Dear Sir/Madam,

Creation of authentic database provides a solid support to policy making in higher education. You may appreciate that timely and authentic information about Development of Higher Education in India will go a long way in formulation of sound futuristic policies and programmes of higher education.

2. You are aware that Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development has taken an initiative for developing a sound and authentic database online through All India Survey by getting data uploaded, directly by Universities and Colleges through AISHE portal (http://aishe.gov.in).

3. I write this to request you to personally impress upon the Nodal Officer of your University and those of affiliated/attached colleges to upload data online on AISHE portal (http://aishe.gov.in) in DCF-I and DCF-II formats, in a time bound manner. It is almost stating a fact that exercise of such a magnitude cannot be accomplished without your proactive initiatives and contribution. The data for the academic year 2013-14 is required to be uploaded latest by February 28, 2015 and for the academic year 2014-15 latest by 31st July 2015.

4. You may appreciate that UGC (Returns of Information by Universities) Rules 2004 make it mandatory on the part of Universities and Colleges to furnish such returns. Moreover, any contravention/non-submission of returns attract Section 14 of the UGC Act 1956.

5. A Steering Committee, under the chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development is in place to monitor the progress of the proposed All India survey. I place on record our appreciation that it was only with the active participation of your University and sanitisation of affiliated/attached colleges, that the surveys for the academic years 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 have been successfully completed. The data so collected will be an important input for assessment of need-based interventions in higher education and formulation of futuristic policies by the Government of India and the UGC.

6. Towards facilitation of achieving the desired outcomes of this exercise, the Nodal Officer of your University and Nodal Officers of affiliated/attached colleges may feel free to contact Mrs. Ruchika Gupta, Director, MHRD on Tel. No 011-26162932 and e-mail ID ruchika.gupta@nic.in or Dr. Kulbir Singh, Joint Secretary, UGC on Tel No. 011-23396128 email ID kulbirstsingh.UGC@nic.in, should they encounter any difficulty in uploading the information on AISHE portal.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Jaspal S. Sandhu)

The Vice-Chancellor
All Universities
The Vice-Chancellor(s)/Director(s) of the Universities as per list enclosed:

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(i) PS to Chairman (UGC)/ PS to Vice Chairman (UGC)/ PS to Secretary (UGC).
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(vii) P.O. (web), UGC, New Delhi.

Yours Sincerely

(Kulbir Singh)
Joint Secretary
Higher Education is a powerful tool for building a knowledge-based society of the 21st Century. With growing size and diversity of Higher Education sector particularly in terms of institutions, programmes offered, faculty and students; it has become necessary to develop a sound database on higher education.

Ministry of Human Resource Development is conducting a web based All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) annually to create an authentic data base on Higher Education in the country. The Universities and Colleges are major stakeholders to be covered under the survey. It is needless to mention that the reports generated through these surveys would be of immense help to revamp and strengthen the higher education sector. The survey for the years 2010-11 and 2011-12 has been completed successfully and survey for the year 2012-13 is also at completion stage. The AISHE 2013-14 is under progress.

In view of the above, you are requested to kindly do two favours:

i) Direct the nodal officer of your university to upload the data on AISHE portal (http://aishe.gov.in) in data capture format DCF-I for the year 2013-14 in respect of your university by 30th December, 2014.

ii) Direct the nodal officers of all the colleges under your university to directly submit the data AISHE portal (http://aishe.gov.in) in data capture format DCF-II for the year 2013-14 in respect of their college by 30th December, 2014.

It may not be out of place to mention that as per UGC (Returns of Information by Universities) Rules 2004, it is mandatory for the Universities to furnish the information by the specified date. Any University failing to comply with this may have to face the consequences as provided in Section 14 of the UGC Act.

I know that an exercise of this magnitude cannot be accomplished without your goodwill and co-operation. So, kindly extend all possible co-operation and ensure that the required information is properly furnished in the data capture formats at the earliest. In case of any queries, you may contact Mrs. Ruchika Gupta, Director, MHRD (Tel. No. 011-26162932; E-mail: ruchika.gupta@nic.in) or Dr. T. C. Sharma; Sr. Statistical Officer, UGC (Tel. No. 23782881; E-mail: tcsharma8@gmail.com).

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Pankaj Mittal)
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(vii) All ROs UGC, with a request to ensure that the data pertaining to colleges in their region is uploaded on the AISHE portal expeditiously. A draft letter to the colleges, to be issued by the concerned RO, is also enclosed for further necessary action.
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Yours Sincerely

(T.C. Sharma)
Senior Statistical Officer