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Ministry of Education
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Scholarship Division

PUBLIC NOTICE

Inclusion of certain 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 regarding inclusion of certain constituent colleges 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 constituent/off-campus units, it has been clarified that where the **parent university is included as an eligible QHEI**, such 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 constituent colleges are hereby included in the list of eligible Quality Higher Educational Institutions (QHEIs) under the PM-Vidyalaxmi Scheme:

- **Kasturba Gandhi Nursing College**

(AISHE Code: C-47763), being a constituent unit of **Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University)** (AISHE Code: U-0370), which is already included as an eligible QHEI under the PM-Vidyalaxmi Scheme and was ranked **68th in the University category in the NIRF Rankings 2024**

- **Amrita School of Medicine, Kochi Campus**

(AISHE Code: C-7017), being a constituent unit of **Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham** (AISHE Code: U-0436), which is already included as an eligible QHEI under the PM-Vidyalaxmi Scheme and was ranked **7th in the University category, 18th in the Overall category, and 8th in the medical category in the 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 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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