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Inauguration of OPD Wing of ESIC AYUSH Hospital at Narela, Delhi on 31.01.2019

Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India inaugurated OPD Wing of ESIC AYUSH Hospital, Narela, Delhi in the august presence of Dr. Udit Raj, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha.

The other dignitaries to grace the occasion were **Ms. Nisha Mann**, Hon'ble Councillor, North Delhi Municipal Corporation, **Smt. Savita Khatri**, Hon'ble Councillor, North Delhi Municipal Corporation, **Vaidya Shri Devendra Triguna**, Hon'ble Member, ESIC, **Shri S. A. Khan**, Hon'ble Member, ESIC, **Shri Raj Kumar**, **Director General**, **ESIC**, **Smt. Sandhya Shukla**, **Financial Commissioner**, **ESIC and** esteemed members of Narela Industrial Complex Welfare Association, Narela, Delhi.

During the function, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India also launched Health Passbook for ESI Beneficiaries. The Health Passbook will serve as a user friendly mechanism for beneficiary identification, recording of clinical findings and consultation advice by the Doctor/Insurance Medical Practitioner(s). Besides, Director General, ESIC handed over a cheque amounting to Rs.2.31 crore to the Hon'ble LEM for Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

In his speech, Hon'ble LEM informed the gathering that the inaugurated hospital is the first dedicated Ayush Hospital of ESIC. All the facilities under Ayush, such as Ayurvedic, Homeopathic, Siddha, Unani and Yoga will be provided in this hospital. He further said that one allopathic dispensary will also be opened in this hospital. He also informed about the ongoing recruitment drive for around 5000 posts of medical/para-medical staff to meet the shortage of staff in ESIC. He also intimated that ESIC is opening Dispensary-cum-Branch Office (DCBO) in every district of the country in phased manner. So far 29 DCBOs have been opened.

Dr. Udit Raj, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha also addressed the gathering and thanked Hon'ble LEM for this hospital. He also informed the crowd about various development works being carried out in his parliament constituency.

Vaidya Shri Devendra Triguna, Hon'ble Member, ESIC also addressed the gathering. He also highlighted the significance and uses of Ayush method of treatment.

ESI Scheme in India

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation is a pioneer Social Security organization providing comprehensive social security benefits like reasonable Medical Care and a range of Cash Benefits in times of need such as employment injury, sickness, death etc. The ESI Act applies to premises/precincts where 10 or more persons are employed. The employees drawing wages up to Rs.21,000/- a month are entitled to health insurance cover and other benefits, under the ESI Act. The Act now applies to over 10.33 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefiting about 3.43 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 13.32 crores. Ever since its inception in 1952, the ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 154 Hospitals, 1500/148 Dispensaries / ISM Units, 815 Branch/Pay Offices and 64 Regional & Sub-Regional Offices.
