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Press Release

**ESIC won "ISSA Good Practice Awards, Asia & The Pacific 2018" for
"Administrative Solutions for Coverage Extension"**

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has won the **"ISSA Good Practice Award"** for Administrative Solution for Coverage Extension at the **"Regional Social Security Forum for Asia and the Pacific"** held at **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** recently.

The award recognizes the measures taken by ESIC for extension of coverage-SPREE (Scheme for Promoting Registration of Employers and Employees), reduced rate of contribution rates for 24 months in newly implemented areas and raising the wage limit for coverage under the ESI Act, etc.

Shri Raj Kumar, IAS, Director General, ESIC represented Employees' State Insurance Corporation and received the Certificate of Merit on behalf of ESIC.

The Regional Social Security Forum for Asia and the Pacific, is a triennial Forum, which is the most important social security event in the Region. For the triennial Regional Forum, ISSA invites submissions for the ISSA Good Practices Award for Asia and the Pacific Regions. The Forum provides unique opportunities to CEOs and Managers of ISSA Member Institutions to discuss key social security challenges and share their experiences.

The ISSA (International Social Security Association) is the principal international organization for Social Security Organizations, Govts. and Departments of Social Security. The ISSA, founded in 1927 under the auspices of the International Labour Organization (ILO), Geneva, promotes excellence in social security administration through professional guidelines, expert knowledge, services and support to enable its Members to develop dynamic social security systems.

The ESI Corporation hosts ISSA Liaison Office for South Asia at New Delhi. The Liaison Office coordinates with the Member countries and Social Security Institutions in Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Iran on activities of ISSA related to social security.

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 8.98 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefiting about 3.43 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiaries population under ESI Scheme stands over 12.40 crores. Ever since its inception in 1952, the ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 154 Hospitals, 1489/174 Dispensaries / ISM Units, 815 Branch/Pay Offices and 63 Regional & Sub-Regional Offices.
