

# ESIC conducts regional board meeting in Kohima



Participants attend the regional board meeting and awareness-cum-outreach programme at Hotel Vivor, Kohima, on Tuesday.

**Dimapur, June 10 (EMN):** Employee State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), North East Region, held its first regional board meeting in Nagaland and an awareness-cum-outreach programme at Hotel Vivor, Kohima, on Tuesday to share information and knowledge with stakeholders and beneficiaries about the ESI Scheme.

According to a press release, the interactive meeting provided a unique opportunity for sharing information and grievance redressal.

Moatoshi Longkumer, Advisor for Labour and Employment, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, speaking on the occasion and chairing the meeting, emphasised the need to cover a greater number of employers and their employees, i.e., insured persons, so that Nagaland's workforce can receive social security benefits through the ESI Scheme.

T L Yaden, financial commissioner of the ESIC, stated that ESIC is one of the largest organisations in the world in delivering social security to workers in the form of medical and cash benefits. She added that the convergence of Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) with ESIC will significantly contribute to establishing secondary and tertiary tie-ups in Nagaland.

Pranay Sinha, insurance commissioner of the NE Zone, added that an ESIC hospital in Nagaland may be set up once the number of insured persons in the state reaches 15,000. He urged all stakeholders to register under the ESI Scheme.

Robert L Guite, regional director of ESIC North East Region, stated that the ESI Scheme is implemented in eight districts of Nagaland, providing services to 5,321 insured persons and 20,646 beneficiaries in the state. He added that ESIC is working to increase ESI coverage in the non-implemented districts and to provide better services to beneficiaries.

Dr. Soumya Chakraborty, dean-cum-director of Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Kohima, lauded the various benefits of the ESI Scheme and specifically mentioned the Ward of IP Scheme, through which seats are allocated for the wards of insured persons (IPs) in ESIC medical colleges.

With this programme, ESIC aimed to gather ground-level feedback and suggestions to further improve the service delivery mechanism and healthcare under the ESI Scheme throughout Nagaland.

The ESI Scheme has been implemented in 63 districts across the north-eastern states. Of these, eight districts of Nagaland — Dimapur, Kohima, Mokokchung, Chümoukedima, Niuland, Tseminyu, Wokha, and Zunheboto — have been covered so far.

Under the scheme, full and comprehensive medical treatment, along with a range of cash benefits, is provided to insured persons and their dependents in cases of sickness, maternity, disablement, death due to employment injury, and unemployment.

As of now, ESIC caters to the needs of around 4.1 crore insured persons and 15.9 crore beneficiaries across 694 districts through its infrastructure, which includes 165 hospitals, 1,590 dispensaries, eight medical colleges, 65 regional and sub-regional offices, 610 branch offices, and 105 dispensary-cum-branch offices.