**COVID** – The +ve Reinforcement For Electrical Safety In India

**ELECTRICAL SAFETY FOR THE "NEW NORMAL"** 

FEEDS WEBINAR to Commemorate FISUEL International Electrical Safety Days

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# **Lessons Learnt In India During Pandemic – Electrical Safety – 15 Mins**



#### **SPEAKER**

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What I mean is that only Covid has brought into surface the gaps in our electrical safety environment. During this pandemic quite a few actions initiated and completed too which we believe is going to help our National Electrical Safety landscape for future.

#### **Outline**



- Electricity Sector Background
- Energy Scenario in India Building Perspective
- Electrical Safety
  - Statistics
  - Issues And Challenges
  - Government Vision Concerned To Electrical Safety
- Electrical Safety
  - Buildings
  - Healthcare Facilities
  - Covid 19 Trigger To Accelerate Act

Conclusion

## **India Demography**



India Key Facts							
Population	~1.39 billion	<ul> <li>Growing at 1.2% annually</li> </ul>					
Urban Population	34% (2020)	<ul> <li>Urbanization rate – 3% (2015-20)</li> <li>Estimated Urban populat – 600 mn by 2036</li> </ul>	ion				
Housing Requirement	73.6 Mn shortage (Urban 27 Mn)	<ul> <li>Construction sector expeto grow at CAGR of 10% value from 2020 to 2025</li> </ul>					
GDP	US\$ 3.05 trillion	<ul> <li>Expected to grow 9% in FY2022</li> </ul>					
Per capita GDP	US\$ 1900						
Power Scenario	<ul> <li>Supply - ~1270 BU</li> <li>Demand - ~1275 BU</li> <li>Electrification rate – 100% (2021)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>US\$ 1.4 Trillion for Nation Infrastructure and 24% to invested in power sector Year Plan (2019-2025)</li> </ul>	be be				

# **Installed Generation Capacity Fuel Wise As On** 31.08.2021



Category	Installed Gen Capacity (MW)	% of Total	Remarks
Fossil Fuel			
Coal	2,02,805	52.6	
Lignite	6,620	1.7	
Gas	24,924	6.5	
Diesel	510	0.1	
Total Fossil Fuel	2,34,858	60.4%	
Non – Fossil Fuel (RES)			
Hydro	46,412	12	
Wind, Solar & Other RE	1,00,683	25.9	Solar 40GW
Nuclear	6,780	1.2	
Total Non Fossil Fuel	1,53,876	39.6%	

## **Electricity Act 2003 - Key Features**



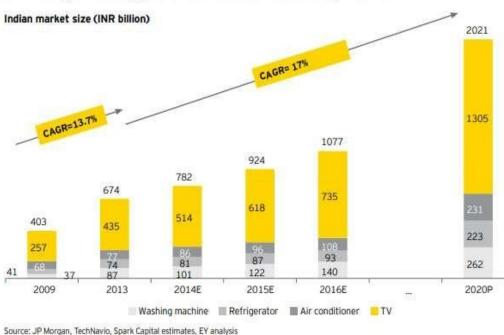
#### Open Access to Transmission / Distribution Systems

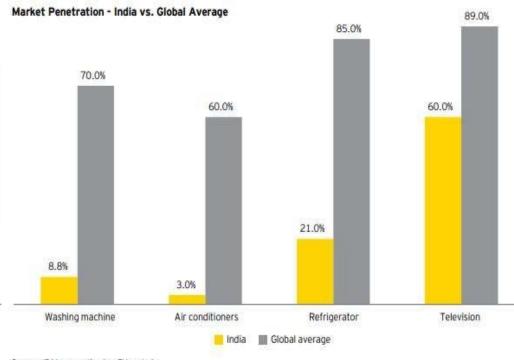
- De-licensing of power generation
- Trading in electricity permitted
- Liberal provisions for captive power generation
- Rural generation and distribution freed from licensing
- Expanded role for the Regulatory Commissions
- Regulatory Commissions to develop electricity markets.
- State Electricity Utilities Thrust on 'Reforms-based and Results-linked Scheme' with Quality, Reliability and Sustainability in sharp focus
- India's commitment to Climate Actions huge push on Renewables

