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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.

Subject: **Compliance with directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 15-01-2026 (Para 45) – reg.**

With reference to the subject cited above the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, vide judgement in Amit Kumar & Ors. V. Union India & issued binding directions under Article 142 of the Constitution of India, as contained in paragraph 45 of the judgement.

In compliance with the aforesaid judgment and keeping in view the recommendations of the National Task Force (NTF), the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court are enclosed **herewith for strict compliance** by your respective University/Institution.

The directions contained in this Office Circular and its Enclosure shall be treated as mandatory and shall come into force with immediate effect. Any failure, delay or non-compliance shall be viewed seriously and may invite administrative, regulatory and legal consequences, as per applicable rules and law.

This Office Circular is issued in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and shall be accorded highest priority by all concerned.

Encl.: As Above

Director of Hr. Education
Himachal Pradesh

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1. The Secretary, Education Govt. of Himachal Pradesh HP Shimla – 2 for information please.
2. The Director of School Education HP, Shimla-1 for information and further necessary action please.
3. The Secretary, H.P. Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Commission, Shimla HP, for information and further necessary action please.

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4. The Director, Directorate of Medical Education & Research, Himachal Pradesh, SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-171009, for information and further necessary action please.
5. The Director, Directorate of Technical Education, Vocational and Industrial Training, HP, for information and further necessary action please.
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ENCLOSURE

Directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India (Para 45 of Judgment dated 15.01.2026)

i. The Sample Registration System data on Suicides, especially those falling within the age group of 15-29 years, must be centrally maintained for better and more accurate estimates of Deaths by Suicide of students in HEIs. The mechanisms for obtaining and maintaining the same, may be developed with the help of experts in the field of public health and demography.

ii. The NCRB, in its annual report, must distinguish between school-going students and students of higher education in its categorisation of "student suicides" in order to aid the study of the trends of student suicides in HEIS.

iii. All HEIs must report any incident of suicide or unnatural death of a student, regardless of the location of its occurrence (i.e. on campus, hostels, PG accommodations, or otherwise outside the institutional premises), to the police authorities no sooner they come to know about the incident. This should cover all students - irrespective of whether they are studying in the classroom, distance or online mode of learning.

iv. In addition to the above, an annual report of student suicides or unnatural deaths must also be submitted to the UGC & all other relevant regulatory bodies for professional courses (e.g. AICTE, NMC, DCI, BCI etc.). In case of Central Universities and Institutes of National Importance (for short, the "INIs"), or any HEI that does not fall within the above-mentioned framework, it must be reported to the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India.

v. Every residential HEI must have access to qualified medical help round the clock, if not on campus, then within a one-km radius to provide emergency medical health support to students.

vi. Keeping in mind the faculty shortages which have been reported in several HEIs, both public and private, it must be ensured that all vacant faculty positions (both teaching and non-teaching) be filled within a period of four months, with priority given to posts reserved for candidates from marginalized and underrepresented communities including those posts reserved for PwDs. Special recruitment drives may be held for faculty recruitment that come under various forms of reservations as per central and state government rules.

vii. Appointment and filling of vacancies of the post of Vice-Chancellor, Registrars, and other key institutional/administrative positions, must also be made within a period of four months. Moreover,

it must be ensured as a matter of practice that, these positions are filled within a period of one month from the date on which the vacancy arises, in order to ensure the smooth functioning of HEIs. Since the date of retirement is known much ahead in time, recruitment processes must begin well in advance to ensure that such posts do not remain vacant for more than a month. All HEIs must report on an annual basis to the Central and relevant State Governments, as to how many reserved posts are vacant, how many are filled, reasons for non-filling, time taken, etc., so that periodic accountability is ensured.

viii. The backlog of any and all pending scholarship disbursements must be cleared within a period of four months by the relevant Central and State government authorities. If there exists any reason behind the non-disbursal of the same, a notice with reasons must be sent to the relevant HEI along with the student recipient, within a period of two months. It must be ensured that the disbursement of all future scholarships are done with clear timelines, without any delay by the relevant Central and State Government authorities. Disbursal dates and schedules must also be made known to the student recipient. Even in cases of unavoidable administrative delay, HEIs must not, as a policy, make the student recipients accountable for paying or clearing their fees. No student should be prevented from appearing in an examination, removed from hostels, barred from attending classes, or have their mark sheets and degrees withheld because of delays in disbursal of scholarships. Any such institutional policy, may be viewed strictly.

ix. All HEIs, are particularly put to strict notice, to remain fully compliant with all the regulations that have a binding effect on them including inter-alia the UGC Regulation on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009; the UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012; the UGC (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women Employees and Students in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2016; the UGC (Redressed of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023, amongst others. More, particularly, the establishment of Anti-Ragging Committees and Anti-Ragging Squads, Anti-Discrimination Officers, Internal Complaints Committees and Student Grievance Redressal Committees along with the procedures detailed for the respective grievance redressal mechanisms, must be strictly adhered to.