand Secretariat, Dehradun
Uttarakhand-248001

28. State of West Bengal,
Through its Chief Secretary,
Government of West Bengal, Nabanna, 13th Floor, 325, Sarat
Chatterjee Road, Mandirtala Shibpur,
Howrah, West Bengal-711102
29. Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands,
Through its Chief Secretary,
Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Secretariat,
Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Island-744101
30. U.T. of Daman & Diu and Dadar & Nagar Haveli,
Through Administrator Secretariat Moti,
District Daman, Daman & Diu-396220
31. Union Territory of National Capital Territory of Delhi
Through its Chief Secretary,
Delhi Secretariat, I P Estate, New Delhi-110002
32. Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir,
Through Administrator ,
Civil Secretariat, Jammu-18001 and Civil Secretariat, District
Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir-190001
33. Union Territory of Ladkah,
Through Administrator, U.T. Secretariat, Leh,
Ladakh-194104
34. Union Territory of Lakshadweep,
Through Administrator,
Secretariat Building, Kavaratti,
District Lakshadweep- 682555.
35. Union Territory of Puducherry
Through Administrator,
Main Building, Chief Secretariat
Puducherry- 605001
36. Union Territory of Chandigarh
Through Administrator,
Chief Secretariat
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37. Union of India
Through Secretary
Ministry of Home Affairs
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38. Union of India
Ministry of Education Department of Higher Education
Through Secretary
New Delhi

39. THE REGISTRAR,
HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

(REF:- W.P (CRL) 2945/2023)

40. *The Chairman/Secretariat,*
UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110002

41. *The Chairman,*
All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)
Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith a certified copy of this Signed Reportable Judgment dated-24th March, 2025, passed in the matter above mentioned, for necessary action and forwarding onward/communicating this order to all the concerned authorities.

Please acknowledge receipt.

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* ~~The~~ *concerend* UT's and States are directed herewith to rectify their appointment of Noda Officers of the rank Joint Secretary, without fail.

** This is for your urgent compliance as per order dated- 10.10.2025.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
18/10/25
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

ITEM NO.301

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-D

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Criminal Appeal No.1425/2025

AMIT KUMAR & ORS.

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

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UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

[ONLY IA NO. 246074/25 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONSIS LISTED
UNDER THIS ITEM] [MS. APARNA BHAT, AMICUS CURIAE]

Date : 10-10-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
 O R D E R

1. Heard Ms. Aparna Bhat, the learned Amicus and Mr. K.M. Nataraj, the learned Additional Solicitor General appearing for the Union of India.
2. In this Interlocutory Application, the learned Amicus has prayed for the following reliefs:-
 - "a. Direct the Union of India, through the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and all the State Governments and Union Territories through Department for the Welfare of the Scheduled Caste, to ensure timely disbursement of Post Matric Scholarships to all eligible students without delay; and
 - b. Direct all the State Governments and Union Territories that no student's admission shall be cancelled, nor shall any student be denied the right to appear in any examination on account of delayed disbursal of the Post Matric Scholarship; and
 - c. Direct States/UTs to establish a time-bound grievance redressal mechanism for reporting and resolving scholarship denial or delay, with an escalation and oversight framework under the Ministry; and
 - d. Pass such other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the interest of justice."
3. We request the learned Additional Solicitor General to take instructions as regards the reliefs prayed for in this Interlocutory Application at the earliest and revert.
4. We would like to know why there is a delay in disbursing the scholarship amount to the students once the application for the same is sanctioned.
5. Any further information which the learned Amicus is able to gather in the aforesaid regard may be shared with the learned ASG.

6. The learned Amicus next brought to our notice that some of the States/Union Territories have not appointed Nodal Officers of the rank of Joint Secretary.
7. She invited our attention to Para No.71 of the main Judgment wherein this Court directed that States shall appoint Nodal Officers of the rank of Joint Secretary.
8. The chart provided to us would indicate that the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, the State of Himachal Pradesh, the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the State of Chhattisgarh, the State of Goa, the State of Andhra Pradesh, the State of Puducherry, the State of Maharashtra, the Union Territory of Lakshadweep, the State of Arunachal Pradesh, the State of Karnataka, the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the State of Bihar have appointed Nodal Officers below the rank of Joint Secretary.
9. We direct all the States/Union Territories to rectify this at the earliest and appoint Nodal Officers of the rank of Joint Secretary.
10. In the course of today's hearing, the learned Amicus further pointed out something with which we are thoroughly disappointed.
11. The learned Amicus brought to our notice that almost 57000 Institutes have not responded so far to the survey. It is very important for all these Institutes to cooperate and join the survey.
12. This issue should be taken up by the Union of India with all these Institutes. We direct accordingly.
13. We are informed that the Union of India has four times informed all these Institutes to cooperate in the survey. However, till this date, there has been no response at their end.
14. We request the Union of India to once again take up this issue very seriously and impress upon all these Institutes to cooperate.
15. This entire exercise is being undertaken in the interest of the students and it is expected of all these Institutes to render their full cooperation and assistance to enable the National Task Force to finalise its interim Report if not final on the subject.

16. Incidentally, Mr. Harish Salve, the learned Senior counsel is appearing before us in one part-heard matter. Mr. Salve was kind enough to submit that in larger interest of the students, he would take up the issue with all the IITs across the country and impress upon them to join the survey and render their cooperation to the National Task Force. We are grateful for this kind gesture shown by Mr. Salve in this regard which will go a long way to assist the National Task Force in all respects.

17. We would like to give one last opportunity to all these Institutes to cooperate and join the survey, failing which we may have to pass some orders which the Institutes may not like and may bring a bad name to the respective Institutes.

18. Let the aforesaid aspect be made clear by the Union of India to all the institutes while issuing the circular.

19. We also direct all the Nodal Officers to look into this issue and impress upon the Institutes in the individual States/Union of Territories to immediately cooperate and join the survey.

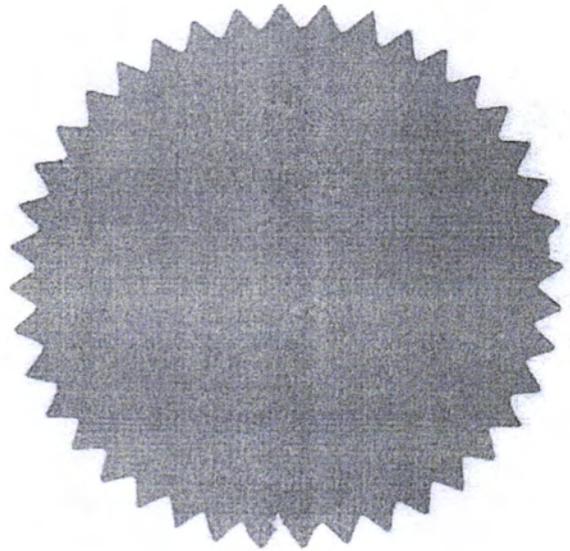
20. One copy of this order shall be furnished at the earliest to the learned Amicus and also to Mr. K.M. Nataraj, the learned ASG.

21. We now exempt the personal presence of the Principal Secretary, Education Department of individual States/UTs as Nodal Officers have been appointed, however, with a caveat that in all those States/UTs where Nodal Officers of the rank below the Joint Secretary have not been appointed, the same should be rectified at the earliest and Nodal Officers of the rank of Joint Secretary be appointed at the earliest.

22. Post this matter on 14-11-2025.

(VISHAL ANAND)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(MANOJ KUMAR)
BRANCH OFFICER



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