NISH

Admission to the Degree Programs

Exclusively for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students
(Under University of Kerala)
2022– 2023

Bachelor of Fine Arts (HI)
Bachelor of Commerce (HI)
B.Sc.(Computer Science)(HI)

PROSPECTUS

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, KERALA, INDIA

1. THE INSTITUTION

National Institute of Speech & Hearing (NISH) is an academic institution under the Ministry of Social Justice, Government of Kerala. It is established as a society of the Government of Kerala registered under Travancore–Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act, 1955. NISH has been set up with the primary aim of taking up educational and rehabilitation programs necessary for the integration of individuals with disabilities. The initial focus has been hearing and speech impairments. As the NISH operations expanded, the focus has also extended to include other disabilities. NISH conducts programs both for professional preparation and also for higher education of people with disabilities. The degree will be awarded by the University of Kerala.

2. THE PROGRAM

This prospectus is for the Degree Programs for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The programs offered are **B.Sc. (ComputerScience)(HI), Bachelor of Commerce (HI) and Bachelor of Fine Arts (HI)**. The programs are affiliated to the University of Kerala.

The curriculum for the above programs consists of theory and practical, with stress on practical sessions. On successful completion of the program, the candidates will be awarded the Bachelor degree in their respective subjects by the University of Kerala.

The regulations, scheme and syllabi for the **B.Sc. (ComputerScience)(HI) and Bachelor of Commerce (HI)** programs have been revised in 2019 and will follow the credit based system. **The duration of B.Sc. (ComputerScience)(HI) and B.Com(HI) is 4 years having 8 semesters and Bachelor of Fine Arts(HI) is 5 years having 10 semesters.**

The first year (having two semesters) is the Preparatory Year and will focus exclusively on Basic Mathematics, Communicative English and Indian Sign Language. A student admitted to a degree program is required to pass all the subjects in the Preparatory year to be eligible to continue into the second year of the degree program.

3. NUMBER OF SEATS

The maximum number of seats for BSc Computer Science (HI) and B.Com(HI) is 30 each and 40 seats are available for BFA(HI) . Only students who pass DACE are eligible for the seats.

4. RESERVATION OF SEATS

Twenty percent of the total seats in each of the degree programs are reserved for candidates belonging to SC/ST.

5. WHO CAN APPLY?

5.1. Admission is restricted to those who are deaf/hard of hearing as defined in the " Rights of Persons With Disabilities (RPWD) Act, 2016. " Deaf"' means having 70 dB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears. " Hard of hearing" means having 60 dB to 70 dB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears.

5.2. Candidates seeking admission to the Degree (HI) program should have passed the Plus Two/ Higher Secondary or its equivalent from any Board or University in India, recognized as equivalent for admission to a degree program in any University in India. Candidates with equivalent qualifications in India or abroad are also eligible.

6. HOW TO APPLY?

6.1. Candidates should apply online through the website **http://admissions.nish.ac.in**

6.2. All applicants should have an email id and a mobile phone number in which notifications can be received. This should be entered correctly in the application form. No paper notifications through postal mail will be sent.

6.3. The application fee is Rs.150/- for General and OBC candidates and Rs.75/- for SC/ST candidates.

6.4. The bank charges for remitting the fee should be borne by the candidate.

6.5. Payment of application fee can be made through the Online payment gateway in our website (www.nish.ac.in) or at any branch of State Bank of India (SBI) using a challan form available at all SBI branches. Payment should be made to the NISH Account No: **67224749979** at SBI, Akkulam, Trivandrum. The candidate can also download the challan form from the NISH admissions website admissions.nish.ac.in. The downloaded bank challan will have the details of the NISH account to which the application fee has to be transferred. The reference number obtained from the bank and the remittance details should be entered in the application form.

6.6. Those who have an internet banking facility can remit the fees via NEFT transaction to "NISH FEE ACCOUNT", State Bank of India, Akkulam branch Account No:**67224749979** with IFSC Code **SBIN0070581**. Please note the Unique Transaction Reference (UTR) number and date as this will have to be entered in the application form.

6.7. The candidates are advised to bring the original challan / proof of NEFT / online

transaction when they come for the interview.

