CSCs to function as donation acceptance points for PM CARES Fund

CSCs across the country can now function as donation acceptance points, which are approved by SBIEPAY and help citizens.

**Donations to PM CARES Fund would qualify under 80G for 100% exemption under the Income Tax Act, 1961.**

**Donations to PM CARES Fund will also qualify as Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) expenditure under the Companies Act, 2013.**

**Steps to donate using CSC credentials**

2. Click on Domestic donations
3. Fill the details of the donor in the Contribution Donation form
4. Choose CSC wallet under the wallet payment category
5. Put CSC credentials and make the payment.
"Hurry Up! Only 10 Days are left" || Cyber Security Course || Registration Free for VLEs

With the COVID-19 crisis and nationwide lockdown, everybody is working from home/remote. Everyone has to rely on their systems to run their business therefore this becomes necessary to save our devices from cyber attacks. Cyber attacks could cause widespread infrastructure failures that take entire communities or cities offline, obstructing systems and networks.

Being a service provider, it's our responsibility to protect our digital assets and be proactive in suggesting them ways to do so.

We are pleased to inform you that CSC has introduced a new course on Cyber Security.

VLEs must register themselves in “Cyber Security Professional Basic Online Course”.

Course Objectives:
The learner will gain knowledge about securing both clean and corrupted systems, protect personal data, and secure computer networks and develop an understanding of security policies (such as confidentiality, integrity, and availability)

Click here:
https://csc.gov.in/notification/Cyber%20Security%20Course_Series%20Mailer.docx
CSC launches Certificate Course in Entrepreneurship

CSC SPV has launched Certificate Course in Entrepreneurship. The course is meant for students, professionals, professionals and housewives.

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Link for the CEC Registration: http://www.cscentrepreneur.in

COURSE FEE
Rs 1300 + GST
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10,000 students registered under CSC-Embibe IIT-JEE preparations

CSC Academy has completed 10,000 students' registration under CSC-Embibe IIT-JEE preparations. VLEs are successfully delivering Embibe's educational services to students located in rural and remote parts of India. Along with providing Embibe's advanced personalized learning products to students at a special price, VLEs also guide students on how to take full advantage of study, practice and test on the Embibe platform.
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Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) during the phase of COVID-19 pandemic

Dear VLEs,

Please follow all these Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) during the phase of COVID-19 pandemic at your Common Service Centres (CSCs).

Best Practices at CSCs

- Wearing of face cover is compulsory in all CSCs.
- All persons in charge of CSCs shall ensure social distancing as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- No CSCs shall allow gathering of 5 or more persons.
- Spitting in CSCs and vicinity shall not be allowed.
- Smoking inside CSCs is banned.
- Eating/Drinking in CSCs is banned.
- If possible, temperature screening may be done while entering CSCs, and provide sanitizers at convenient places.
- Persons over 65 years & children below 5 years should not enter CSCs.
- Large gatherings at CSCs are not allowed.
- Frequent cleaning of common surfaces and mandatory hand washing shall be monitored.
- Eating by staff at CSCs should be stopped.
- Unlimited communication, talking to CSCs on good hygiene should be taken up.

Information to district administration & police

CSCs shall keep the district and police informed before starting operations and follow the instructions issued by them strictly excluding the timing for operations.

Simple ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at CSCs

- Make sure the workspaces are clean and hygienic.
- Surfaces (e.g., doors and tables) and objects (e.g., telephones, keyboards) need to be wiped with disinfectant regularly.
- Why? Because contamination on surfaces is the major way that COVID-19 spreads.

Promote good respiratory hygiene in the CSCs

- Display posters promoting respiratory hygiene.
- Ensure that face masks and/or paper tissues are available at CSCs for those who develop a cough or coughs at work, along with hand sanitizer to wash hands immediately after using them.

Infection Prevention

Need hygiene is the single most important practice to reduce the transmission of infectious agents in healthcare settings. It is important to ensure the availability of hand hygiene at all times in the CSC Centre to ensure hand hygiene compliance.

Equipment disinfection

- It is mandatory that equipment and surfaces are to be cleaned and disinfected with disinfectants at least once daily and after every 12-hour shift.
- Allow care homes and surfaces that can contribute to the spread of infections include:
  - Monitors/Laptops/Keyboards/Other electronic devices
  - Mobile phones
  - Shelves, chairs, tables
  - Glasses/Pen
  - Door handles
  - Other items and surfaces in office

Promote regular and thorough hand-washing by staff and customers

- Put sanitizing hand rub dispensers in prominent places around the workplace.
- Display posters promoting hand-washing.
- Make sure that staff and customers have access to places where they can wash their hands with soap and water.
- Why? Because washing kills the virus on your hands and prevents the spread of COVID-19.
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Make your own Mask and join the Mask Force

Our legendary cricketers have joined Team Mask Force. You can also make your own Mask and join the Mask Force. Share your Mask pics and videos on Social Media with #MaskForce and tag @MyGovIndia. The best Masks will be featured on our page.

https://www.facebook.com/MyGovIndia/videos/1257694124620751/?t=20

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https://youtu.be/i-w-daVUNfY
CSC's focus on community driven change is not just a source of inspiration for the Village Level Entrepreneurs but has often become a guiding light for other change-makers who have been influenced by the ideas and practices that are led by CSCs.