#### Increase In Load?



#### The market for white goods\* and televisions has been growing, but remains underpenetrated





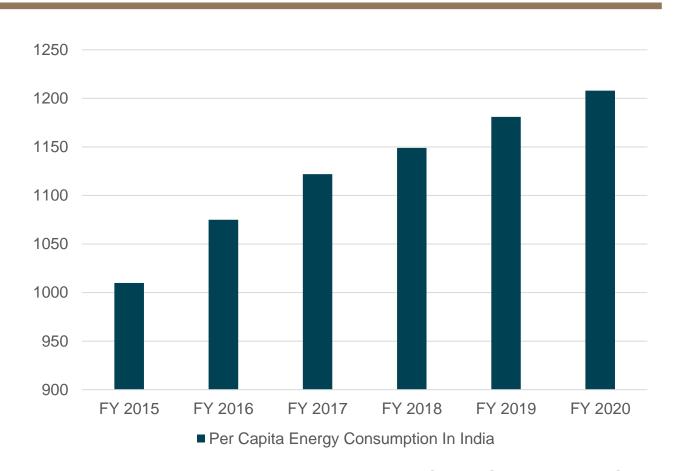
Source: JP Morgan estimates, EY analysis

## Per Capita Energy Consumption In India



In 2018-19, India's per capita power consumption was 1181 kWh as against the world average at 3,260 kWh.

Data shows wide variations across states and union territories. About 17 states/UTs report per capita consumption below the national average, while 19 recorded higher consumption in 2019-20. Dadra and Nagar Haveli topped the list with 15,517 kWh per capita consumption while Bihar was at the bottom of the heap with 332 kWh.