6.8. Original documents should be produced when called for the interview.

6.9. The Institute reserves the right to reject the application of the candidate, if:

a. The application is incomplete in any aspect.
b. The details in the application form do not match the supporting document.
c. The required fees are not remitted or the proof thereof is not attached.
d. The candidate fails to satisfy the eligibility criteria.
e. Any false or incorrect information is furnished.

6.10. Foreign candidates need to contact the Admissions Helpline for details of submitting the application and the admission process.

7. LAST DATE FOR APPLICATION

The last date for submitting the online application will be **July 31, 2022.** Other important dates are listed in Section 10.

8. METHOD OF SELECTION

8.1. Candidates seeking admission to the Degree (HI) programs will have to appear for the **Degree Admission Competency Examination (DACE)** conducted at NISH.

8.2. Candidates are requested to download the hall ticket and produce it at the time of online examination. Those without hall tickets will not be permitted to attend the exam.

8.3. DACE examination consists of one paper each in English, Mathematics and Logical Reasoning.

8.4. Examination duration is 3 hours.

8.5. Those who desire to opt for Bachelor of Fine Arts (HI) will have to take **an aptitude test** in drawing. Aptitude test scores will only be a Pass/Fail.

8.6. The rank list will be prepared on the basis of scores in DACE and Plus Two marks.

8.7. In case there is a tie for one rank list position, the tie will be broken by taking into consideration the following, in the order below. The higher scorer will be placed in the higher rank.

a. Marks for Mathematics paper in DACE.
b. Marks for Logical Reasoning paper in DACE.
c. Marks for English paper in DACE.
d. Date of birth, older candidates being given preference.
e. If the tie still persists, an additional test of 10 questions on current topics will be given and the higher scorer will be placed higher in the rank list. The decision of the Executive Director will be final if there are disputes in the rank list.

8.8. The candidates who are in the rank list can choose the programme for Degree at the time of interview based on the position in the rank list.

8.9. Those who do not take the Skill test mentioned in Clause **8.5** will not be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Fine Arts (HI) program.

8.10. The admission to BSc Computer Science (HI), B.Com (HI), BFA (HI) will be given based on the rank list.

8.11. The candidates who **do not qualify the DACE examination** will not be eligible for any of the Degree programs.

8.12. Once admitted to a programme and the list is sent to the University, no change of programme will be permitted.

9. DEGREE ADMISSION COMPETENCY EXAMINATION:

9.1. The Degree Admission Competency Examination (DACE) is formulated as follows. For all applicants there will be one common written test with 3 parts – Mathematics, English and Logical Reasoning.

9.2. The rank list will be prepared based on the total scores obtained in the DACE and Plus Two marks giving equal weightage for both .

9.3. Applicants for the BFA program will have a pass/fail aptitude test.

10. IMPORTANT DATES FOR ADMISSION

The following are the important dates in regard to admission. Any change will be notified through SMS and email to all relevant applicants.

No.	Description	Date
1	Application for Admission Starts	**July 14, 2022, Thursday**
2	Last Date to Submit Online Applications	**July 31 , 2022, Sunday**
3	Date of Entrance Exam	**August 10, 2022, Wednesday**
4	Publication of Rank List	**August 16, 2022, Tuesday**
5	Date of Interview for Admission	**August 25, 2022, Thursday**
6	Admission closing date	**As announced by Kerala University**
7	Date of Commencement of Classes	**August 31, 2022**

11. FEE STRUCTURE

11.1. The tuition fee for Indian nationals is Rs. 6000/- per semester.

11.2. Additionally, students must remit Rs. 1000/- for the Graduation ceremony and a refundable caution fee of Rs. 2000/- at the time of admission. If the student fails to pass the preparatory year after 2 successive attempts, he/she will be terminated from the program and his/her Graduation Ceremony fee of Rs 1000 will be refunded.

11.3. For foreign applicants from SAARC nations, the tuition fee per semester is Rs.20,000/- and for those from other nations the tuition fees is Rs.30,000/-.

