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FOUNDATION STONE LAYING OF NATIONAL TRAINING ACADEMY (NTA); ESIC AT VVGLI, NOIDA  
"ESIC to focus on preventive health of workers" -- Shri Prabhat C. Chaturvedi

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Shri Prabhat C. Chaturvedi, Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India has lauded the role of Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) in Labour Welfare Activities and expressed the hope that new ventures like focusing on preventive health of the workers will be a multi faceted effort during the Diamond Jubilee Year. Shri Chaturvedi was laying the foundation stone of National Training Academy (NTA), ESIC at V.V. Giri National Labour Institute premises at Noida (U.P.) today.

Shri Chaturvedi also informed that during the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan, ESIC will set up an institution specialized on occupational health and preventive health measures. One testing lab will be set up with cooperation with DG FASLI (Ministry of Labour & Employment) by ESIC. He said to impart in-house and out-house training to the Officers & Staff, the National Training Academy (NTA) of ESIC was set up in the year 2005. Now with the expansion of ESIC activities nationwide and with proposed coming up of the Medical and Dental Colleges countrywide, the new building of National Training Academy is being built in the premises of V.V. Giri National Labour Institute which will create a synergy between these training institutions of the Ministry of Labour.

The role of National Training Academy of ESIC has also increased manifold with the following proposed objectives:-

- ◆ To educate and train the strong ESIC workforce which is around 20,000.
- ◆ To create training courses on Social Security, healthcare delivery and management inculcated with ethical and moral values.
- ◆ To promote, develop and nurture research and consultancy activities on institutional basis.
- ◆ To transform individual learning into organizational learning.

This new building will be constructed in the premises of V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida an apex institute of Ministry of Labour & Employment, dedicated to research, training and education in various labour related areas for all stakeholders. To create synergy between VVG NLI and National Training Academy (NTA), ESIC and fulfill their respective needs, it was decided to have both the institutions at one place in an integrated complex.

The National Training Academy (NTA) will have state-of-the-art training halls and classroom, administrative blocks, library, hostel accommodation for trainers and trainees, guest house etc. There will be provision of wide range of Audio-visual equipments like display boards, screens, overhead projects, LCD etc. for seminars, conferences, workshops and training courses. This project will be completed in 24 months with an estimated cost of ` 82.67 crores. With the establishment of this National Training Academy, training needs of the officers and staff of the Corporation will be taken care of.

ESI Corporation of late has started providing services to the insured persons through its upgraded and modified hospitals and is also adopting policy for providing medical benefits as per the need and choice of insured persons anywhere in India. With the passage of time, Corporation has added huge infrastructure and provides benefit through 149 Hospitals, 42 Hospitals Annexes, 1402 ESI Dispensaries, 1540 Panel Clinics, 797 Branch/Pay Offices and 58 Regional/Sub-Regional/Divisional Offices.

The foundation stone laying ceremony had the august presence of Shri V.P. Yajurvedi, Director General, VVG NLI, Shri Rajiv Datt, Financial Commissioner, ESIC and Shri Sanjay Sinha, Director (Incharge), Sub-Regional Office, ESIC, Noida

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