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Inclusion of BITS-PILANI Off-Campuses at Hyderabad and Goa under PM-Vidyalaxmi Scheme

The PM-Vidyalaxmi, a central sector scheme of the Government of India was launched on 6/11/2024 to provide collateral-free and guarantor-free education loans to students who get merit-based admission in top quality Higher Education Institutions (QHEIs) and desire to avail education loan for pursuing higher education in these QHEIs. Further, for students with annual family income up to Rs 8 lakhs and who do not get benefit of any other scholarship/ interest subvention on education loans are provided 3% interest subvention during moratorium period of loan up to Rs. 10 lakhs only. The Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani with AISHE code U-0391 was one of the QHEIs eligible for PM-Vidyalaxmi as their NIRF 2024 rank under the overall category was 23, which is within top 100.

- 2. A query was raised regarding eligibility of BITS Pllani Hyderabad and Goa campuses under the PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme. This matter has been consulted with the NIRF. It is clarified that the NIRF ranking of Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani is determined on the basis of integrated performance of all the three campuses, namely, Pilani (Rajasthan), Hyderabad (Telangana) and Goa (Goa) campuses. Therefore, in addition to the AISHE code U-0391 assigned to BITS Pilani (Rajasthan), two more codes, namely, BITS Pilani Hyderabad campus (AISHE code C-55231) and BITS Pilani Goa campus (AISHE code C-61982) are to be added in the list of Quality HEIs eligible for the PM-Vidyalaxmi education loan and interest subvention schemes.
- 3. Accordingly, all references to "Quality Higher Education Institutions" written in the Guidelines of PM-Vidyalaxmi will include the 3 campuses of BITS Pilani, namely, Pilani (Rajasthan, code U-0391), Hyderabad (Telangana, code C-55231) and Goa (Goa, code C-61982) campuses.

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