

Is npTEL.ac.in legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

npTEL.ac.in

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

npTEL.ac.in appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-13 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Official NPTEL site page describing courses, enrollment statistics, IIT/IISc affiliation, news/announcements, and contact/support information.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	13 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2013 824 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by WR3	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2013.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

NPTEL is an academic online-learning website presenting free and paid courses, certification and examination registration, learner resources, institutional initiatives, and support services associated on the site with Indian Institutes of Technology, IISc Bangalore, and the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed between the site's identity, educational purpose, historical continuity, and external reputation signals. The homepage presents a coherent institutional education model rather than a deceptive or high-risk commercial proposition, and the available checks found no phishing, impersonation, malicious-content, or suspicious-page indicators. The site appears legitimate and established, although the real-world operator connection remains likely rather than independently proven.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies NPTEL as an online-learning initiative associated with IITs and IISc and displays courses, examinations, announcements, and support information.
- The domain was registered on 2013-12-02 and is approximately 12.7 years old; the registration record identifies ERNET India as registrar and Indian Institute of Technology Madras as the organization.
- Web archives contain 824 snapshots spanning 2013-12-10 to 2026-07-25, covering 14 tracked years with a maximum recorded gap of 1 year.
- External reputation checks recorded 0 malicious findings and 0 suspicious findings, with no phishing or blacklist hit observed.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents an academic and course-certification function, not a financial service requiring the type of broker or payment-sector authorization assessed in this review. The supplied evidence does not establish a separate third-party regulatory license or registration number; this is a disclosure and verification point rather than evidence of scam activity. The institutional affiliations and government-funding claims are visible on the site, but they should be treated as on-site representations because the operator's real-world identity has not been independently verified. No matching third-party broker warning was identified.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage lists IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Kanpur, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Guwahati, IIT Roorkee, IIT Madras, and IISc Bangalore, and states that the initiatives are funded by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- The site's transport encryption uses a TLS certificate issued by WR3 with Domain Validation (DV), valid to 2026-10-30 23:50:53 UTC.
- The homepage provides course, examination, contact, FAQ, code-of-conduct, and document areas, supporting a substantive educational-service presentation rather than a thin landing page.
- The page content contains no recorded red flags, sensitive form, or untrusted form destination.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, an independent check should confirm that the relevant NPTEL service and institutional affiliations are referenced through an official IIT, IISc, or Ministry of Education channel. Examination charges, certification conditions, cancellation or refund terms, and the applicable payment-protection process should be reviewed on the relevant official pages. Contact details should be cross-checked through an independently sourced institutional route rather than relying solely on the website.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides a contact and support function for website queries.
- The assessed page had no login form, hidden form, wallet connection, or password submission to an untrusted destination.
- The site's stated business model separates free learning content from paid examination and certification activity.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **high trust and low risk**, and the evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate academic website. Identity confidence is positive but not conclusive, so legitimacy should be understood as evidence-consistent rather than independently proven.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is hosted on AS396982, Google Cloud Platform—Google LLC, US, with one directly resolved address and no CDN edge identified in the supplied infrastructure findings. Google Cloud hosting and the observed stable resolution provide a mitigating infrastructure signal, but hosting arrangements alone do not establish institutional identity.

Closing Assessment

Standard browsing is proportionate; before submitting credentials or making payments, ordinary independent checks of the responsible entity, applicable terms, and payment protections should be completed.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-13 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	LIKELY
Identity score	73/100
Identity verification confidence	74%

- Identity verified on page
- Trusted social count=1

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of nptel.ac.in.

- The request stayed on nptel.ac.in. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under ERNET India. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by googledomains.com, across 4 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2032-12-02. CLEAR
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2013-12-10. CLEAR
- It is hosted on GOOGLE-CLOUD-PLATFORM, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	ERNET India
Hosting	GOOGLE-CLOUD-PLATFORM - Google LLC, US
Country	US
Server IP	8.233.49.88
Name servers	ns-cloud-a3.googledomains.com, ns-cloud-a1.googledomains.com, ns-cloud-a4.googledomains.com, ns-cloud-a2.googledomains.com
SSL issuer	WR3
SSL expiry	2026-10-30
Domain age	12.70 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2032-12-02
Archive first seen	2013-12-10
Archive snapshots	824
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about nptel.ac.in at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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