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**PRESS BRIEF**

**ESIC Paramedical Institute & Ayurveda Indoor Unit inaugurated at ESIC Hospital, Ezhukone, Kollam, Kerala.**

Shri Kodikunnil Suresh, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Labour & Employment today inaugurated the ESIC Paramedical Institute and Ayurveda Indoor Unit at ESIC Hospital, Ezhukone, Kollam. Shri K.Suresh Babu, Hon'ble Member, ESIC presided over the function and Advocate (Smt.) Aisha Potty, Hon'ble MLA, Kottarakkara delivered the keynote address on the occasion.

Speaking after the inauguration, Shri Kodikunnil Suresh, Hon'ble Union Minister for Labour & Employment said that the newly inaugurated Paramedical Institute and Ayurveda Indoor Unit is another milestone in the development of Ezhukone; and the Ayurveda Indoor Unit will be a boon to the Insured Persons and their beneficiaries, especially to the women workforce employed in the cashew industry in Kollam District. The Hon'ble Minister said that the paramedical course in ESIC Hospital Ezhukone is a new venture of ESIC and soon the permanent building for the Paramedical Institute will come up with all modern facilities. The Minister also added that Kollam is the only District in India where three ESIC hospitals, viz. Ezhukone, Paripally and Ashramam with super speciality treatment facilities are functioning. The Minister said that during the last one year, ESIC has done commendable job and improved the ESIC infrastructure in the State of Kerala, especially in Kollam District.

Diploma course in Operation Theatre and Anaesthesia Technology (DOTAT) has been approved for starting the course from the academic session 2013-14 onwards, initially with an intake of five students at a nominal fee of Rs. 6,250/- per year. The hospital has two major, one minor and one emergency Operation Theatres to cater to the educational/training needs of the Diploma students in paramedical course. The Ayurveda department is a full fledged one with Out Patient Consultation and Indoor treatment facilities. A 10 bedded unit with 04 beds for men and 06 beds for women offers Panchkarma treatment. The 02 Panchakarma theatres are equipped to perform Abhyanga, different types of Swedhas including Pinda Swedam, Pizhichil, Dhara process and Vasti and Nasyam.

ESIC Hospital, Ezhukone is a 158 bedded multi-speciality hospital catering to 13 ESIC dispensaries in Kollam and providing health services to an Insured Persons population of 1.25 lakh, majority of whom are female employees working in cashew processing units. The hospital building comprising of three blocks is spread in an area of 16.5 acres. This multi-speciality ESIC Hospital has got departments in all branches of medicine like Anaesthesia, Cardiology, Casualty services, Cytology & Pathology Services, Dentistry, Dermatology, ENT, General Medicine, General Surgery, Gynaecology & Obstetrics, Laboratory Services, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics, Paediatrics, Pulmonary Services, Physiotherapy, Radiology, Ayurveda & Yoga. All the departments have OPD and indoor treatment facility and offers state-of-the-art treatment to the IPs and their beneficiaries

## **ESI SCHEME IN KERALA**

The ESI Scheme in Kerala was first implemented on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 1956 in five districts namely Kollam, Alappuzha, Ernakulam, Thrissur and Calicut. Today, a total of 29000 factories and establishments with 6.70 lakhs employees are covered under the ESI Act. The total number of beneficiaries in the State is about 33 lakhs. The employees of these units and their families are provided full medical care including Super-Specialty treatment. Various cash benefits are disbursed through 52 Branch Offices. In order to de-centralize the functioning of Regional Office, Thrissur, two Sub Regions, at Ernakulum & Kollam and one Divisional Office at Kozhikode have also been set up in Kerala Region. For providing good medical care, the ESI Corporation is directly running 4 ESIC Hospitals in the State at Parippally, Asramam (Kollam), Ezhukone (Kollam) and Udyogamandal (Ernakulam). Besides this, a huge network of 9 State run ESI Hospitals and 138 ESI Dispensaries are providing medical care to the IPs in Kerala. Tie-up arrangements with 70 private hospitals and diagnostic centres in various parts of Kerala have been made to provide super speciality treatment to the IPs and their beneficiaries.

## **ESI SCHEME IN KOLLAM**

With the increasing coverage and to provide speedy and hassle free service to the Insured Persons and Employers, Sub-Regional Office at Kollam was set up on 08.09.2005. The Sub-Regional Office has been catering to the needs of Insured Persons and employers located in the Districts of Trivandrum, Kollam, Pathanamthitta and Alleppey. The total number of Insured Persons and employers in Kollam District is around 2.4 lakhs and 5691 respectively. Kollam Sub Region comprises of 14 ESIC Branch Offices, 46 ESI Dispensaries, 2 ESI Hospitals run by the State Government, and 3 ESIC run hospitals. Tie-up arrangements have also been made for providing cashless Super-Specialty treatment to the Insured Persons of the area.

## **ESI SCHEME IN INDIA**

The Employees' State Insurance Act was promulgated in the year 1948 and ESI Scheme was launched on 24th February, 1952 at two industrial centers in the country, namely, Kanpur and Delhi. The ESI Act applies to any premises / precincts where 10 or more persons are employed. The employees drawing wages up to Rs. 15,000/- a month are entitled to health insurance cover and other benefits, under the ESI Act. Keeping pace with the progress of industrialization, the Scheme today stands implemented at over 810 centers in 30 states and union territories. The Act now applies to over 6.66 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefiting about 1.86 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 7.21 crores. Ever since its inception in 1952, the ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 151 Hospitals and 34 Model Hospitals, 1372/91 dispensaries/ISM Units, 812 Branch/Pay Offices and 61 Regional/Sub-Regional and Divisional Offices.

The function was also graced by the presence of Shri S. Jayamohan, Hon'ble President, District Panchayath, Kollam, Smt. Shyla Salimlal, Hon'ble President, Block Panchayath, Kottarakkara, Shri Similasanan, Hon'ble President, Grama Panchayath, Ezhukone, Smt. M. Leelamma, Hon'ble Member, District Panchayath, Kollam, Smt. Vasantha Kumari, Hon'ble Member, Block Panchayath, Kottarakkara, Smt. Anitha Kumari, Hon'ble Member, Grama Panchayath, Ezhukone.