11.4. SC, ST candidates are eligible for fee concession and will be exempted from payment of tuition fee. Candidates belonging to OEC will be exempted from payment of fee in case of un-availed seats of SC/ST, in the order of their merit in admission. The norms set by the SC/ST Department will be followed for the award of concession.

11.5. Tuition fee is payable at the beginning of each semester. Late charges will be applicable if the fee is remitted after the first 10 working days of the semester.

11.6. The candidate will have to pay the examination fee and other fees as prescribed by the University from time to time. Fees once paid will not be refunded under any circumstances.

11.7. Tuition fee and other fees can be made through the Online payment gateway in NISH website (www.nish.ac.in) or at any branch of State Bank of India (SBI) using a challan form available at all SBI branches. Payment should be made to the NISH Account No: **67224749979** at SBI, Akkulam, Trivandrum. The candidate can also download the challan form at the NISH admissions website **http://admissions.nish.ac.in**. The downloaded bank challan will have the details of the NISH account to which the application fee has to be transferred. The reference number obtained from the bank and the remittance details should be entered in the application form.

11.8. The admitted candidates can apply for the National scholarship for persons with disabilities by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India,SC/ST scholarship and the State level Scholarship given by the Social Welfare department. NISH shall provide assistance to the candidates in applying for the scholarships.

12. GENERAL INFORMATION

12.1. Candidates selected for the interview will be intimated by email / SMS. **No paper notifications will be sent through postal mail.**

12.2. If any information given in the application by the candidate is found to be false on verification at the time of interview or even at a later stage, the candidate will forfeit his/her claim for admission and continuation in the program.

12.3. Candidates should submit all the original documents for **physical verification** at the time of interview as per the instructions from University and as per the

COVID-19 protocol which will be updated on the NISH website. Failing to comply with the instructions from University, he/she will forfeit his/her claim for admission. Change of date, or venue of interview or extension of time for producing originals of documents will be allowed only as per University instructions.

12.4. If the Institute is unable to perform the physical admission process due to restrictions imposed by the State Government / University, this information will be updated on the NISH website.

13. HOSTEL FACILITY

Hostel facilities are available and the hostel fee will be intimated later.

14. GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

14.1. All the candidates admitted to the program at NISH will abide by the rules and regulations issued from time to time by the Executive Director, NISH.

14.2. Ragging in any form is strictly forbidden inside the campus. Zero-tolerance policy is implemented and any such case will be reported to the Police immediately.

14.3. A policy document is available regarding prevention of sexual harassment on campus. The Committee to Address Sexual Harassment is in operation on campus to oversee implementation of the policy. Any complaint will be addressed immediately.

14.4. Smoking, consumption of alcohol, and use of illegal drugs in any form is strictly prohibited within the campus. Violators will be dealt with immediately and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

14.5. Students are required to maintain the buildings and campus clean and the equipment should be handled with care. If any damages to the building or equipment is made, the cost will be recovered from the person responsible.

14.6. Students cannot enter the classroom or practical/lab after the session has started nor will they be allowed to leave the session without the permission of the faculty-in-charge.

14.7. Every student will be issued an Identity Card, which must be worn around the neck using the tag provided. This is applicable at all times when the student is on campus. If the card is lost or damaged, duplicate cards will be issued on payment of additional fees.

14.8. Leave of absence will be granted only on medical grounds. Only such leaves will be considered for the purpose of granting relaxation of minimum attendance requirements.

15. EVALUATIONS, EXAMINATIONS AND ISSUE OF DEGREE

15.1. The admitted candidates will be evaluated and graded continuously throughout each semester. Apart from this, there will be an End-semester examination at the end of each semester. The grading obtained during the semester and end-semester examination will be considered for the final grading for the semester.

15.2. PreparatoryYear

The first two semesters are preparatory semesters. This is called the Preparatory Year. Only candidates who secure a pass for all subjects in the preparatory semesters will be eligible to register for the third semester. The Preparatory Semesters carry no credits for B.Sc. (ComputerScience)(HI), Bachelor of Commerce (HI) and Bachelor of Fine Arts (HI) and shall not be considered in the final grading for the issue of the degree.

