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**PRESS RELEASE**

**ESI Corporation's First Medical College inaugurated in Rajajinagar, Bangalore (Karnataka)**

ESIC's first Medical College, Rajajinagar, Bangalore, Karnataka was inaugurated today on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 by Shri Gulam Nabi Azad, Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare at Vidhan Soudha, Bangalore. Shri Jagdish Shettar, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Shri Mallikharjun Kharge, Hon'ble Union Minister of Labour and Employment presided over the function.

**Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare in his inaugural speech assured the gathering that Union Health Ministry fully supports the initiatives of ESIC in the field of medical education. He lauded the efforts of the Corporation for opening the Post Graduates Institute of Medical Science & Research (PGIMSRs) as it creates the human resource in the field of medical education and also enables research for better medical care for the patients.**

**Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, Hon'ble Union Minister of Labour & Employment appreciated ESIC and informed that the Union Ministry of Labour & Employment is trying for allocation of 40% to 50% seats to the children of the Insured Persons of ESI Scheme, workers and the poor people. Shri Jagdish Shettar, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka and Shri B.N. Bacchegowda, Hon'ble Labour Minister, Govt. of Karnataka also assured that the State Govt. will fully support the efforts of ESIC in opening its projects, running the Hospitals and Medical education Institutions.**

This first ESIC's Medical College in Rajajinagar, Bangalore has been inaugurated with the admission of first batch of 100 students of MBBS course from academic session 2012-13. This Medical College is planned to be at par with international standard in terms of infrastructure and other facilities. This Medical College has a team of highly qualified and experienced teaching faculty which is well versed in modern teaching concepts and modules. ESIC will thus contribute in taking medical education to a new height in Karnataka state in particular and in the country as a whole.

In order to overcome the shortage of medical manpower in India, the ESI Corporation has started setting up of its Medical colleges, Dental Colleges, Nursing Colleges, Post-graduate Institutes of Medical Science & Research (PGIMSRs) and Para-Medical Training Institutes all over country. Six Post-graduate Institutes of Medical Sciences and Research [Bangalore, Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai (Andheri & Parel) and Delhi], One Dental College (Delhi) and one Medical College (Bangalore) have already started functioning.

**Shri A.K. Agarwal, Director General, ESIC listed out the achievements and main benefits of the ESIC, while welcoming the Hon'ble dignitaries and the gathering during the occasion.**