

Introduction of Pradhan Mantri Vidyalaxmi" (PM-Vidyalaxmi), a Central Sector Scheme

One of the major objectives of the Government of India to ensure that no student is denied the opportunity to pursue higher education due to financial constraints. For helping youth who have not been eligible for any benefit under government schemes and policies, the Union Budget 2024-25 has announced a financial support for higher education in domestic institutions.

The Union Cabinet on 6th November 2024 approved "Pradhan Mantri Vidyalaxmi" (PM-Vidyalaxmi), a Central Sector Scheme for financial support to meritorious students so that financial constraints do not prevent any youth of India from pursuing quality higher education.

1. The above scheme is applicable to 19 identified QHEIs IN PUNE by the Ministry to provide guarantee free and collateral free Education Loan.
2. There is no cut-off on the highest amount of education loan. It will depend on course fee and other fees charged by the QHEI and other associated expenses (like mess, hostel fee, other refundable and non-refundable fees of the QHEI, cost of a reasonable quality laptop and reasonable amount of living expenses required by the student during the course period). This amount will vary from QHEI to QHEI.
3. Margin:

Loan Limit	Margin
Up to Rs. 04.00 Lacs	NIL
Above Rs. 04.00 lacs to Rs.07.50 Lacs	5%
Above Rs.07.50 lacs to Rs. 25.00 Lacs	10%
Above Rs. 25.00 Lacs	20%
Scholarship/Assistance will be included in Margin	

4. Total Interest subsidy offered to students with up to Rs. 4.5 lakhs annual family income during moratorium period.
5. Furthermore, for students whose annual family income is above Rs. 4.50 Lacs up to Rs. 8.00 Lac the Government will also provide 3% interest subvention on loans up to Rs 10 lakh.
6. Rate of Interest will be maximum not to exceed EBLR+0.50% i.e. 9.65% at present.

Kindly note that all leads to be routed through Vidhyalaxmi Portal.

Yours Faithfully,



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