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Centre's Stress on Social Security – says Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Finance Minister

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of ESIC ends on a High Note

- *Commemorative Postal Stamp on ESIC launched*
- *Digitization of ESIC announced – Project 'Panchdeep'*
- *"ESIC Sparkling Diamond" book released*

New Delhi, February 24, 2012: **Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Union Finance Minister** informed in detail about the various social security programmes of Govt. of India like NREGA, Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Scheme, NRHM, Rashtriya Swasthya Beema Yojana, JNNURM, Indira Awas Yojana etc. Hon'ble Finance Minister was speaking on the occasion of Concluding Function of Diamond Jubilee of ESI Corporation at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi today. He applauded the pioneer Social Security organization i.e. the ESIC for its dedicated services and achievements. The Union Finance Minister also informed that the Central Govt. has established a National Social Security Fund.

At the concluding function to mark the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) today announced the success of its yearlong special initiatives. Spread across Medical, Insurance and Finance Divisions, the completion of high decibel programmes have created new synergies for the country's largest social inclusion body.

Addressing dignitaries at the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, Minister of Labour & Employment, said that ESIC network has now 150 ESI Hospitals in its fold, which no other organization in the country has achieved. He also lauded the ESIC for its digitization, modernization of the Hospitals, opening of Medical Education Institutions and improvements in its delivery of cash benefits.

Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of Communication & Information Technology congratulated ESIC for their 60 years long consistent services to the working class while releasing a **Commemorative Postal Stamp depicting ESIC's far reaching contribution to India's.**

Addressing the gathering, **Shri, C S Kedar, Director General – ESIC, said** that all the commitments which were made at the beginning of the Diamond Jubilee Year has been achieved fully. These commitments have brought 9.76 lakhs new employees and 34699 new factories/establishments under the Social Security coverage of ESIC. Keeping stride with digital world, ESIC has undertaken the mammoth task of providing Pehchan Card to its stakeholders. The Pehchan Card that holds all relevant details of an individual and will help streamline operations for ESIC. It is also the only computerised smart card for family identification in India. Digitization process in ESIC will benefit the ever burgeoning member base to receive better service.

ESIC has rolled out its **IT Project named Project 'Panchdeep'** for Computerization & Digitization of its core processes. Hon'ble Finance Minister announced the Digitization of ESIC. This computerization process has enabled the employers & employees for availing all the services of ESIC like registration of company and employees, deposit of employees' and employers' contribution, medical facilities and cash benefit payments anywhere anytime across the country, treatment history of beneficiaries for future reference and their status etc. respectively.

About ESIC

Employees' State Insurance Scheme of India, is a multidimensional social security system tailored to provide socio-economic protection to worker population and their dependants covered under the scheme. Besides full medical care for self and dependants, that is admissible from day one of insurable employment, the insured persons are also entitled to a variety of cash benefits in times of physical distress due to sickness, temporary or permanent disablement etc. resulting in loss of earning capacity, the confinement in respect of insured women, dependants of insured persons or because of employment injury or occupational hazard are entitled to a monthly pension called the dependants benefit. With over 1,55,00,000 Insured Persons under it, ESIC caters to about 6,02,00,000 beneficiaries within the ambit of the ESI Scheme. Apart from insurance, ESIC has 150 hospitals and 1496 dispensaries to cater to industrial workers across the country. The largest social inclusion and providing social security in the country, ESIC since its inception in 1952 has created a seminal force that live with dignity.
