FEE WAIVER FOR STUDENTS FROM ECONOMICALLY WEAK BACKGROUND
(JAN - APR 2019 SEMESTER)

Dear SPOCs,

There are a few changes in both applying for and in the criteria for fee waiver in the Jan-Apr 2019 semester.

Change in application procedure

Previously, SPOCs were recommending students for fee waiver in the onlinecourses portal. This time, you will be selecting students from your nptel.ac.in/LocalChapter SPOC login.

We will be providing list of exam registered students in your SPOC login.
You will select the students based on the criteria given below.

Detailed steps & screenshots are given at this link.
https://bit.ly/2CEiqjW

Date to apply for fee waiver and corresponding deadlines

Fee waiver open	March 25, 12pm
Fee waiver close	April 8, 5pm

Fee waiver criteria

Fee waiver criteria for the Jan-Apr 2019 semester will be as given below.
This criteria has been based on:
- Availability of CSR funds
- Number of Local Chapters who apply for fee waivers and the increase in number of students to be supported

1. Colleges from Tier-1 cities will be **excluded**
(cities - Bombay, Delhi, Kolkata, Madras, Bangalore, Hyderabad)

A list of pincodes are also provided here. Colleges coming under this list will also be excluded.
List of pincodes : https://bit.ly/2YmH0Pt

If the SPOC from a Tier-1 city college or from the pincode list feels that some students from these colleges absolutely deserve fee waiver, as a special case the fee waiver may be approved for them. The SPOC then has to provide us some strong justification (letter from Principal) as to why the fee waiver has to be extended to such candidates. This will be only for a handful of the most deserving students.

2. Fee waiver **will NOT** be extended to faculty.

3. Fee waiver will be given **for only one course per student**, even though he/she may have written and passed exams for multiple courses.

4. SC/ST and PwD candidates will automatically get Fee waiver through the exam form and hence will not need to separately apply for the same.

5. Candidate has to register for the exam paying the full fees, appear for the exam in person and **has to pass** the exam by getting a consolidated score of 40 or above, as per the norms of NPTEL.

6. If college is providing 50% waiver to students from management side
OR
If college is getting any other fee waiver such as through TEQIP-III , then NPTEL will NOT provide fee waiver for such students. A declaration from the Principal validating this will be required. Template of letter will be shared with SPOCs.

7. Max fee waivers per college will be capped as shown below, provided all the aforementioned criteria are met. Requesting SPOCs to use their discretion and choose only the most deserving students. This is NOT a merit scholarship; but is a fee waiver for financially weak students.

Total exam registered	Max fee waiver count that can be approved by NPTEL
Up to 1000 students	20% fee waiver recommendations will be approved
1000 and above	Capped at 200 max count of fee waiver students

Fee Waiver Amount

Exam fees paid	Fee waiver which will be given
Rs. 1500	Rs. 550
Rs. 1100	Rs. 550
Rs. 1000	Rs. 500

Note:
- We will not be taking requests via email. All fee waivers have to come through SPOC login
- We will be strictly adhering to the given deadlines. These dates will not be extended whatsoever.

If you need any clarifications, please write to localchapter@nptel.iitm.ac.in