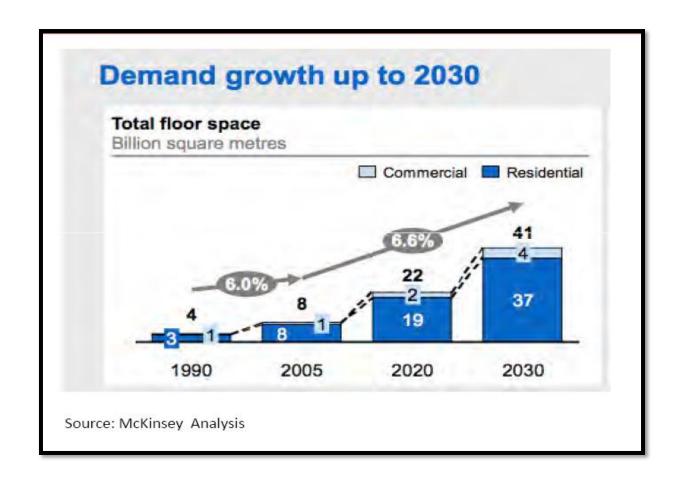


Source: Statista & Money Control

# **Construction Scenario In India – Building Perspective**

## **Projected Growth in Buildings - India**





## **Government Stimulus To Boost Real Estate** Sector – Covid 19 Impact



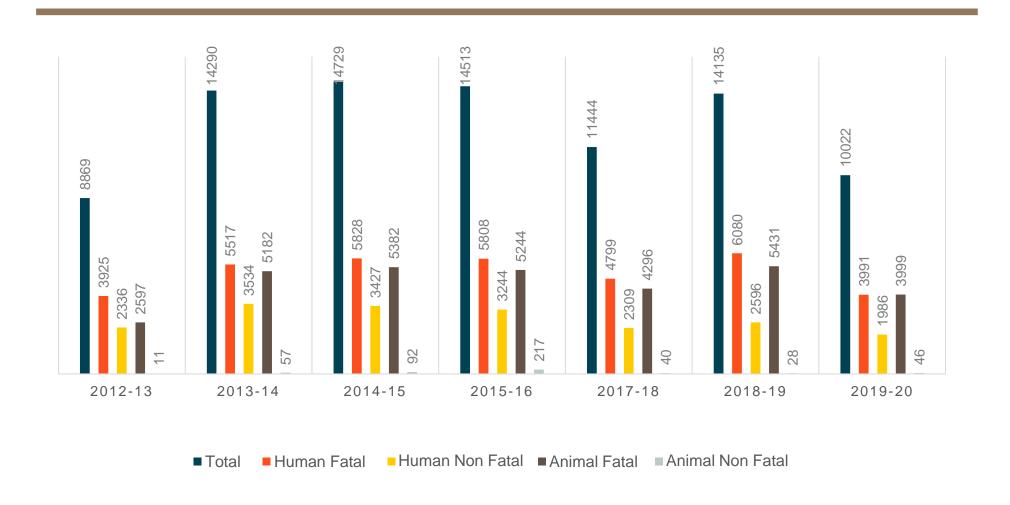
- Home loan interest rates at historic low
- Govt encourages states to consider reducing stamp duty
  - Maharashtra and Karnataka Govt reduced stamp duties and other states to follow
- No tax on rent to be paid by owner
- Additional \$2 bn additional outlay for urban housing scheme 'Housing for All'
- To help clearance of unsold inventory, developers allowed to sell at 20 % lower than the circle rate

## **Electrical Safety – Statistics**



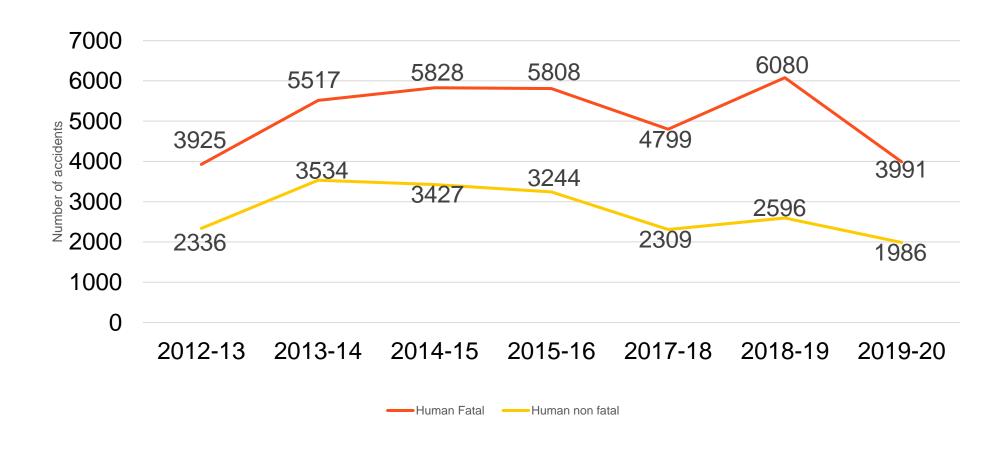
#### **Electrical Accidents – Statistics**





#### **Accident Cases Across India: Human**





# Percentage Distribution Of Electrical Accidents Of Generation, Transmission & Distribution





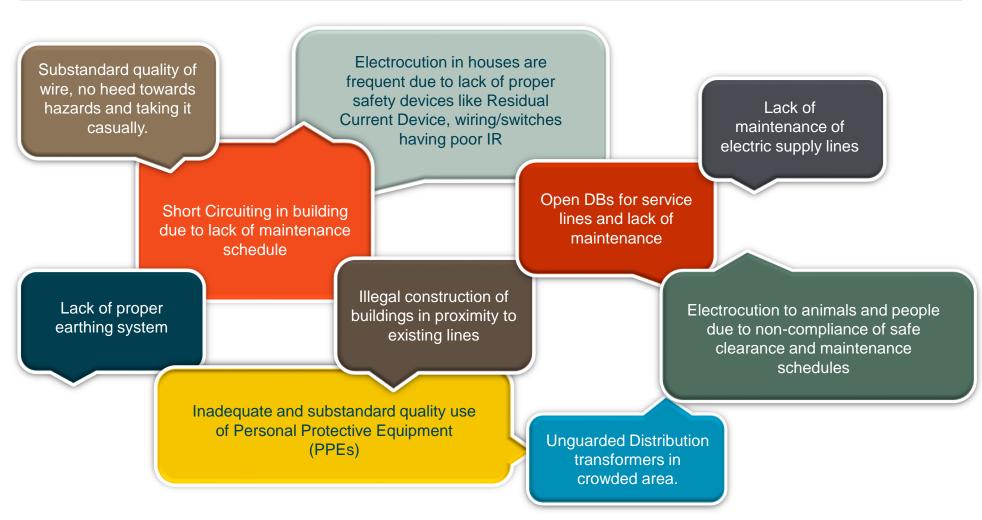
# **Causes Of Electrical Accidents Occurred During** 2018-19



