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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 3rd 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

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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
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