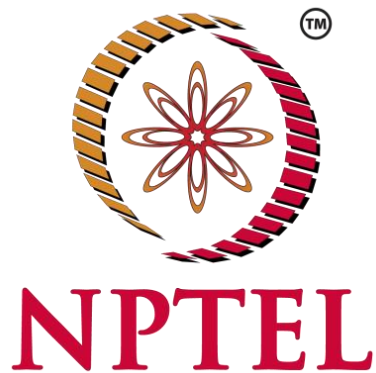


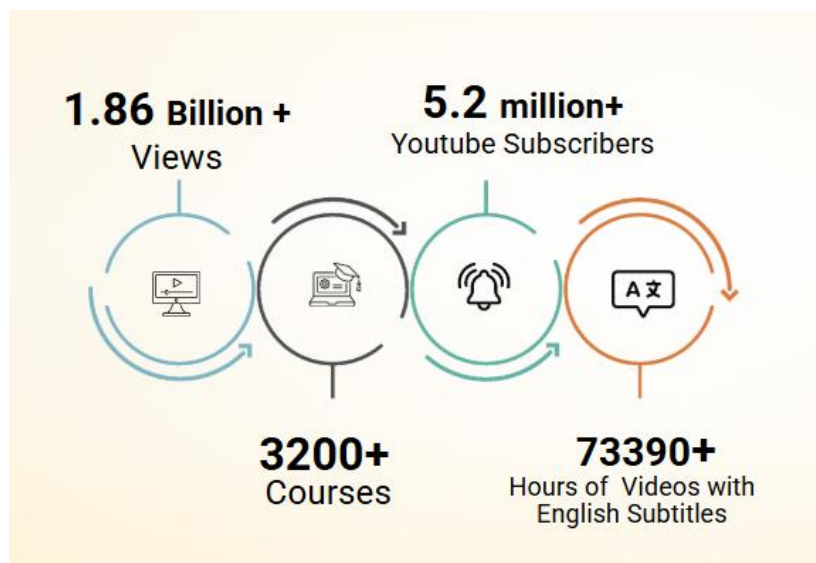
**Appeal for donations
for
Exam Fee waiver
for students from Economically Disadvantaged sections
in Tier 2 and Tier 3 towns**



NATIONAL PROGRAMME ON TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED LEARNING (NPTEL)

The National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) was initiated by the seven IITs (Bombay, Delhi, Kanpur, Kharagpur, Roorkee, Guwahati and Madras) along with Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore (IISc) in 2003 under the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India for the creation of web and video courses in various disciplines of engineering, basic sciences, management and humanities. The idea was to give access to teaching material created by faculty of premier institutes to anyone who has an internet connection and a system and also to make the best quality of content and education available to anyone who is interested in learning. Some of the achievements of NPTEL are given below. For more details about NPTEL, please visit, <https://nptel.ac.in/>.

NPTEL IMPACT AND INFRASTRUCTURE:

