

ONLINE ENROLMENT FOR NPTEL COURSES BEGINS

Guwahati: Online enrolment for National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) courses began from Wednesday.

This year, 24 new online certification courses on various engineering topics have been introduced in the curricula under NPTEL, which is an MHRD-funded project and a joint initiative of the IITs and IISc Bangalore. It offers online courses and certification in various disciplines in adherence to the All India Council for Technical Education syllabi.

"The NPTEL offers various curriculum-based video and web-based courses, targeting students and faculty of institutions offering undergraduate engineering programmes. The main objective of the NPTEL programme is to enhance the quality of engineering education in the country by developing curriculum-based video and web courses," said an official of IIT-Guwahati.

The NPTEL is used by various educational institutions in the country as part of their teaching-learning process. Enrolment for these courses is free and anyone can learn and benefit from the vast repository of course material available.

Professor Andrew Thangaraj, NPTEL coordinator and professor of IIT-Madras, said one can also opt for certificate courses which are scheduled to be held in September and November, 2015.

"In the past, courses in computer science and electrical disciplines have been popular. Now, we receive requests from students and colleges for core and elective courses across disciplines," said Thangaraj.

Professor Prathap Haridoss, NPTEL coordinator and professor at IIT-Madras, added that apart from various online certification courses, NPTEL has material for more than 875 cross-disciplinary courses.

"Students can supplement their learning by going through this content. Working professionals can also benefit by refreshing their knowledge using this source," added Haridoss.