

Gandhinagar Institute of Technology

A Report on "One Day Workshop on NPTEL" 8th June 2018

Introduction:

NPTEL is an initiative by the IITs (IIT Bombay, Delhi, Guwahati, Kanpur, Kharagpur, Madras and Roorkee) and IISc along with full financial support by MHRD. The main objective of the National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) is to enhance the quality of engineering and science education in the country by developing contents for undergraduate and postgraduate curricula using video and web-based courses. These courses cover the syllabi prescribed by universities and approved by AICTE. The workshop "One Day Workshop on NPTEL" was held on 8/6/2018 at Gandhinagar Institute of Technology

Objective:

NPTEL is the largest, most viewed and highly accessed educational repository in the world. This workshop aims to create awareness for the features of NPTEL Online Certification Courses among the teaching community of technical, management and science. The workshop was conducted by the NPTEL Coordinators and Senior Professors from IIT Madras.

Program:

The workshop was conducted by Prof. Andrew Thangaraj & Ms. Bharathi Balaji, both from NPTEL office, IIT Madras. The event was graced by the presence of Dr N M Bhatt. Around 150 participants from all over India came together at GIT to take part in the workshop. Apart from faculty members, even librarians and in some cases Deans & Directors of various institutes came to listen to the speakers and learn about NPTEL. The workshop started with participant registration and sumptuous breakfast. Prof. Andrew took the attendees briefly over the need of NPTEL and why was it made in the first place. He then explained in detail what all features and services does NPTEL provide to its course subscribers and to Institutes who join NPTEL and become a Local Chapter. NPTEL does not provide only video lectures in English, they also provide lecture notes, text lectures, audio lectures and an upcoming feature of video lectures with subtitles in regional language. Ms. Bharathi then took over to explain in detail how can an institute form a Local Chapter and the advantage to the institute and students because of it. This was a highly interactive part of the workshop with a lot of question-answers between Ms. Bharathi and the participants. Since a lot of participants wanted to setup Local Chapter in their institutes, they were quite happy with all the direct, first-hand information they were getting from NPTEL, along with inputs from GIT NPTEL SPOC Prof. Ashish Majithiya and his team consisting of Prof. Mitul Maniar and Prof. Mihir Mistry. This was followed by a working lunch where in the participants interacted with each other and the speakers for one-on-one conversation. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks and certificate distribution to the attendees.

Photo Gallery:



Dr N M Bhatt, Prof. Andrew Thangaraj, Ms Bharathi Balaji & Prof. Ashish Majithiya during Lamp Lighting



Attendees interacting during High Tea



Prof. Andrew Thangaraj addressing the attendees



Ms. Bharathi Balaji addressing the attendees



QA session with the attendees



Group Photo