Featured Articles

Govt To Re-launch Insurance-cum-Pension Plan For Senior Citizens

The Union Finance Minister Mr. Arun Jaitely has recently announced the re-launch of an insurance-cum-pension scheme for benefit of senior citizen of the country that will provide monthly pension ranging from Rs 500 to Rs 5,000.

This revived scheme Varishtha Pension Bima Yojana (VPBY) will be administered by country's largest insurer Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India. This scheme aims at to provide financial security to citizen aged 60 years and above by ensuring regular income during their advancing years.

Highlights of VPBY:

1) Minimum age to enter into the scheme: 60 years.
2) Minimum investment (purchase price): Rs 66,665.
3) Maximum investment (purchase price): Rs 6,66,665.
4) Single lump sum premium.
5) Minimum pension Rs 500/month.
6) Maximum pension Rs 5,000/ month.
7) Assumed return 9.38 percent annual.
8) Pension payment period: Monthly, Quarterly, Half-yearly or Yearly.
9) On demise of the insured, nominee will receive the investment amount.

Insurance Repository System May Introduce Health, Motor Insurance By Year-End

Insurance Repository System (IRS) which facilitates customers to convert their traditional paper policies into electronic format, likely to introduce conversion of health and motor insurance policies by December this year.

IRDA's Insurance Repository System is the first of its kind in the world, which was launched in September 2013 by then Finance Minister, Mr. P. Chidambaram. IRDA has provided insurance repository licenses to five companies i.e. - Central Insurance Repository Limited, NSDL Database Management Limited, Karvy Insurance Repository Limited, CAMS Repository Services Limited and SHCIL Projects Limited.

Presently, the Insurance Repositories only convert life insurance into e-insurance.

"We are going to complete one year in September and with low awareness the growth is slower and mostly concentrated in the urban areas. However, we expect the growth pace to increase after the regulator makes e-insurance mandatory. We expect the decision in another one year", Karvy Insurance Repository Executive Director Mr. Viiveck Verma said.

HDFC Life With Manipal University To Offer Course In Insurance

Leading private insurance firm HDFC Life Insurance Co. Ltd. has joined hands with Manipal University to offer a post-graduation diploma course in insurance. The university has tailored a year-long course customised for HDFC Life Insurance. Earlier, this partnership had put a three-month certificate course for HDFC Life.

The university, through its latest programme, will provide graduates with domain knowledge, communication and team-handling skills relevant to the insurance sector. After the successfully completion of the programme, the candidates will be absorbed by HDFC Life.

According to the Executive President (Education Services), Manipal Global Education Mr. R. V. Sivaramakrishnan, HDFC Life is the only partner of Manipal University in the insurance sector.

"This course will surely help us to bring down the attrition rate at the same time, ensure the availability of good talent," said Mr. R Chandrasekhar, Executive Vice-president, Learning and in Development, HDFC Life Insurance.

LIC Unveils Protection-cum-Saving Plan-Jeevan Rakshak

Country's largest insurer the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India, on Tuesday, unveiled its new endowment plan, Jeevan Rakshak. It offers a combination of protection and saving features.

After launching the new plan at its Raichur divisional office, Senior Divisional Manager Mr. S.V.K. Ranga Rao said, "Jeevan Rakshak plan has multiple benefis such as low premium and high insurance coverage." It is a people-friendly plan, he added.

This regular premium paying Non-linked plan is available to standard lives only under non-medical scheme.

People between the age group of 8 yrs to 55 yrs can avail this policy. The maximum maturity age is 75 years. The minimum sum assured is Rs. 75,000 and the maximum is Rs. 2 lac.

The minimum policy tenure is 10 years and maximum is 20 years.

Policyholders can take loan on the policy after three premium payment years.

Reliance General Profit Up 138% In First Quarter Of FY' 2014-15

The Anil Ambani-led Reliance General Insurance Company has registered its profit more than double to Rs 24.3 cr in the first quarter of fiscal year 2014-15. During the period, the leading private general insurance firm sold more than 10 lac policies.