15.3. B.Sc. (ComputerScience) (HI)

The students shall be evaluated continuously through each semester. The evaluation for a Course/Subject shall involve – (1) Continuous Assessment (CA) and (2) End Semester Examination (ESE). A maximum of three Continuous Assessments shall be conducted for each Course/Subject. The best two marks from the three shall be considered for consolidating CA. There shall be a final examination at the end of every semester in each theory and lab course/subject. Semester examinations for the odd semesters namely the third, fifth and seventh semesters will be conducted by the Head of the Institute/Principal of the college, the marks of which will be recorded in the consolidated mark list issued to the candidate on completion of the program. For the even semesters i.e.; the fourth, sixth and eighth semester, the University of Kerala will conduct the semester examinations. The students shall be required to earn a minimum of 120 Credits for the award of the Degree.

15.4. Bachelor of Fine Arts (HI)

There will be two internal assessments (IA) in each semester for each subject. The University will conduct the even-semester examinations for the fourth, sixth, eighth and the tenth semesters. Semester examinations for the odd semesters third,

fifth, seventh and ninth, will be conducted by the Head of the Institute/Principal of the college. The marks received by the students will be recorded in the consolidated mark list issued to the student on completion of the program.

15.5. Bachelor of Commerce (HI)

The students shall be evaluated continuously through each semester. The evaluation for a Course/Subject shall involve – (1) Continuous Assessment (CA) and (2) End Semester Examination (ESE). A maximum of three Continuous Assessments shall be conducted for each Course/Subject. The best two marks from the three shall be considered for consolidating CA. There shall be a final examination at the end of every semester in each theory and lab course/subject. Semester examinations for the odd semesters namely the third, fifth and seventh semesters will be conducted by the Head of the Institute/Principal of the college, the marks of which will be recorded in the consolidated mark list issued to the candidate on completion of the program. For the even semesters i.e.; the fourth, sixth and eighth semester, the University of Kerala will conduct the semester examinations. The students shall be required to earn a minimum of 120 Credits for the award of the Degree.

15.6. University of Kerala will award the degree after the student has successfully passed the program.

Any other details not specifically covered by the above clauses will be decided by the Executive Director and such decision will be final.

16. STEPS TO PAY THE FEES THROUGH ONLINE GATEWAY

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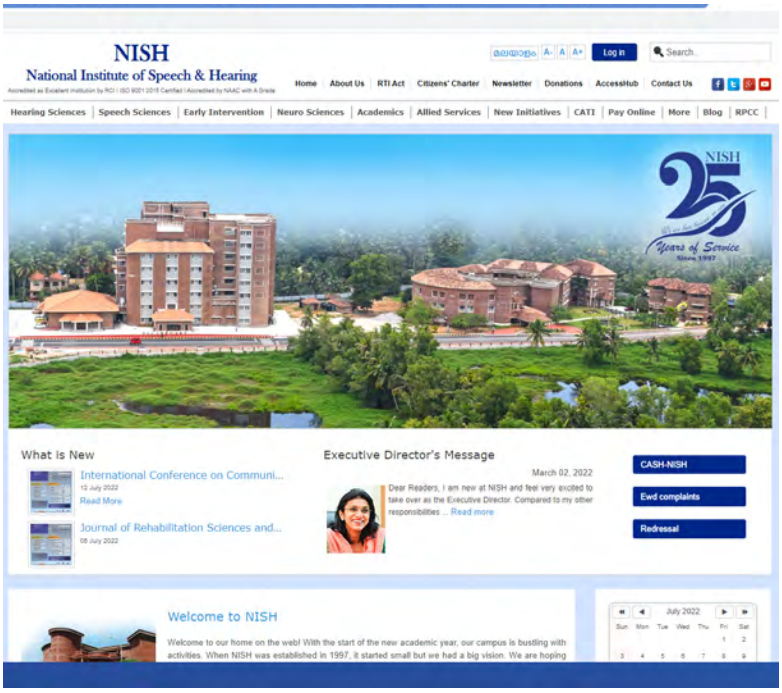

