National Task Force

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Why in News?

Recently, National Task Force (NTF) on Mental Health of Students and Prevention of Suicides in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), has conducted field visits.

- **National Task Force** – It is an expert committee to ***address student mental health crises***, discrimination, and suicides in higher education institutions across the country.
- **Constituted by** – Supreme Court of India.
- **Launched in –** 2025.
- **Equity Focus –** Address concerns of students from ST, OBC, disabled, and marginalized communities.
- **Interdisciplinary approach –** Consultations on caste discrimination, gender and suicides, decriminalization of suicide, and engagement with NGOs and law students.

Constitutional and legal context

- **Article 21 –** Right to Life Personal Liberty deals with mental health, dignity, and well-being.
- **Policy Integration –** Aligns with National Education Policy (NEP) goals of inclusive, supportive learning environments.

Reference

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