	X		X	Z	X					33%	Accidental Contact with Electrical wire/Equipment
X	X	X	X	Z	X	Z	Z	Z	X	20%	Snapping of Conductor
X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		15%	In-adequate/Lack of Maintenance
X	X	Z						X		12%	Violation/Lack of Supervision/Neglect of safety measures
X	X	X	X	Z						10%	Other Reasons

## What Are The Issues/Challenges In Our Country?





## **Dream of Electrical Inspectorate**





## **ELECTRICAL ACCIDENT-FREE INDIA**

Electrical accidents (no matter how small their number is) must be focused and addressed through systematic interventions.



#### **Measures to Curb Electrical Accidents**





Legal Framework

Codes and standards backed by strong regulations

- Awareness
  Safety awareness campaign for the consumers
- Electrical Safety Officer

  Electrical Safety Officer is designated at every SubDivision who shall act in pursuance of regulation 5.
- Compliance

  Strict Compliance of safety Regulations by periodical inspection
- Accountable

  Where number of accidents increase as compared to the previous year shall be answerable and accountable for the same

## Need To Be More SACHET (सचेत)





## **Electrical Safety - Buildings**

#### **Various Causes For Electrical Fires**







#### **Common Hazards**





- Inadequate Wiring
- Exposed Electrical Parts.
- Overhead Power Lines.
- Wires With Bad Insulation
- Ungrounded / Uninsulated Electrical Systems
- Overloaded Circuits
- Damaged Power Tools And Equipment
- Wrong Tool
- Some On-site Chemicals
- Defective Ladders And Scaffolding
- Ladders That Conduct Electricity

### **Common Hazards – Prevent Them**



Electrical
Accidents:
Combination of
Three Factors

Unsafe Equipment And/or Installation Workplaces
Made Unsafe
By The
Environment

Unsafe Work Practices

#### **Some Reminders**



- Electricity is good servant but bad master.
  - It can prove to be very dangerous if circuits are not properly protected.
- The major fault that appears in electrical network or equipment is termed as short circuit.
  - In short circuit, the phase and neutral / earth is short circuited accidentally due to foreign metallic substance or due to overload thereby damaging the insulation resulting in short circuit i.e. directly connected resulting in heavy current flow called "short circuit current".
  - This high current heats up the terminations, switches, plugs & cable due to which temperature rises to such a high degree that it is sufficient to generate sparking which further leads to fire.

# Covid As Reinforcing Force To Act In Area Of Electrical Safety – Healthcare Facilities



## Fire On 08/09/20 At Vadodara Covid Hospital





 Out of all fire deaths, 3/4 are caused by smoke inhalation.

Source: Hall, Jr. John R. NFPA Fire Analysis & Research, Quincy, MA. "Burns, Toxic Gases, and other Hazards".

- Approximately **57%** of people killed in fires are not in the room of the fire's origin. Source: NFPA Fire Protection Handbook, 18th Ed. Table 1-1P. Pg. 1-15.
- Visibility **47%** of survivors caught in a fire could not see more than **12** feet.

