Skill India commences training of Masons in Twin Pit Technology under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) program

- The project begins with enrolment of 2,710 masons in Jhansi
- 50,000 masons targeted in four states - Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha to boost Swachh Bharat Abhiyan under the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation

New Delhi, November 29, 2018: National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), which is implementing the Government’s flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVy) under Skill India mission, has commenced training of 2,710 masons in twin pit technology, through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) program.

Under a special project, launched in collaboration with the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation (MDWS), NSDC will undertake RPL of 50,000 masons in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha. Supporting Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the project is designed to train masons in twin pit technology with special emphasis on rural sanitation and construction of twin-pit toilets. Per a specially designed Rural Mason Qualification Pack, the masons undergo a four-day training of 32 hours which includes 12 hrs of orientation and 20 hrs of bridge training, followed by one-day (8 hour) assessment and certification. The orientation program includes construction of twin pit toilet, retrofitting of existing rural toilet, solid liquid waste management, soft skills and digital literacy.

Rajesh Agrawal, Joint Secretary and CVO, MSDE said, “Recognition of Prior Learning recognises the skills and experience gained through years of working bringing about a major shift from un-organised sector an organised economy. The Mason project being implemented in conjunction with Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation aims to fulfil the immediate need for trained workforce to accelerate Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, contributing towards making the country open defecation free. We are certain that this will ensure standards in training, thereby increasing efficiency and productivity leading to an overall successful outcome under the program.”

These 2,710 masons have been enrolled for training from six blocks of Jhansi, including Babina, Badagaon, Bangra, Chirgaon, Gursaray and Moth. The project will further cover eight blocks and 495 villages in Jhansi besides moving to Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha.
The project is implemented by Construction Skill Development Council of India (CSDCI) as the Project Implementing Agency (PIA).

The **RPL for Masons in Twin Pit Technology** is funded under PMKVY’s (2016-20) Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) component. RPL is a certification program wherein individuals with prior learning experience or skills are assessed and certified. It is targeted at individuals with prior experience who have acquired skills informally or through hand-on-experience. RPL aims to align the competencies of the unregulated workforce of the country to the National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF). Till date, 9.29 Lakh individuals have been enrolled in the RPL program under PMKVY (2016-20) and more than 70% have been certified.