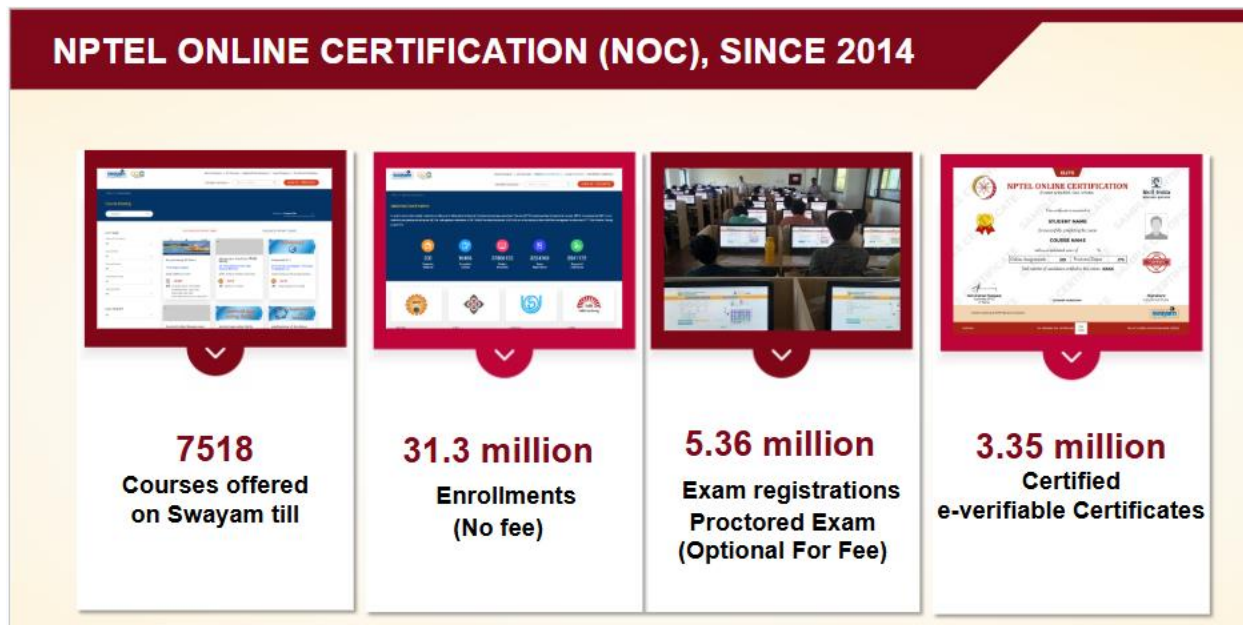


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NPTEL ONLINE CERTIFICATION

NPTEL began offering certification to students for participating in open online courses (which consist of pre-recorded video lectures, lecture notes and assignments all of which are online) from March 2014. NPTEL Certification courses are offered through its portal <https://swayam.gov.in/NPTEL>.

Through this online portal, courses of 4, 8, and 12 weeks duration in various disciplines namely, sciences, humanities and management are currently being offered by NPTEL. We have received more than 3.13 crore enrollments for various courses in NPTEL till date. The certification is an optional part of the open online courses which is a confirmation of the student's participation and performance in the same. Since the certification exam is designed to be an in-person proctored examination, it involves a nominal cost (Rs.1,000) to cover the logistics of the exam.



NPTEL partners with colleges within and outside India as Local Chapters (LCs). A coordinator at the college helps take the initiative forward. As on date, there are 6700+ partner colleges.

NPTEL EXAM FEE WAIVER INITIATIVE

When a survey was done among students who had scored well in the assignments but who had not registered for the certification exam, a large percentage of them quoted the fee of Rs 1,000 being too high to pay due to the economic background of their family and their existing educational loans to pay for the college. In continuation of this objective of aiding students from economically weak backgrounds to complete the course and get a certificate from the IITs which might help them with better employability or higher education, **the fee waiver support request for Rs 500/- per candidate per course was implemented.** If the student's financial concerns are reduced, they can focus more on studying and learning, which can lead to better retention of knowledge, which in turn, can increase their chances at the job front. Hence, the possibility of some external agency instituting some kind of scholarships that enable students to overcome the hurdle of a higher fee to obtain certification was thought of. This would be distributed to the students on a merit-cum-means basis.

REACH AND IMPACT OF DONOR SUPPORT

We have about 9 lakh students who are writing NPTEL certification exams every year.

In the Jan 2024 semester, NPTEL has provided fee waiver to 5412 students with the support from our Industry CSR partners/donors. These students are from 376 colleges across 26 states/UTs.

Fee waiver for NPTEL students

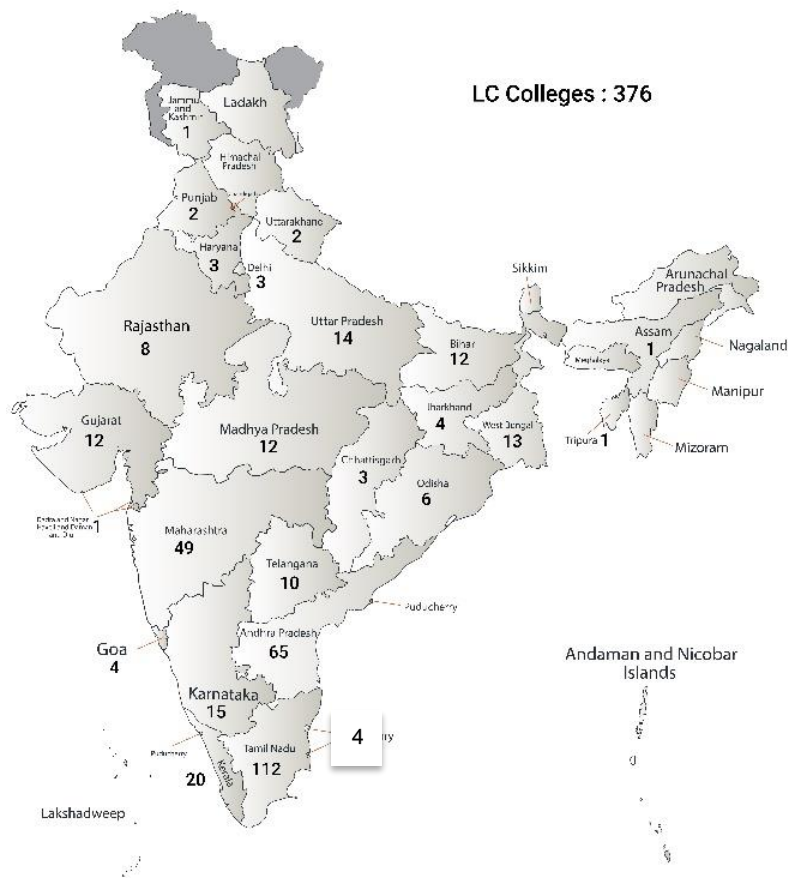
1.66 lakh+ students from Tier2/Tier3 cities have received exam fee waiver support

