Annual Report On SWAYAM – NPTEL Local Chapter 2023 – 24

The NPTEL (National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning) is an initiative of the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India under which IITs (Bombay, Delhi, Guwahati, Kharagpur, Kanpur, Madras and Roorkee) and IISc Bangalore offer online certification courses through MOOCs platform SWAYAM. The courses from the disciplines of Engineering, Basic Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, Management, Law and Health and Sports Sciences are offered for the benefit of the learner community starting in January and July every year. Any interested learner can join the courses free of charge for learning purposes. Learners can also write the optional certification examination.

SWAYAM – NPTEL Local Chapter of B. P. Chaliha College has been started in 2023. To run the program effectively a committee has been formed with the following members on 19/05/2023.

S1. No.	Name	Portfolio
1.	Dr. Deepjyoti Borgohain	SPOC
2.	Dr. Bhushita Patowari	Jt. SPOC
3.	Ms. Sukanya Chakravarty	Member

The institute requested the NPTEL Coordinator, IIT Madras for establishing SWAYAM – NPTEL Local Chapter in the College on 26/05/2023 and got the acceptance from the NPTEL Team on June 22, 2023.

SWAYAM – NPTEL offers different online courses for the learners in two different sessions in a year. For the session July – Dec, 2023 only 35 members enrolled for different courses and only one of them registered for the examination and completed the course.

On 21 November, 2023 two members of the Local Chapter attended a one-day NPTEL Awareness Workshop organized by IQAC, Gauhati University in association with NPTEL, IIT Madras. The program aimed to brief the participants on NPTEL, online certification courses, Exam process, credit transfer, FDP courses, Domain certificate, NPTEL self-paced courses, internship and soft skill training through NPTEL, the concept of a Local Chapter as a way to partner with the NPTEL, and many other student-friendly initiatives among others.

The Local Chapter of the College organized an Orientation Programme on SWAYAM – NPTEL dated 23/11/2023 to make the students aware about this online learning platform. More than 150 students participated in the program along with the faculty members of the College.

Discipline wise a separate list of courses is provided to all the Department of the College to make the enrollment process easier for the students for the next session from Jan – April, 2024.

For the session Jan – April, 2024, altogether 123 members enrolled for different courses which include students as well as faculty members. Although the enrolment has increases as compared to the last session but the number of registered participants for the examination is only 10.

To make this SWAYAM – NPTEL courses successful and to take the maximum benefits of this online learning platform, Gauhati University requested all the affiliated colleges to become a Local chapter with the approval of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor dated 20/12/2023.

The members of the Local Chapter regularly scheduled meeting to discuss about the students benefit from time to time. Although there are less number of registered candidate for the exam but the students are highly benefitted from the available course materials and regular assignment.

Recommendation/Suggestion: Students may be supported with the registration fee for the examination from the Institution.