

Dear Sir,

Reference RTI No. IITJK/R/T/24/00101 received through online, in favor of Sh. Anirban Mukherjee and information is as below

1.a. The number of student suicides reported in each IIT in India from 11th August 2014 to 11th August 2024.

Reply: Nil

1.b. Breakdown of these suicides by category: Bachelors, Masters, PhD students, and Postdoctoral researchers.

Reply: Not Applicable

Data Collection:

2.a. Information on whether the Ministry of Education or any IITs maintain a database or record of student suicides.

Reply: Not Applicable

2.b. Details about how this data is collected and compiled.

Reply: Not Applicable

Reports and Publications:

3.a. Any official reports or publications related to student suicides in IITs that have been prepared by the Ministry of Education or any IITs.

Reply: Not Applicable

3.b. Copies of these reports or publications if available.

Reply: Not Applicable

Preventive Measures:

4.a. Information on any preventive measures, counseling programs, or support systems implemented by the Ministry of Education or IITs to address mental health issues and prevent suicides among students.

Review and Analysis:

Reply: Details are given below:

- a) Awareness campaign on World Suicide Prevention day.
- b) Surveys to analyze the growing concerns and suicidal thoughts among students
- c) Evaluation of mental health issues and suicide/self-harm during foundation week of upcoming batch
- d) Quick session with each student soon after foundation week to understand their concerns received from the evaluation [includes all the years]
- e) Regular workshops, seminars, panel discussion to spread awareness, prevent and address mental health issues
- f) Including students to counselling services to make it student friendly
- g) Regular hostel visits
- h) Outdoor activities like small trips focusing on their social bonding/interaction
- i) Nukkad drama to spread awareness
- j) Awareness among staff and faculty to develop a healthy environment for students and also faculty sessions are taken so that they can be made aware of concerns and mental health issues among students.

5.a. Any review or analysis conducted by the Ministry of Education regarding trends or causes related to student suicides in IITs.

Reply: Not Applicable