A well experienced and dedicated social worker and an NGO leader for over a decade, Poonam Tyagi has been focusing on empowering underprivileged women and persons with disability through her NGO Setu in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. She has also been involved with the National Association of Blind, Meerut Chapter, providing free computer training to people with vision impairment.

During a visit to the CSC head office, she got to know about the Stree Swabhiman programme and it became a source idea and inspiration for Poonam who was already producing cotton napkins using up-cycled cotton cloth. This was distributed through organizations working in the mountainous regions of north India to orphaned children of AIDS patients.

An encounter with the CSC's Stree Swabhiman model kindled in Poonam the courage of scaling production of eco-friendly and low-cost sanitary napkins.

She approached the government-run Nari Niketan in Meerut for setting up a Stree Swabhiman unit in their premises, employing women from under privileged backgrounds and disability. Poonam engaged a supervisor, who was trained by CSC, to provide training to women in producing the sanitary napkins.
So far, around 40 girls and women of the shelter home have been trained in sanitary napkin production. These girls now work in shifts of 5-10 and produce sanitary napkins. At any given time, in these shifts, one person with disability is also engaged, who works along with the other women. “This is a learning for other workers too. Each unit of Stree Swabhiman across the country should adopt this model where at least one person with disability is employed along with other persons,” says Poonam.

The sanitary napkins produced at this unit are distributed free of cost to school children in the area, organizations which work on girls with disability and also girls with vision and hearing impairment living in hostels.

Poonam wants to make this unit self-sustainable. She also wants to set up a similar unit at the Meerut District Jail. She has already approached the Jail authorities, who are very keen on it. She also hopes that the story of her successful experiment reaches as many VLEs as possible and they engage at least one person with disability at their centre. With little support, the life of persons with disability can be transformed.

In March this year, NHFDC had organized Ekam Fest in New Delhi. Mrs Smriti Irani and many other Members of Parliament had visited the festival. The Setu had also put up a stall at the festival, which exhibited sanitary napkins produced by the Nari Niketan girls to give the message to almost 90 participating NGOs from all over India to set up such units employing persons with disability.
IMPACT

#CoronaWarriorsCSC: CSC LPG service changing lives of MGNREGA women in Bakarganj GP, Uttar Pradesh during lockdown

During Coronavirus Lockdown, cooking food using domestic gas cylinder may not be a big deal for many but for 47 year old Rashida Khan from Muslim dominated Bakarganj village in Bareilly district, Uttar Pradesh, getting the free gas cylinder deserves a feast. For MGNREGA worker Rashida, who is a mother of four children, the days of fetching dry wood from nearby areas for cooking on a humble 'chulha' were over, when four months back with the help of CSC VLE Athar Ali, she became Ujjwala beneficiary of the CSC LPG Service under which LPG connections are provided to rural households.

Around 500 cylinders have been delivered to Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries in April by CSC VLE Athar Ali in Bakarganj GP, Uttar Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) as part of the economic response to Covid-19. Free cylinders will be delivered to Ujjwala beneficiaries during the three-month period April to June 2020 under PMGKY.

Since the lockdown, 50-60 cylinders are being delivered every day while the waiting period for cylinders in most of the places remain less than two days, VLE informed.

Rashida says, "I am happy with the LPG connection. It saves my labour. I had been dependent upon wood for cooking, which is a laborious daily chore that occupied significant amount of my time.”

During most of the days, Muslim women in Bakarganj and Premanagar (Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh) of the house sat cooking and coughing their lungs out in a murky stifling kitchen. Statistics show that such smoke-filled kitchens took the lives of 1.2 lakh people in 2015 in India.

Thanks to VLEs like Athar Ali like CSC VLEs, now, the villagers across the country are getting following services at their nearest CSCs:
- Booking new LPG connection (Ujjwala & General category)
- Booking of LPG refills (14.2 Kg cylinders)
- Supply & distribution of LPG cylinders (storage up to 100 Kgs,) through CSCs.

26 years old, Athar Ali, after completing his graduation in year 2015, started his own cotton collection shop. Villagers in his area were unable to get basic G2C, B2C services due to backwardness. He decided to become a VLE and joined CSC in August 2016. Till date, the VLE has done booking of more than 10000 LPG connections, most of them are Muslim families. The VLE has also registered around 10,000 Ayushman Bharat cards of villagers in his area.
IMPACT

Common Services Centres are helping beneficiaries to provide the OMCs service near to their home accessing through Digital Seva Portal. The retail marketing of petroleum products is done by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) which includes Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) & Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL). OMCs are engaged in the business of refining, marketing and sale of petroleum products, including Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) to its domestic and non-domestic customers spread across India.