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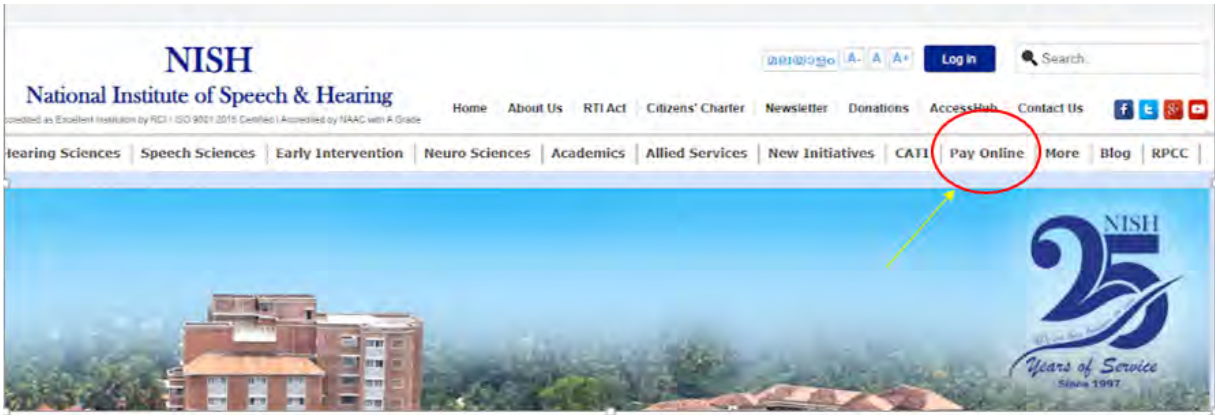

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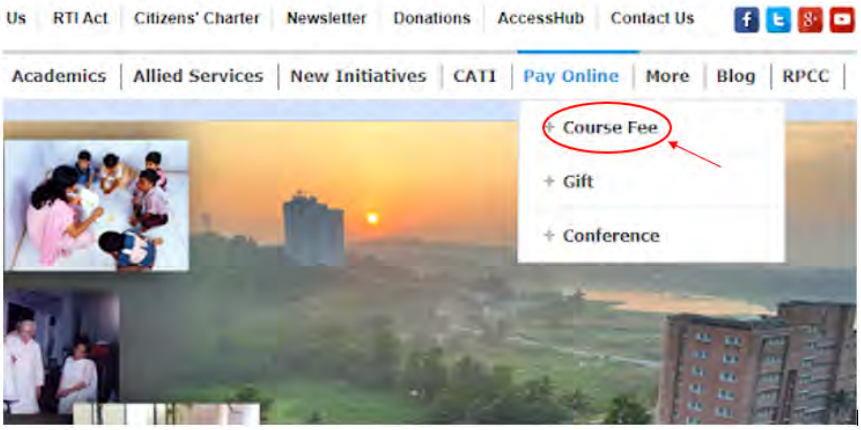

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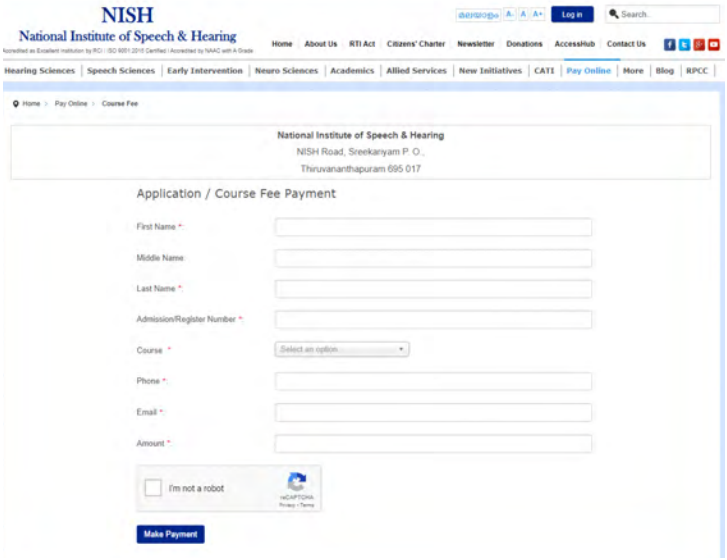

