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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG  
NEW DELHI-110 002

January, 2011

**NOTICE**

11 FEB 2011

Re: Ban on Physiotherapy Course through Distance Education Mode.

This office has already issued a letter of even No. dated 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 on the above subject to all the universities after taking a serious view on practice of conducting Physiotherapy course through distance mode as it requires a large component of compulsory practical training.

Further, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in the matter of **Indian Association of Physiotherapists vs. Union of India & Ors.** (Writ Petition (Civil) No. 2403/2004 and CM No. 15637-38/05 & 15592/05) on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2010 passed an order and disposed of the Writ Petition directing that henceforth the Respondent Nos. 4 to 8 will not conduct any correspondence course/distance education programme in physiotherapy except with the prior consent of the approved statutory bodies.

All the concerned universities/Institutions must adhere the above order of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.

Yours faithfully,

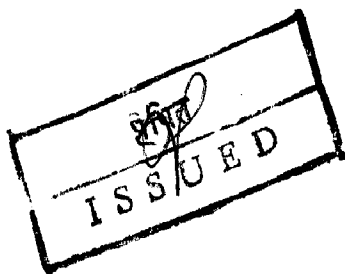
(Mrs. Uma Bali)  
Under Secretary

To:

1) The Registrar — Respondent No. 4  
Sam Higginbottom Institute of Technology, Agriculture & Sciences  
Formerly Allahabad Agricultural Institute  
(Deemed to be University),  
Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh

2) The Registrar, — Respondent No. 7  
Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth,  
Udaipur – 331 401,  
Rajasthan.

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**SPEED POST**

To

17 MAY 2010

14<sup>th</sup> May, 2010

The Registrar,  
All Universities (List Attached)

Sub: Ban on Physiotherapy Course through Distance Education Mode.

Sir,

It has come to notice of the Government of India, Ministry of HRD and University Grants Commission that some universities in the country are conducting certificate/Diploma/Under Graduate/Post Graduate courses in Physiotherapy through distance education mode. The UGC has taken a serious view of this practice of conducting distance education programme in the subjects with a large component of practical teaching. With regard to distance education programme in Physiotherapy, a court case is also pending in Delhi High Court.

Further, the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in the matter of Indian Association of Physiotherapists vs Union of India & Ors. (WP (Civil) No. 2403/2004 and CM No. 15637-38/05 & 15592/05) vide orders dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2007 prima facie opined that a professional course must also impart practical training and, therefore, professional courses and education should not be allowed to be imparted through the distance education system. Accordingly, the UGC has also decided that course in Physiotherapy at any level should **not** be conducted through distance education mode.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of this letter and ensure compliance in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

(V.K. Jaiswal)  
Deputy Secretary

Copy to:

1. The Chairman, Distance Education Council, IGNOU, New Delhi – 110 068
2. The Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of HRD, Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001
3. All Regional Offices, UGC
4. JS(SU/CU/DU/RO), UGC, New Delhi
5. JS (legal), UGC, New Delhi
6. The Publication Officer, UGC, New Delhi – for posting at the UGC Website.

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13/5/10

(V.K. Jaiswal)  
Deputy Secretary