The large network of CSCs are enabling rural India to spread benefit. It is empowering people in terms of Booking of new LPG connection, LPG refills and Supply & distribution of LPG cylinders through Common Services Centres.

The Scheme also aims to provide clean cooking fuel to poor households and replace the unhealthy conventional cooking fuels such as firewood, cow dung etc.

Within poorer households, women often face a 'triple burden' - farm work, housework and family care. As families grow bigger, this burden increases as women are expected to participate both in low-paying jobs and also function as the main caregiver of the household. Estimates suggest that Indian rural women spend 374 hours a year collecting firewood. Over four million people die prematurely because of illnesses arising from open and polluting cooking fire sources. Women are the most significant sufferers of unclean fuel sources and are susceptible to heart diseases, lung cancer, are at the risk of contracting tuberculosis and cataract. Studies show that by shifting to LPG, women and girls may save up to 1.5 hours a day, allowing them time for education, self-employment and participation in the community activities. Studies also suggest that shifting to cleaner alternatives increase women's labour force participation will also increase.

The LPG service through CSCs in rural areas proved to be very attractive and has reached 4 lakh low-income families across rural India. It has the potential to rid the country of smoky kitchens.
Tele-Law Service through CSC during lockdown: Punjab

Tele-Law beneficiary cum advice seeker Mr. Das (name changed) is the resident of Sada Singh Wala village in Punjab.

Being a daily wage earner and labour, Mr. Das has lost his job, during the lockdown, the applicant spent all his saving amount initially for some days, but later did not had sufficient money to buy ration and struggled for livelihood. His room partners, neighbors also faced the same problem.

Seeing the desperate situation of workers, VLE Gaurav Kumar, who resides in the same locality, asked Mr. Das to seek help under the Tele-Law Scheme.

With hope to get some help, Mr. Das case was registered by VLE and was connected to Panel Lawyer for consultation through phone.

The advice seeker asked about the Government provisions for labourers /daily wagers, as there is non-availability of the ration in their area. The Panel Lawyer advised him to get in touch with the Police and the Administration for his ration problem and also for this gave him the help line number to contact for his Area's Official Personals.

The advice seeker called upon the help line number provided, as a result, arrangements of ration and food was made by the officials appointed on this special duty at his door steps. This was not for him but for his other citizens of the locality.

Mr. Das shared that he is happy about the scheme because in this phase of lockdown he got legal advice from an advocate and benefited through Tele-Law scheme. Presently a total of 205580 cases are registered under Tele-Law project, out of which 200649 cases have received advice from the Panel lawyers.

For more information log in to: http://www.tele-law.in/
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/CscTeleLaw/
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VLE Sameer Nagpure provides banking services to poor in Sonegaon GP during lockdown

Financial inclusion in remote villages is a daunting task for the bank authorities. CSC VLE Sameer has taken a strong note and providing banking services in these areas. VLE Sameer Nagpure is providing Banking Service in Sonegaon, Nagpur (MH) during lockdown while maintaining Social Distancing.
STATE SCAN

VLEs of Imphal East District, Manipur empowering villagers through Financial Inclusion during Lockdown in different Gram Panchayats

Name: Amom Jacko
Total transaction amount: Rs. 629992
Providing banking services through HDFC netbanking and Digipay
Link branch: HDFC Imphal Branch
District: Imphal East, Top Naoria GP

One of the most active HDFC BC of Imphal East bringing banking to the doorsteps of the rural people and helping in direct cash transactions.

Name: Heibokmayum Eyaz Ali
Total transaction amount: Rs. 1,80,000
Providing financial inclusion through digipay and Aadhaar Enabled Payment Systems (AEPS)
District: Imphal East, Kshetrigao Part 2 GP

Name: Oinam Santosh
Total transaction amount: Rs. 1,99,000
Providing direct cash transfer and withdrawal through internet banking, digipay and Aadhaar Enabled Payment Systems (AEPS)
District: Imphal East, Uyumpok GP
STATE SCAN

VLE offers DigiPay service to Divyangs at their doorsteps

VLE Shaktipada Jana is offering DigiPay service to Divyangs in Narayangarh, West Medinipur. (West Bengal).

Nasik VLE Society donated Rs. 51,000 in CM Cares Fund

Nasik MH CSC VLE - CO-OP Society Limited donated Rs 51000/- in CM CARES Fund. The Society President handed over the cheque to the Magistrate of Nasik, Maharashtra.
VLE Societies in Sivasagar and Thanjavur donated in PM Cares Fund

Sivasagar AS District VLE society donated Rs. 11,000 in PM Cares Fund. The cheque was donated to Deputy Commissioner of Sivasagar, Assam.

Thanjavur District VLE society donated Rs 10,000 in PM Cares Fund
2 lakh advice enabled under Tele law program

2 lakh advice has been enabled under CSC Tele law program.
Avail free tele-consultations through Homeopathy and Ayurvedic doctors on CSC Telemedicine

During Corona pandemic, CSC SPV offers free tele-consultations through Homeopathy and Ayurvedic doctors on CSC Telemedicine.