

Need to augment health services at ESIC Medical College and PGIMSR, K.K. Nagar, Chennai-Laid

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The ESIC Medical College & PGIMSR, K.K. Nagar, Chennai is one of the most-important centres for healthcare services especially for lakhs of people in Chennai. This hospital was initially commissioned as a 250 bedded hospital in the year 1979 and was under the control of Tamil Nadu State Government till 1991. To open a Zonal Occupational Diseases Centre in South India, the hospital was taken over and is being run by the ESI Corporation, New Delhi from 1991. Presently, this hospital is functioning as a Model Hospital with multi-specialty treatment facility and Occupational Diseases Centre. The Hospital is catering to referral cases from 15 ESI dispensaries in South Chennai covering an insured population of over 5 Lakhs. There are several lakh employees in and around Chennai needing quality medical care. Providing social security to insured workers, bringing more workers from unorganized sector under the ambit of ESI Scheme, service delivery augmentation is the need of the hour. For this, the current strength of specialist doctors needs to be increased adequately. There are several issues pertaining to the medical, paramedical and non-medical staff in this hospital which needs to be addressed immediately. I urge upon the Union Government to increase the bed strength at ESIC Medical College & PGIMSR, K.K. Nagar, Chennai to 1,200 and to develop a state-of-the-art cath lab and a separate oncology block to cater the needs of millions of workers population in Chennai Region.