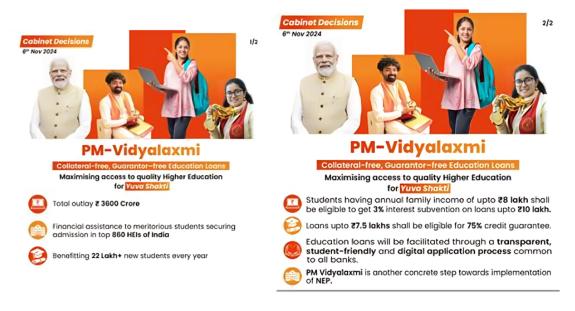


## PM-Vidyalaxmi Scheme

## **Source: PIB**

The Union Cabinet has approved the **Pradhan Mantri Vidyalaxmi scheme**, designed to provide financial assistance to meritorious students for **higher education**.

- Objective: It aligns with the <u>National Education Policy (NEP) 2020</u> and aims to provide collateral-free, guarantor-free loans to students.
- Eligibility Criteria: Students enrolled in institutions ranked within the top 100 by the <u>National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)</u>, and those in the 101-200 range from state government and all central government governed institutions.
- Beneficiaries: It can benefit over 22 lakh students, with the list updated annually based on the latest NIRF rankings.
- Procedure: The Department of Higher Education will launch the "PM-Vidyalaxmi" portal for students to apply for education loans and interest subvention, with payments made via E-voucher and Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) wallets.
- Supplementing Existing Schemes: The scheme supplements the two components, Credit Guarantee Fund for Education Loans (CGFSEL) and Central Sector Interest Subsidy (CSIS), under the existing PM-Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan (PM-USP) scheme.
- PM-USP CSIS offers full interest subvention for loans up to Rs 10 lakh to students with family income up to Rs 4.5 lakh, pursuing technical courses.



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