



Indian Institute of Technology Madras  
Office of Alumni and Corporate Relations

# Online Certificate Course

## National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL)

The National Program on Technology Enhanced Learning was initiated by 7 IITs (Delhi, Bombay, Roorkee, Kanpur, Kharagpur, Guwahati and Madras) and IISc in 2003 under the Ministry of Education, Government of India

In 2014 an initiative was taken to convert it to an Online certification course where an exam is conducted for every course and it is evaluated. Through this, free materials and video lectures created by faculties of premier institutions were made available to anyone who would like to learn these courses and to get better opportunities at the job front all over the world

Anyone with an internet connection and a system can access these materials and videos. While the materials and video lectures are freely available to the candidates, the evaluation and certification part is a paid service considering the examination mode being offline and the invigilation logistics. The examination fee is Rs 1000 per candidate for every NPTEL course.

A survey was conducted among the students who performed really well in their assignments but did not register for the certification exam. It was found that a large percentage of students were from economically weaker backgrounds, many of them being first generation learners, they were unable to pay the fees. Hence a fee waiver support request for Rs 500 per candidate for every course was implemented.

The below table indicates the number of candidates who have benefited from the fee waiver support in 2023

Gender wise Fee Waiver Count in 2023

Gender	Male	Female
Count	9434	8691

Thank you for your generous contribution which has created a huge impact in the lives of many candidates who have enrolled in the online certification course.

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