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60 GLORIOUS YEARS – AN EVENT AT JAIPUR TO SHOWCASE ESIC’S MAJOR INITIATIVES DURING THE LAST 60 YEARS

Employees’ State Insurance Corporation, the Social Security Organization which administers ESI Scheme in India organized a one day event with the theme ‘**ESIC- 60 Glorious Years**’ - to showcase ESIC’s major initiatives in Social Security during the last 60 years’ here at Jaipur on 30th January, 2012 as part of ESIC’s Diamond Jubilee Year, especially to create mass awareness among the stake holders about various ESI Scheme and its benefit to the employees and employers.

ESIC is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee Year (starting from 24th February, 2011 to February, 2012). During the Diamond Jubilee year, special emphasis is being laid upon bringing more and more workers under the integrated social security of ESI Scheme.

The Chief Guest of the event was Shri A.K. Srivastava, Addl. Commissioner, ESIC. Shri Shyam Lal Mathur, Member, Regional Board, Shri Vishnu Sharma, Joint Labour Commissioner, Govt. of Rajasthan and Shri R.K. Singh, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Jaipur were also present in the event.

While addressing the event, distinguished guests appreciated the ESIC for starting online registration of employees and employers, issue of Biometric Pehchan Cards to the Insured Persons and their families for availing better and hassle free medical care services anywhere anytime, payment of benefits through ECS system. During the conference, senior officers of ESIC interacted with the participants and given information on the major initiatives taken during the Diamond Jubilee Year with the sole aim of taking the ESI Schemes to new dimensions.

On this occasion, a Road Show on ESI Scheme was flagged off by the Chief Guest Shri A.K. Srivastava, Addl. Commissioner, ESIC. The road show will be conducted at select cities of Rajasthan, which will include ‘nukkad natak’ highlighting ESI Scheme. ESIC branded mobile van will be stationed at various places to disseminate information on ESI Scheme. During the occasion, a multi-media presentation on the commitments and achievements made during the Diamond Jubilee Year was also presented by Shri R.K. Gautam, Joint Director(PR), ESIC, Hqrs.

The Employees’ State Insurance Corporation, the pioneer Social Security Organization of the Govt. of India under Ministry of Labour & Employment has been on the forefront with regard to reaching out to its Stakeholders. ESIC has been reaching out to the employees & their family members, employers, Trade Unions, Chambers of Commerce, State Governments etc. through its different programme, Conferences, Seminars and Mass Media campaigns etc.

The Employees’ State Insurance Act, 1948 was the first major legislation in Independent India for providing comprehensive Social Security to the workers in the organized sector. The first Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru inaugurated the ESI Scheme by becoming its first Honoured Insured Person on 24th February, 1952. Since then, during unforeseen crisis, the Scheme has supported millions of insured workers and their immediate dependants to live on with dignity. The ESI Corporation will complete 60 years of its functioning and services on 24th February, 2012.

The Corporation has come a long way starting from just 25000 Insured Persons. Today, it is covering about 1.55 crore families of workers. Now, the Corporation is providing Social Security to more than 6.03 crore beneficiaries, with matchless Cash Benefits and full Medical Care with no limit on individual expenditure. In 1952, the Corporation had only 21 Dispensaries with no ESI Hospital. Today, our infrastructure has increased many folds with 1496 Dispensaries/AYUSH Units and 149 ESI Hospitals. Presently, ESI Medical Care institutions are treating more than 4.5 crore patients, annually. The ESI Scheme started with just 02 centres at Delhi and Kanpur and is today implemented in 790 centres throughout India.

ESIC IN RAJASTHAN

In the state ESI Scheme has been implemented in 59 centres and includes 15,515 establishments covering 5,06,463 employees. The total number of insured persons is 5, 06,128 while that of beneficiaries is 21 lakh. So far the scheme has been implemented 25 districts out of 33 districts in the state. In terms of medical infrastructure ESIC Rajasthan has 6 hospitals and 64 dispensaries. A feather in the cap of ESIC Rajasthan is ultra-modern ESIC Medical College at Alwar. Being built at a cost of Rs. 400 crore it will boast of infrastructure that will have few rivals. ESI also has tie-ups with 32 reputed private hospitals for super-specialty treatment.

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