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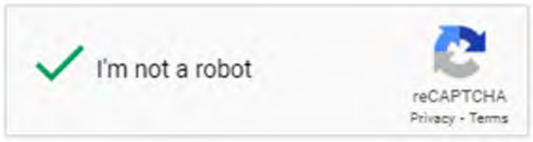

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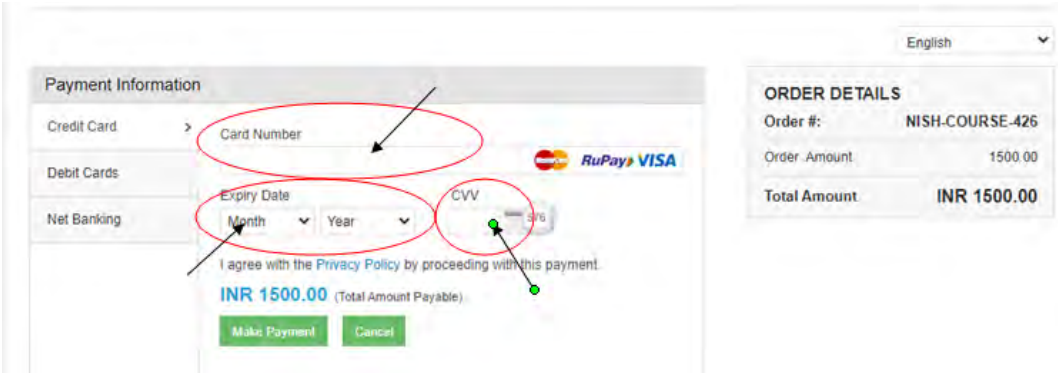

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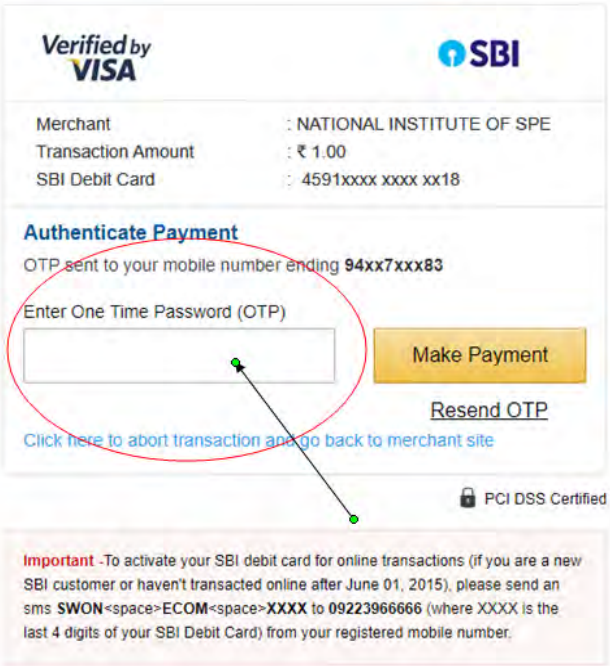

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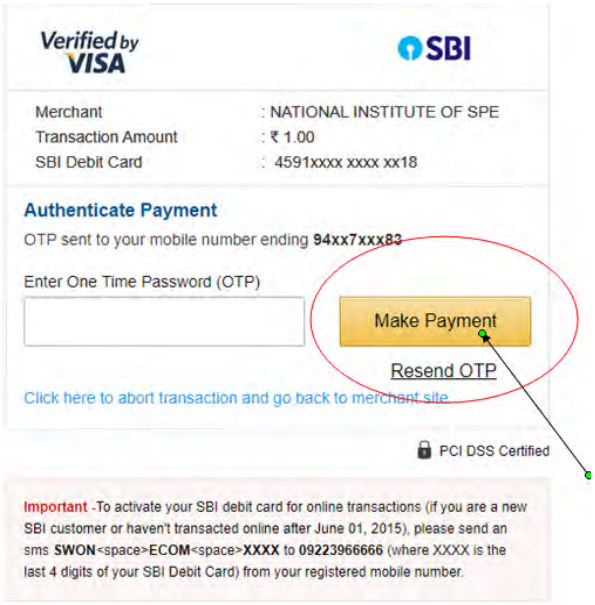
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