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NEWS: Cabinet clears PM-Vidyalaxmi for collateral-free loans to students

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

The PM-Vidyalaxmi Scheme provides collateral-free education loans with a 75% government credit guarantee, benefiting 7 lakh students in Quality Higher Education Institutions (QHEIs). The scheme offers 3% interest subsidy for families earning below ₹8 lakh, expanding access to both technical and non-technical courses.

Overview of PM-Vidyalaxmi Scheme

- Purpose: Provides collateral-free and guarantor-free loans for students in Quality Higher Education Institutions (QHEIs).
- Budget: ₹3,600 crore for 2024-2031, targeting 7 lakh students.



Loan Benefits and Subsidies

- Credit Guarantee: 75% government guarantee on loans up to ₹7.5 lakh.
- Interest Subvention: 3% subsidy on loans up to ₹10 lakh for families with an income below ₹8 lakh during the moratorium.

Eligible Students and Courses

• Priority: Students from government institutions in technical and professional courses.



• Coverage: Expands access beyond the CSIS scheme to include non-technical and non-professional courses.

Eligibility of Institutions

• **Selection**: Top 100 institutions (NIRF rankings), select state government institutions, and central institutions, totaling **860 institutions**.

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