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PUBLIC NOTICE

Inclusion of Krishna Institute of Pharmacy, Maharashtra; Amrita School of Biotechnology, Amritapuri, Kollam, Kerala; Amrita School of Medicine, Faridabad & National Forensic Sciences University, Tripura 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.

2. Krishna Vishwa Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Karad, Maharashtra (AISHE: U-0311), qualifies as a QHEI under the Scheme based on its NIRF 2024 rank of 67 in the Pharmacy category, placing it within the top 100 institutions. Similarly, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu (AISHE: U-0436), is also an eligible QHEI, having secured NIRF 2024 rankings within the top 100 across multiple categories—Dental (14), Medical (8), Pharmacy (13), Management (28), Engineering (23), Research Institutions (33), University (7), and Overall (18).

3. A query was received regarding the eligibility of three constituent colleges of the above-mentioned universities—Krishna Institute of Pharmacy, Maharashtra; Amrita School of Biotechnology, Amritapuri, Kollam, Kerala; and Amrita School of Medicine, Faridabad—under the PM-Vidyalaxmi Scheme. The matter was examined in consultation with NIRF. It is clarified that NIRF rankings of parent universities are determined based on the integrated performance of their constituent and off-campus units.

4. Accordingly, in addition to the AISHE code U-0311 for Krishna Vishwa Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), its constituent unit *Krishna Institute of Pharmacy, Maharashtra* (AISHE: C-60681) shall be included in the list of QHEIs eligible under the PM-Vidyalaxmi Scheme.

Likewise, in addition to the AISHE code U-0436 for Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore, its constituent units—*Amrita School of Biotechnology, Amritapuri, Kollam, Kerala* (AISHE: C-7025) and *Amrita School of Medicine, Faridabad* (AISHE: C-76263)—shall also be included in the list of eligible QHEIs.

5. Regarding the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Gandhinagar (AISHE: U-0593), an Institution of National Importance, it has been clarified that the campuses established at Goa and Tripura are officially recognized as part of NFSU. Accordingly, *NFSU Tripura* (AISHE: C-70716), being an approved off-campus centre of NFSU Gandhinagar, shall also be included in the list of eligible QHEIs.

6. **Therefore, all references to “Quality Higher Education Institutions” in the Guidelines of PM-Vidyalaxmi shall be deemed to include the following constituent units of the respective universities:**

- Krishna Institute of Pharmacy, Maharashtra (AISHE: C-60681) under Krishna Vishwa Vidyapeeth (AISHE: U-0311).
- Amrita School of Biotechnology, Amritapuri, Kollam, Kerala (AISHE: C-7025) under Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (AISHE: U-0436).
- Amrita School of Medicine, Faridabad (AISHE: C-76263) under Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (AISHE: U-0436).
- National Forensic Sciences University, Tripura (AISHE: C-70716) under National Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar (AISHE: U-0593).



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