  Source: NFPA Fire Protection Handbook, 18th Ed. Table 8-1P. Pg. 8-17.
- Smoke travels 120-420 feet per minute under fire conditions

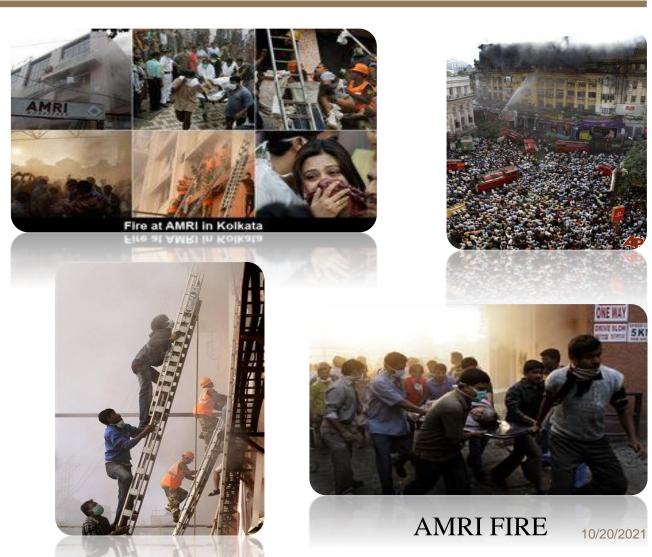
Source: Estimate based upon ceiling jet velocity calculations for typical ceiling heights and heat release rates. 10/20/2021

## **Hospitals: Vulnerable To Fire And Elect Accidents**



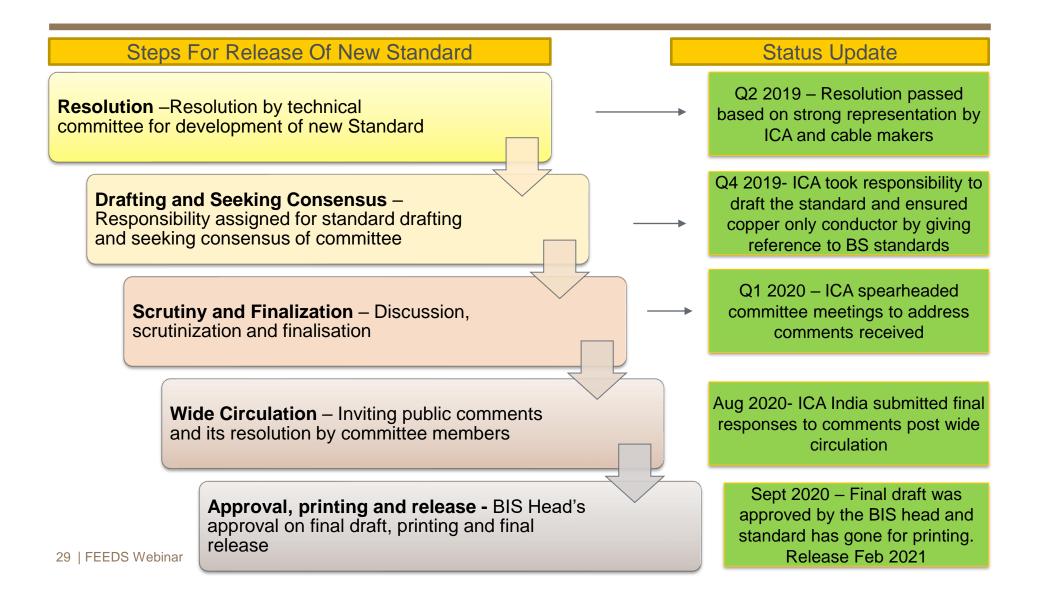






# Bureau Of Indian Standard Release Fire Survival Cable Standard





## Standard Brought In As Quick Response



## IS 17512 : 2021 Requirements for Electrical Installations in Medical Locations

ICS 29.020 ETD 20 New Standard from Last Update.

#### 1 SCOPE

1.1 The particular requirements of this standard apply to electrical installations in medical locations so as to ensure safety of patients and medical staff. These requirements, mainly, refer to hospitals, private clinics, medical and dental practices, health care centers and dedicated medical rooms in the workplace.

#### NOTES

- 1. It may be necessary to modify the existing electrical installation, in accordance with this standard, when a change of utilization of the location occurs. Special care should be taken where intracardiac procedures are performed in existing installations.
- 2. Where applicable this standard can also be used in veterinary clinics. The requirements of this part do not apply to medical electrical equipment.
- 3. For medical electrical equipment; refer to the IS 13450 series.