In the first quarter that ended on June 30, 2014, the insurer's profit rose by 138% to Rs 24.3 crore from Rs 10.2 crore in the same period of previous year.

"While the industry is going through a phase of slow growth, we at Reliance General are trying to reach out to the under-insured population and businesses to sustain growth. We have one of the biggest agency strength which has helped us significantly," Reliance General

Insurance Company Chief Executive Officer Mr. Rakesh Jain told reporters.

The insurer registered its first full-year net profit at Rs 64 crore for the last fiscal year that ended on March 31, 2014.

Jharkhand Govt Moots Insurance Scheme For Farmers

The Congress supported Jharkhand Mukti Morcha government, led by Mr. Hemant Soren plans to bring a free insurance scheme for the farmers of the state.

During his visit to Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), Piparwar, the Jharkhand Agriculture Minister Mr. Yogendra Saosaid, "The government is prepare to tackle the situation of drought in the state while on the other hand it would also implement free insurance scheme for the farmers."

By this insurance scheme farmers would be highly benefitted, he said adding, "The modalities of this free insurance scheme for the farmers, is being worked out."

There would be at least one agricultural bank established in every block, he said.

Mr. Sao also held separate meetings with the CCL officials and the local Congress workers of the area.

Indian Insurers Can Invest In Onshore Rupee Bonds Of IFC, ADB

Accepting the request of International Finance Corporation (IFC), Indian insurance regulator, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA), on Wednesday, allowed Indian insurers to invest in onshore rupee bonds issued by IFC and Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The International Finance Corporation , World Bank's financing arm for the private sector, said that it would raise $2.50 billion (about Rs.15,000 crore) from rupee-denominated bonds to support infrastructure development in India.

IFC Executive Vice President and CEO Jin-Yong Cai said, "The IFC will use a combination of rupee-denominated bonds and swaps to raise local-currency financing of up to Rs.15,000 crore over the next five years."

"It will also create a new momentum in the development of corporate bond market and long-term bond market. It will create a yield curve which can then be followed by others", Economic Affairs Secretary Mr. Arvind Mayaram said at the time of launching the scheme.

The central government has allowed onshore rupee bonds issued by multilateral agencies like ADB and IFC to be classified as securities under the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act.

Following this, the insurance watchdog too classified such bonds as approved investments for the Indian insurance cos.

According to the insurance regulator, the public issue onshore rupee bonds by ADB or IFC should be approved by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and be subject to the rating criteria as per its investment regulations.

However, if SEBI exempts rating of the bonds by the credit rating agencies registered with it owing to the rating received from international rating agencies then it will be considered as approved investments, the insurance regulator said.

The valuation of these bonds will be similar to other corporate bonds and debentures, IRDA said.

Great Indian Marketing & Consulting Services Pvt Ltd. (hereinafter referred as GIMCS) is not soliciting any action based upon it.

The newsletter is based upon information that we consider reliable, but we do not represent that it is accurate or complete, and it should not be relied upon such. GIMCS or any of its affiliates or employees shall not be in any way responsible for any loss or damage that may arise to any person from any inadvertent error in the information contained in this newsletter. GIMCS or any of its affiliates or employees do not provide, at any time, any express or implied warranty of any kind, regarding any matter pertaining to this report, including without limitation the implied warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, and non-infringement. The recipients of this report should rely on their own investigations.

GIMCS and/or its affiliates and/or employees may have interests/ positions, financial or otherwise in the views mentioned in this report. This information is subject to change without any prior notice. GIMCS reserves the right to make modifications and alternations to this statement as may be required from time to time.

ABOUT US

InsuringIndia.com is India's first multilingual portal and one of the leading online insurance aggregators.
We provide an intelligent customer-centric online platform for our clients, in their language of choice, to compare and choose all types of insurance products.
www.insuringindia.com

CONTACT DETAILS

Corporate Office:
Plot-8, Sector-32, Urban Estate, Gurgaon-122001, Haryana, India
Phone: 0124 – 499 88 88
Email: research@insuringindia.com