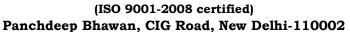
## Headquarters



## **Employees' State Insurance Corporation**





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## **Press Release**

## Clarification on reporting by Republic TV on alleged violation of lockdown/curfew by Director (Medical), ESIC, Noida.

This is in response to a news telecast on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 purportedly shot at DND Flyover, Delhi by the Reporter of Republic TV. The newsclip also appeared in Social Media and You Tube Channel.

In the newsclip, the reporter is seen arguing with Dr. Anish Singhal, Director (Medical), Noida & Medical Superintendent of ESIC Hospital, Sector 24, Noida when the latter was trying to enter Noida to go to his work place, i.e., ESIC Hospital, Noida. The reporter also accused Dr. Singhal of using fake Identity Card.

In this regard, it is clarified that Dr. Singhal is Director & Medical Supdt. of 300 bedded ESIC Hospital, Noida where many patients are admitted which include critical one. When news clip was shot, Dr. Singhal was trying to convince the Police personnel to allow him to enter through Checkpoint, when the reporter interrupted and started arguing.

Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) is a Statutory Body under Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India and provides Social Security and Medical Services to around 3.5 Crore workers, mostly from lower strata of society.

As per Government directives, ESIC Hospitals are involved in fighting the menace of COVID-19.

In these testing time, when the entire country is committed to fight this Pandemic, Medical and Para-Medical fraternities are the real warriors and they are working beyond their call of duty to save lives from the catastrophic effects of Covid-19.

Though the role of media can't be undermined, ESIC requests their cooperation and forbearance in this testing time to ensure that the personal working in emergency services are not interrupted or inconvenienced in the performance of their duties.

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