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PUBLIC NOTICE

Inclusion of certain institutions/constituent colleges in the list of eligible Quality Higher Educational Institutions (QHEIs) under the PM–Vidyalaxmi Scheme

The **PM–Vidyalaxmi Scheme**, a Central Sector Scheme of the Government of India, was launched on 06.11.2024 to provide **collateral-free and guarantor-free education loans** to students securing merit-based admission in top quality Higher Educational Institutions (QHEIs) and desirous of availing education loans for pursuing higher education in such institutions.

2. Representations/communications were received in the Department of Higher Education seeking clarification and inclusion of certain institutions/constituent colleges in the list of eligible QHEIs under the PM–Vidyalaxmi Scheme. The matter was examined with reference to **AISHE data** and **NIRF Rankings 2024**, including consultation with NIRF, wherever required.
3. In respect of off-campus/constituent units, it has been clarified that where the **parent university is included as an eligible QHEI**, such off-campus/constituent units are also eligible, provided that:

- (a) the parent university has declared such units as part of the university in AISHE data; and
- (b) the performance data of such units has been considered by NIRF while ranking the parent university.

4. Accordingly, the following institutions/constituent colleges are hereby **included in the list of eligible Quality Higher Educational Institutions (QHEIs)** under the PM–Vidyalaxmi Scheme:

• National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Bengaluru

(AISHE Code: C-47467), being an off-campus centre of NIFT, Hauz Khas (AISHE Code: U-0110), an Institute of National Importance already included under the Scheme.

• MM Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Mullana-Ambala

(AISHE Code: C-7046), being a constituent college of **Maharishi Markandeshwar (Deemed to be University)** (AISHE Code: U-0168), which is ranked **71st in the University category** and **35th in the medical category** in NIRF Rankings 2024.

• Sona College of Technology

(AISHE Code: C-37028), having secured **Rank 42 in the Innovation category** in NIRF Rankings 2024.

- **G. H. Raisoni College of Engineering, Nagpur**

(AISHE Code: C-18817), ranked within **11–50 band in the Innovation category** in NIRF Rankings 2024.

- **Hindusthan College of Engineering and Technology**

(AISHE Code: C-37063), ranked within **11–50 band in the Innovation category** in NIRF Rankings 2024.

- **Institute of Aeronautical Engineering**

(AISHE Code: C-19706), ranked within **11–50 band in the Innovation category** in NIRF Rankings 2024.

- **Rajalakshmi Engineering College**

(AISHE Code: C-16626), ranked within **11–50 band in the Innovation category** in NIRF Rankings 2024.

- **Sri Sai Ram Institute of Technology**

(AISHE Code: C-16476), ranked within **11–50 band in the Innovation category** in NIRF Rankings 2024.

- **Sri Sairam Engineering College**

(AISHE Code: C-16547), ranked within **11–50 band in the Innovation category** in NIRF Rankings 2024.

5. Therefore, all references to “**Quality Higher Educational Institutions (QHEIs)**” in the Guidelines of the PM–Vidyalaxmi Scheme shall be deemed to include the above-mentioned institutions/constituent colleges.

6. Students admitted to the above institutions, subject to fulfilment of other eligibility conditions of the PM–Vidyalaxmi Scheme, may avail education loans through the **PM–Vidyalaxmi portal**.


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