भारतीय मानक Indian Standard IS 17512: 2021

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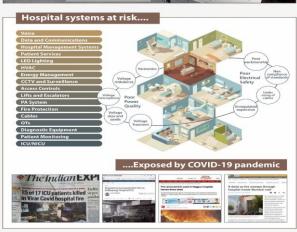
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## **Action On Codes And Bringing Them Together**









#### Deep rooted underlying causes

Non Compliance

Faulty electrical installations in an Poor quality of wiring and

Power Quality issues

#### Urgent interventions to prevent emergency



**Building a proactive** approach to fire safety

prevent electrical fire Wire your electrical

F. No. VIII-110111/02 (Adv)/2020-DGCD (F) Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs Directorate General FS, CD & HG Fire Cell

> East Block - VII, Level - 7, R.K. Puram, New Delhi - 110 066 Dated 4th May, 2021

To

All the Chief Secretary in the States/UTs.

#### Subject: Fire incidents in Hospitals/Nursing Homes.

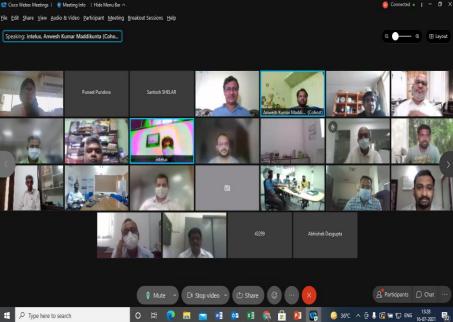
- Your kind attention is invited to this office letter of even number dated 21st December, 2020 and 28th November, 2020 on the subject mentioned above to prevent the recurrence of fire incidents in Hospitals and Nursing Homes including Temporary Covid Hospitals allowed to operate from temporary structures. However fire incidents have been noticed in recent past resulting in loss of human life and
- As per the National Building Code of India hospitals and nursing homes come under the category of Institutional Buildings. Various fire safety measures have been mentioned according to the type, height and area at table number 7 (Part - IV- Fire and Life Safety). In addition "Recommendations for the Fire Precautionary Measures in Construction of Temporary Structures and Pandals" have been mentioned in IS 8758 (Copy enclosed) including materials, design, construction, fabrication of structure, resistance to fire, NOC from authorities, means of access, capacity, enclosure and exits, electrical arrangements, fire protection measures and firefighting arrangements.
- 3. You are, therefore, requested to issue necessary directions to the concerned authorities to ensure the followings:
  - i) The permanent hospitals should implement all the provisions as stipulated in the National Building Code of India or as per Local Building Bye-laws/ Fire Service Act.
  - ii) The Temporary Covid Hospitals allowed to operate from temporary structure should implement all the provisions as stipulated in IS 8758 or as per Local Building Bye-laws/ Fire Service Act.
  - iii) Fire Services be asked to deploy Fire Tender, if feasible, in all Covid hospitals. Otherwise hospitals be asked to engage 24x7 trained fire safety officer with firemen to ensure the fire safety of Hospital.
  - iv) It is reported that major fire accidents in hospitals are due to the ignition of fire from electrical wiring and equipment. To ensure safety, final wirings in all temporary COVID hospitals shall be protected as per the recommendation in annexure in addition to the CEA regulations.

Yours faithfully, (D K Shami) Fire Adviser

# Using The Power Of WEB To Aid 'Work From Home And Learn At Leisure'







## **National Electrical Safety Campaign 2020-21**











- To sensitize key authorities of the Central/State Govt. organizations and other Local Bodies on electrical Safety through programs at the State/District/Block level.
- To raise awareness among employees and peer groups about the hazards of working with electricity, and of Safe Working Practices.
- To educate Electrical Consultants, Contractors & Supervisors engaged in the Power sector about CEA (Measures relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Regulations and Electrical Installation Standards IS 732.
- To promote awareness and sensitize the community, particularly in remote and rural areas, on the causes of electrical accidents and its prevention by following safety measures.
- To encourage Public and Private Sector Organizations to organize Electrical Safety Awareness Programs at Village/Panchayat level.
- To sensitize public space owners (e.g. malls, high rise buildings, hospitals etc.) and facility managers to adhere and implement electrical safety measures at their establishments.

