Col Anand Kumar Singh, CEO, CSDCI shared his valuable insights on “How Construction Sector will Recreate Opportunity Post Lockdown” at the Webinar hosted by ICA EDU Skills on 5th June 2020 to over 700 viewers. He talked about the construction sector and the available opportunities, challenges and way forward in this pandemic situation. He also answered questions of the viewers.
CSDCI has been striving to formulate the strategy to conduct online training & assessment in the construction sector. A lot of training providers and IT firms are approaching CSDCI to provide the solutions in this challenging situation caused by the current pandemic. The terms of reference document is being drafted which will cover the aspects of online training & assessment component by keeping all the stakeholders in communication - the Industry, NSDC, training providers and the trainers. With this “new normal” in place and a situation of reverse migration, this will be expected to give a big boost in the construction Skill ecosystem of India.

### Apprenticeship Corner

If establishment wants to register an apprentice under the EPF, they need to ensure the following:

- That the net stipend disbursed to the apprentice after adjusting the deduction made on account of EPF contribution should not be less than the prescribed amount.
- The EPF account w.r.t an apprentice is newly opened. This is to ensure that an establishment is not engaging a person as an apprentice who has formally been a worker in any establishment.
CSDCI Organized Online Re-certification ToA Program

An online 4 days Training of Assessors (ToA) program was conducted for Assistant Electrician L3 job role for renewal of certificates from 27 May 2020 to 30 May 2020 in two parts of which details are given below:

- 1st Part : Two days orientation program conducted by Ambey ITI, ARA (Bihar) on 27 & 28 May 2020.
- 2nd Part : Two days assessment conducted by Palmary Project & Services Pvt Ltd on 29 & 30 May 2020.

A total of 15 candidates participated in this particular online ToA program.

Glimpses of online TOA Program
Government of India to conduct skill mapping of citizens returning from overseas: The government on Wednesday said it has launched a new initiative ‘SWADES’ to conduct a skill mapping exercise of the Indian citizens returning from overseas under the ‘Vande Bharat Mission’. SWADES (Skilled Workers Arrival Database for Employment Support) is aimed at making the best of skilled workforce returning to the country due to the ongoing pandemic. (Source: https://indianexpress.com)

Covid-19: Rajasthan labour dept captures data of 45.98 lakh workers: Rajasthan labour department has captured the data of 45.98 lakh workers, including eight lakh migrants, who are in dire need of jobs, amid the raging coronavirus disease (Covid-19) outbreak that has led to a growing economic crisis in the country. Earlier, chief minister Ashok Gehlot had announced that an online employment exchange would help migrant workers get jobs and also provide required manpower to industries that are opening up amid the easing of nationwide lockdown restrictions. (Source: https://www.hindustantimes.com)
Keep Our Workplace Safe!

Practice good hygiene

- Stop hand shakes and use **non-contact greeting methods**
- Clean hands at the door and schedule **regular hand washing** reminders
- **Disinfect surfaces** like doorknobs, tables, and desks regularly
- **Avoid touching your face** and cover your coughs and sneezes
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Limit meetings and non-essential travels

- Use **video conferencing** instead of face-to-face meetings
- When video calls are not possible, hold your meetings in **well-ventilated rooms and spaces**
- **Suspend all non-essential travels and trips**

Stay home if...

- You are **feeling sick**
- You have a **sick family member** at home

Take care of your emotional and mental well-being

Outbreaks are a stressful and anxious time for everyone. Take care of your loved ones.