- Students should register and write the exams paying the full fee.
- Local Chapter colleges recommend students from economically backward backgrounds for 50% fee refund if they pass the final exam, which is in-person
- Documentation - list from Principal of college
- Support is extended to colleges in Tier 2/Tier 3 colleges primarily.
- Courses taken by students - skilling courses such as in programming, data science, popular electives, current technology courses, etc - makes them employable

Jan 2024 Fee waiver beneficiaries - 5412 students

Gender	Male	Female
Count	2808	2604

Colleges covered by NPTEL



FEEDBACK FROM LOCAL CHAPTER COLLEGES (LCs)

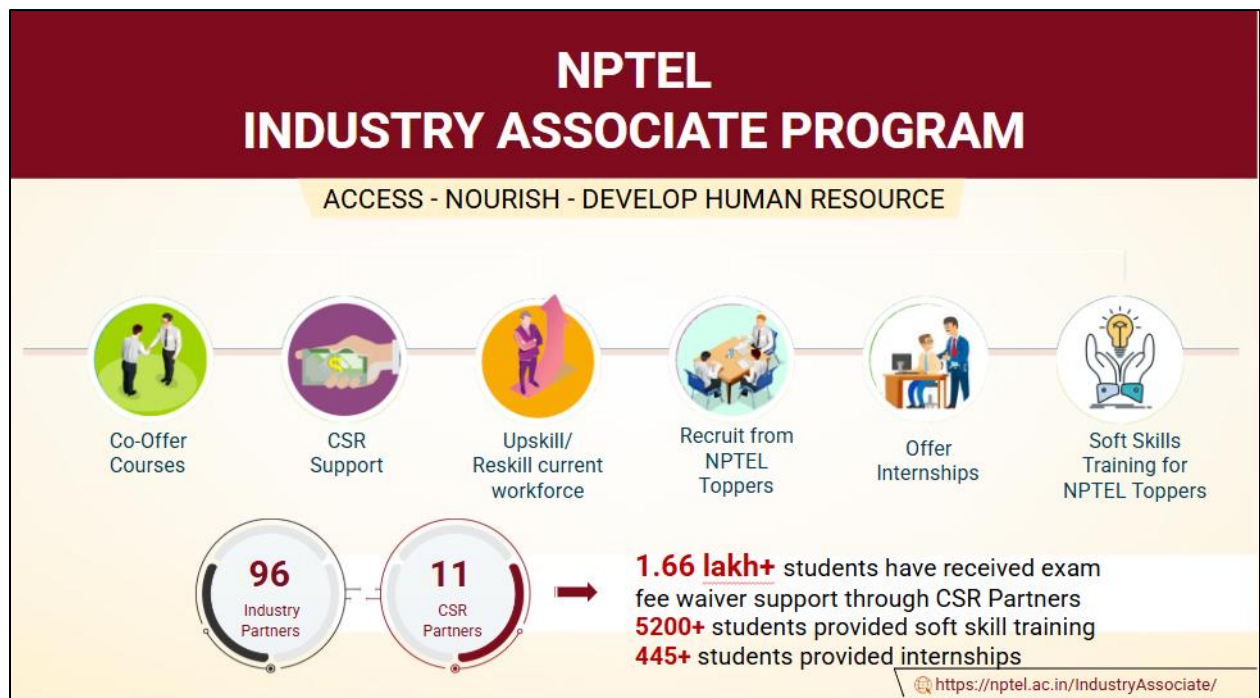
Time and again, the SPOCs of local chapter colleges where students have benefitted from fee waivers have shared feedback that had it not been for the fee waivers support from donors, students would not have participated in the examination process. Many of these students are coming from families of first-generation college graduates, families of daily wage earners, farmers, cobblers, etc. and are already taking bank loans for their education or are availing some kind of government scholarship scheme. Paying the full exam fee per course might cause unusual financial hardship for the applicant's family.

YEARLY BUDGET

Donation cause/CSR Initiatives	Potential Impact (no. of students)	Fund requirement per student	Funding Required
Exam Fee Waiver (9 lakh students attempt NPTEL exams every year. Every semester, approximately 15,000 students are recommended for fee waiver support)	30,000 Students/yr	INR 500	1.5 cr **

** + **Administrative Overhead:** 5% of the project cost is allocated towards costs that will include employing personnel to handle the project, administrative, travel expenses and put in place all the governing processes for successful execution of the project.

NPTEL Exam fee waiver initiative has been helping thousands of needy students every semester. Students are motivated to take up certification courses and work with a goal to complete the certification. NPTEL is keen to reach out to a large number of motivated students with the support from CSR partners.



Employee Engagement:

As part of the NPTEL Project, there is a lot of scope for employee engagement. Employees of the Donor/partner can participate in the following ways:

- Deliver Live Lectures on various technical topics or in the area of soft skills, job readiness, etc.
- Conduct Mock Interviews for NPTEL Toppers and NPTEL Stars.
- Conduct Programming Sessions or Technical Quiz Competitions to the students.

Employees participating in the above activities will be given due recognition by NPTEL, IIT Madras for all their efforts.