

## Press Note

### NPTEL Awareness Workshop at MATS University

Workshop of NPTEL, program started in year 1998 by MHRD, Government of India, titled “ NPTEL awareness Workshop”, organized in Impact center of MATS University by department school of information technology on 16January 2018.

Program started with lamp lighting and prayer of goddess sarswati. On this occasion Chancellor Mr. GajrajPagariya, Vice chancellor Mr. Dr. (Porf.) Byju John, Director General Mr. PriyeshPagariya, Registrar Mr. Gokulanand Panda, Mrs Deepika Dhand Director Training and Placement, Hod MSIT Ms. Rita Deewanjee, HOD's of various departments on behalf of MATS University and faculties were present.

Prof. Satyaki Roy, coordinator Media Technology Center NPTEL, Ms. Angana Sengupta and Mr. Ajay Kannaujiya from IIT Kanpur were present in the workshop.

Prof. Satyaki enlightened the participant about NPTEL establishment and objectives. He said that NPTEL is a virtual university. In the starting phase NPTEL objective was act as repository of information. Now a days, from every part of the country, demand of opening new local chapter are increasing. Everyone recognizing its utility. From year 2015 NPTEL started certification also. Learners are using the portal for different-different objective. MsAngana Sengupta tells about the role of SPOC (Single Point Of Contact) in the context of NPTEL.

Vice chancellor of the MATS University Prof. DrByju John expressed the need of virtual university in todays situation. He said that falling of education level and lack of skilled person is critical issue. In this scenario NPTEL will play an important role to global level information to those student also who are not able to reach premier institution. Students access the laurate's knowledge through this portal. MATS always ready to accept new method of teaching and also look into this matter.

At the end of workshop doubts of participant addressed by the Prof Satyiki Roy and his team

Interview Prof Satyiki Roy

Question: What is NPTEL?

Prof Satyiki Roy: From the establishment year 1998 to 2014 it was only a repository of information. The objective was to prepare a series of audio, video lecture to provide knowledge among the participant without geographical barrier. Laurates of premier institution i.e. IIT, IISc etc. prepare these videos. Anyone can access this from the portal using internet or television and get benefitted. From year 2015 certification also started from NPTEL. To get certificate a nominal fee is charged from the participant.

Question: What is benefit of NPTEL certificate?

Prof Satyiki Roy: Industry and institution both give recognition to NPTEL for internship, job etc. AICTE also gave nod to include NPTEL video in the curriculum. NPTEL is very beneficial for the elective subject run by several institutions. Employer use NPTEL certificate to access the knowledge level of faculties also.

Question: India, where electricity, internet etc. limitation are easily seen. How this project is beneficial.

Prof Satyiki Roy: When distance education was introduced same question raised from every nook of the thinkers, but it was successful. NPTEL is in starting age which come into various stages. In near future it will prove it's utility.

Question: Year 2016-17 can be identified as internet revolution. What is your opinion in this purview.

Prof Satyiki Roy: Certainly, this revolution brought internet facility in the hand of common people who are away from it. I believe that those group of people who are not accessing the resource are capable to get benefit.

Question: what is difference between traditional education system and NPTEL.

Prof Satyiki Roy: No need to compare both because both have different objective and outcome. NPTEL is trying to fill the gap of knowledge provided in traditional education and need of today. Traditional education and virtual university will write the future of India in better way.

Question: what are the future plans of NPTEL?

Prof Satyiki Roy: NPTEL is ambitious project of GOI, in which a lot of steps need to be taken. At the start it was meant for only teachers but anyone can get benefit from it. Inclusion of practical orientation will be in near future but long way to go. Concept of SPOC introduced in this context. Institution having good lab facility may be used as study centers where learners can do practical sessions.