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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Foundation stone laying ceremony of ESIC Paramedical Institute at Ezhukone and the works inauguration of road leading to ESIC Hospital, Ezhukone on ESIC Foundation Day i.e. 24.02.2014**

**Shri Kodikunnil Suresh, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India** laid the foundation stone of ESIC Paramedical Institute at Ezhukone and also inaugurated the works of road leading to ESIC Hospital, Ezhukone on 24.02.2014. Shri Shibu John, Hon'ble Minister of Labour & Rehabilitation, Govt. of Kerala presided over the function. Shri K.N. Balagopal, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha delivered the Key Note address at the function.

While addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for L&E informed about the new initiatives and upcoming projects of ESIC and other Deptts. of Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India. He said that the Central Govt. has brought out many welfare schemes and projects for the welfare of workers of Kerala State. He also informed that ESIC Medical College Hospital at Parippally has been inaugurated recently in the month of December, 2013 and admission in Medical College Hospital, Parippally will be started very soon. The distinguished speakers appreciated the efforts of Hon'ble Union Minister in this regard.

Hon'ble Minister informed that ESI Corporation has started a number of projects in Kerala for improving the services in ESIC institutions, hospitals and dispensaries. Newly constructed ESI Dispensary Buildings at Perinad, Poruvazhy, Kollam and ESI Dispensary & Branch Office building at Kottarakkara, Branch Office building at Ernakulam, Directorate of Insurance Medical Services (DIMS), Kerala and Liaison Office building at Thiruvananthapuram were already inaugurated and become functional. ESI Dispensary at Vilakudy, Kadampnad at Kunnathur, Kollam, ESIC Sub-Regional Office, Thiruvananthapuram and one Para-Medical Institute & Ayurveda Indoor units attached to the ESIC Hospital Ezhukone (Kollam) were also inaugurated. In addition to these, there are a number of other ESIC Projects which are in the pipeline.

**Paramedical Institute, Ezhukone**

To adapt with the changing health delivery scenario in the country and also to be the best in terms of infrastructure and other facilities, ESIC has started an ambitious programme for the modernization of its hospitals, dispensaries and offices. ESIC Hospital, Ezhukone has been approved by the Paramedical Council of Kerala to start Diploma in Operation Theater and Anesthesia Technology (DOTAT) course from the academic year 2013-14 onwards. The initial intake has been sanctioned for five seats at a nominal fee of Rs. 6250/-per year. The hospital has two major OTs, One Minor OT and One emergency OT to cater the needs of students. The classes are being conducted in a rented building. The course being a residential one, hostel / food arrangements are provided by ESIC.

**Works inauguration of road leading to ESIC Hospital, Ezhukone**

A long pending demand of the IPs is now becoming a reality. The new approach road having a length of approximately 450 meters connects Nedumpayikulam (N.H) directly to Ezhukone Junction, Pochakonam &

Kochanjilimoodu (via parakkada). This road will be highly beneficial for thousands of people including IPs coming to ESIC Hospital Ezhukone from 13 dispensaries which are located at different places. This will also facilitate ambulance, and other vehicles to approach the hospital directly reducing the distance by 2 kilometer as against the present circuitous route.

### **ESI Scheme of India**

ESI Scheme was inaugurated by Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 1952 by becoming its first Insured Person. ESI Scheme is completing its 62 glorious years of its service on today i.e. 24<sup>th</sup> February. ESIC is celebrating this day as ESIC Day followed by Special Service Fortnight in all over India. Today, ESIC has become one of the largest social security organizations, offering a better and brighter tomorrow for all the ESIC beneficiaries making every Insured Person feel like a VIP.

The function had the gracious presence of Shri K. Suresh Babu, Hon'ble Member, ESIC, Smt. Shyla Salim Lal, Hon'ble President, Block Panchayat, Kottarakkara, Shri P. Similasanan, Hon'ble President, Gram Panchayat, Ezhukone, Smt. M. Leelamma, Hon'ble Member, District Panchayat, Kollam, Smt. S. Vasantha Kumari, Hon'ble Member, Block Panchayat, Kottarakkara and Smt. K.R. Anitha, Hon'ble Member, Gram Panchayat, Ezhukone.

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