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**6 DECADES OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO INSURED PERSONS – AN EVENT AT DELHI 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 - 6 Decades of Dedicated Service to Insured Persons**' to showcase ESIC’s major initiatives in Social Security during the last 60 years here at Rohini, Delhi on 3rd February, 2012.

Shri T.K. Bhattacharyya, Commissioner, ESIC informed the gathering that 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 Scheme is now a very popular Scheme amongst its Stakeholders. Shri Bhattacharyya who was the chief guest of the event also flagged off a Road Show for creating awareness about the rights and benefits of the insured persons. The ESI Corporation will complete 60 years of its functioning and services on 24th February, 2012.

The above event was organized as a part of Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, especially to create mass awareness among the Stakeholders about various ESI Schemes and its benefits to the employees and employers. The road show will be conducted at various locations in Delhi which will include 'Nukkad Natak' highlighting ESI Scheme. ESIC branded Mobile Van will be stationed at various places in Delhi to disseminate information on ESI Scheme. During the event, a multi-media presentation on the commitments and achievements made during the Diamond Jubilee Year was also presented.

Shri A.K. Verma, Addl. Commissioner, ESIC, Delhi, Dr. H.K. Satia, Director (Medical) Delhi, Dr.S.R. Chauhan, Med. Supdt. ESIC Hospital, Basaidarapur, New Delhi. Shri Rishi Pal, Member, ESIC Regional Board, Delhi, Shri Ashok Gupta, & Shri Satish Chhabra, Employers’ representatives, Shri Shidheswar Shukla, Employees’ representative were also present in the event.

While addressing the event, distinguished guests appreciated new initiatives of ESIC. They stated that ESIC is one of the largest Social Security Scheme of the world where no upper limit on medical expenditure for beneficiaries. ESIC is issuing Pehchan Cards to the Insured Persons and their families for availing better and hassle free medical care services anywhere anytime and payment of benefits are being deposited in the IPs account through ECS system. ESIC is providing cashless medical facilities to its stakeholders.

The senior Officers of ESIC also interacted with the participants and gave information on the major initiatives taken during the Diamond Jubilee Year with the sole aim of taking the ESI Schemes to new dimensions. Medical Supdt., Basaidarapur informed that foundation stone of ESIC Medical College is going to be laid in this month at Basaidarapur, New Delhi.

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 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 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 DELHI

In the state ESI Scheme covers 34,864 establishments covering 9,06,500 employees. In terms of medical infrastructure ESIC Delhi has 4 hospitals and 32 dispensaries looking after 48,75,236 patients. In the State ESIC have 13 Branch offices, a Regional office, 2 Sub Regional Offices & one Divisional office.

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