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Benefits (Institutions of Eminence scheme)

- Financial Assistance would be provided to Government institutions up to ■ 1000 crore additional funding from the government.
- The Institution would have the full freedom to mobilize resources from the industry or alumni or other donors and utilize it in accordance with its implementation plan without having to seek any permission from any authority.
- The Institutions of Eminence would be free to admit maximum 30% foreign students of the total admitted students.
- Institutions would be free to fix and charge fees from foreign students without restriction.
- The Institutions of Eminence would have the freedom to determine the domestic student fees, subject to the condition that credible programmes of scholarships and loans to ensure that the needy are able to pursue higher studies without any financial problems.
- The Institutions of Eminence shall have complete flexibility in fixing of curriculum and syllabus, with no University Grant Commission(UGC) mandated curriculum structure.
- Academic collaborations with foreign higher educational institutions ranked in top 500 in global rankings would be exempt from government approvals.

Eligibility (Institutions of Eminence scheme)

- 10 institutions chosen as Institutions of Eminence.
- Mix of technical, management/arts, and central universities.
- Top 50 in category on latest National Ranking Framework.
- OR top 500 in Times Higher Education, QS, or Shanghai Ranking.

Application Process (Institutions of Eminence scheme)

- Who can apply: Central Govt.
- controlled institutions: through controlling Ministry/Department.

- State Public Universities: through state government.
- Application Components: The application comprises two parts: a fifteen-year strategic vision plan and a five-year implementation plan.
- The strategic plan outlines long-term objectives and characteristics, including quantified milestones and timelines for achieving world-class status.
- A SWOT analysis is required, focusing on the institution's current quality status and proposed measures to address shortcomings.
- The implementation plan details tangible annual action plans aligned with the strategic objectives.

Documents Required (Institutions of Eminence scheme)

- Organization Details: Provide information about the organization's structure. Financial Strength: Detail existing and expected revenue sources
- expenditures
- and corpus funds. Land Details: Specify the available land for the institution. Governance Structure: Outline the governance structure
- including the apex board. Five-Year Implementation Plan: Present a comprehensive plan consisting of: Academic plan with proposed courses and schedule. Faculty recruitment policy meeting a 1:10 faculty-student ratio. Student admissions policy with scholarship details. Research plan for laboratories
- facilities
- and interdisciplinary research. Networking plan for collaborations with private sector and foreign institutions. Infrastructure development plan aligned with academic and admissions goals. Financing plan detailing sources and amounts for all plans. Administrative plan for accreditation
- marketing
- and promotion. Governance plan adhering to global transparency and efficiency standards. Clear commitment to Guideline 4 objectives with quantified milestones. Objective: Stabilization and credibility within five years
- moving towards global repute in fifteen years. Recasting the Implementation Plan: The five-year plan will be revised for each cycle to align with the 15-year strategic plan. Alumni Engagement: Include a plan for involving alumni in institution management and leveraging their financial resources.
- Sustainability Plan: Develop a sustainability plan for the post-public funding period. Affiliation Plan: If provisions exist
- provide a plan for affiliating other higher education institutions in the 15-year perspective plan. Deviations require EEC approval. Additional Information: Include any other information or documents specified in the application format.

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