## **Campaign Performance**



**TOTAL REGISTRATIONS** 

3645

**ATTENDEES** 

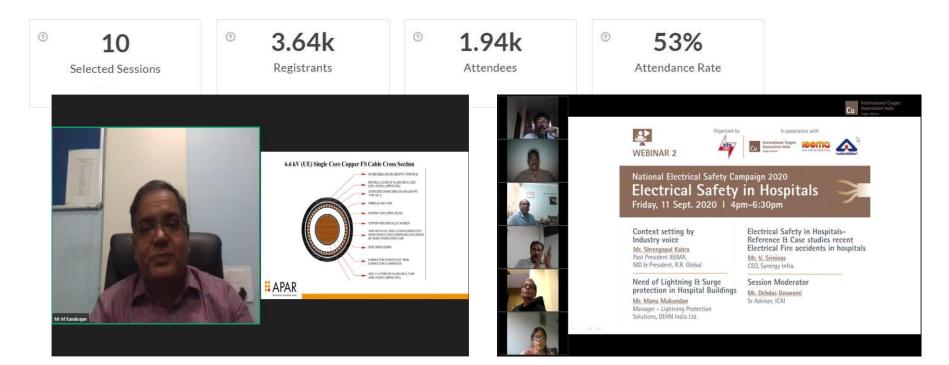
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**ENGAGEMENT TIME** 

23+ Hrs

**CAMPAIGN REACH** 

7k+



#### **Awareness Intensified**





# Conclusions And Future Outlook To Influence Governing Law, Rules And Regulations Concerned To Electrical Safety In Buildings

## Conclusion Towards Safe Building Electrical Installations ..1/2



- Installation is properly designed and carried out with safe material and in accordance with the latest national standards.
- All the prescribed protective measures are adhered to and implemented.
- The necessary plans, diagrams and descriptions are kept at the disposal of any person working or testing or supervising the installation and cover the electrical installation.
- An experienced contractor, who is qualified for this type of work, and who is fully aware of the importance of the safety of the electrical installation, carries out the installation.
- An experienced authorised inspector does a verification of the installation by carrying out a visual inspection and testing.

# Conclusion Towards Safe Building Electrical Installations ..2/2



- A certificate is issued, based on a positive compliance report.
- The utility checks the validity of the certificate before connecting the electrical installation to the public grid and refuses to connect in absence of valid certificate.
- The owner/user of the electrical installation understands the hazardous aspects (cause of fire) of electricity. He should find it normal and logical that the electrical installation is well maintained and regularly inspected.
- The authorities support and supervise the whole chain by:
  - Making the Code simplified and Good Practice Guide widely available;
  - Ensuring the education at school level;
  - Statute the qualification and/or licensing of installers;
  - Accord explicit statutory status to be accorded to Self / Third Party Certification
  - Uphold sanctity for the system of certificates before connection to the public grid is possible;
  - Enforcing that the utilities only connect safe electrical installations to the public network.
  - Introduce measures to ensure periodic inspection of installations under statute

# RERA – For Transparent Real Estate Electrical Aspects



#### To Summarise

- Electrical Work, an important building service without which building cannot be complete
- Defects concern lives of innocent where survival rate is very less
- Fire caused by electrical faults are alarming
- Consumer is totally ignorant and getting cheated

Promoters depend on appointed agencies

# RERA – For Transparent Real Estate Electrical Aspects



## Projected Outcome If Implemented

- Most loopholes get plugged
- Consumer will get Quality Assurance through the published certification from website
- Publishing the information is very much within the ambit of existing provisions of the Act
- Responsibilities get assigned specifically to the concerned with proposed stagewise certifications
- Publishing certifications of works complying safety will become a credential of project

## Thank you

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