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Director, Tata Memorial Centre**

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with Dr. Bhubaneswar Borooah Cancer Institute to start a St. Judes Centre in Guwahati. Gargi Mashruwala, Vice Chairperson, St. Jude India ChildCare Centres represented the organisation at the MoU signing. This partnership comes at a time when the Dr. Bhubaneswar Borooah Cancer Institute has come under the purview of the Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India, bringing it under the administrative control of Tata Memorial Centre. The initiative will help provide quality care to pediatric cancer patients from Assam and regions nearby. Speaking about the longstanding association between Tata Memorial Centre and St. Judes, Dr. Rajendra Badwe, Director, Tata Memorial Centre said, "Everywhere Tata Memorial Centre goes, St. Judes will go".



***Infection Control Week - It's A Team Thing!***

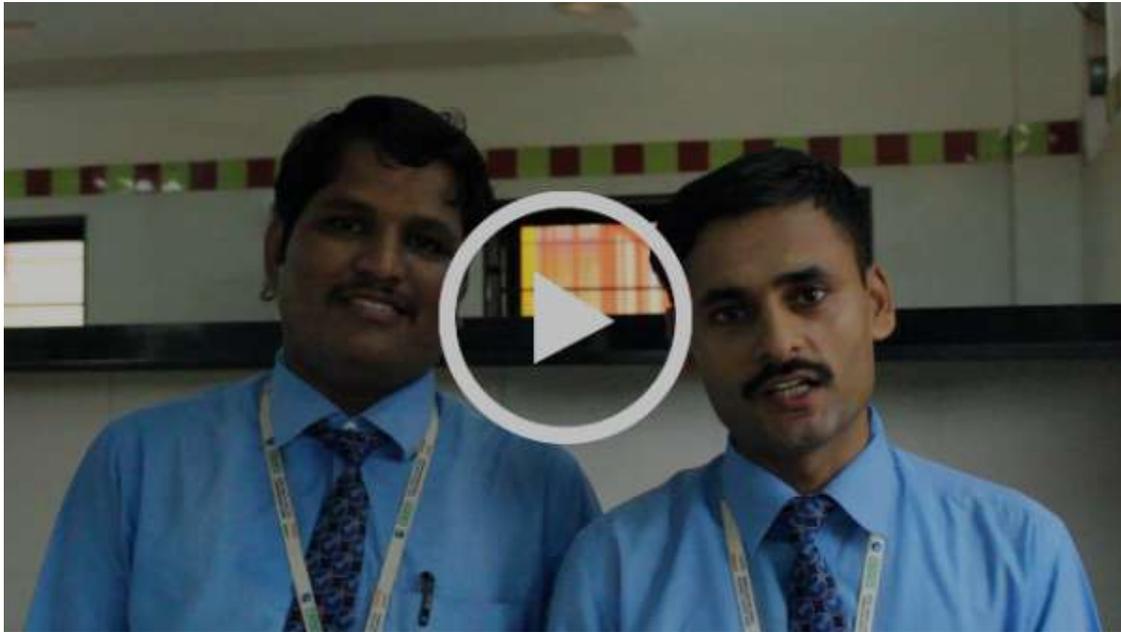
St. Judes celebrated Infection Control Week, to refresh concepts on infection control and emphasize the significance for the families and children to help reduce and control infection. The different issues discussed and displayed as part of the week included:

- Infection Control and Effective Hand Washing: Six Steps to Hygiene  
Families at all the centres recounted the importance of effective hand washing. Demonstrations of the St. Jude six step hand wash technique were conducted by parents and centre manager and was followed by poster making, drawing competitions and even a slogan writing competition and quiz on infection control!
- Low Immunity and Infectious Diseases: Prevention is Better Than Cure  
Our families on the second day of Infection Control Week discussed infectious diseases like chicken pox, measles, malaria and dengue. Parents competed to see who could list the highest number of ways to control mosquito breeding - They were also then told about the signs and symptoms of mosquito borne diseases and the preventive measures they could take. In the session on chicken pox and malaria, the centre staff asked parents to list the different names of chicken pox and measles in their local languages. The efforts St. Judes takes to prevent other children from catching these infectious diseases was also explained to them. Meanwhile, the little

ones made posters and charts and even carried out a rally to create awareness about infection control at the Cotton Green Campus!

- Infection Control and Decontamination: Leaving no Stone Unturned

Families at the centres went through the procedure for decontaminating luggage and their Family Units as a part of our infection control week celebrations. Demonstrations of luggage decontamination and Family Unit decontamination took place. The Centre Managers were sure to highlight the nooks and corners that could harbour infections, with instructions on how to decontaminate those hard to reach places to drive the message of infection control home. The families put up skits and also made paper replicas of the infection control apparatus they use to keep the centres clean.



*What motivates our housekeeping staff to keep our centres clean and infection free?*



*Hope 2017*

Our families had been preparing for their favourite celebration of the year, 'Hope 2017' hosted by Tata Memorial Centre and IMPACCT Foundation. Our Founder Shyama Kaviratne among others lit the lamp to kick start the day of festivities. Hope fosters happiness, hope and strength among children undergoing treatment for cancer and their families. The children enjoyed a month full of fun activities and workshops in the run up to



*Light From The Past, Love From The Present And Hope For The Future*

A St. Jude India ChildCare Centres UK Gala event filled with 'the light from the past, love from the present and hope for the future' was recently hosted by patrons and organised by the trustees in London to commemorate St. Jude's 10th Anniversary. The venue was courtesy Unilever and was dressed in Diwali decorations. Aditi Mangaldas, Kathak performer and dance revolutionary, held the audience spellbound with 2 performances. Niall

Hope. On the day itself they performed a play about a zebra that lost its stripes and then enthusiastically performed three lively dances! Our parents were no less, the Mothers swayed to a Bollywood song and Fathers lit up the stage with their groovy energetic moves! To add to the merriment of the day our very own Madhurima was given an award for her excellent academic performance! Dr. Shripad Banavali and Dr Girish Chinnaswamy from Tata Memorial Hospital played an active role in the celebration along with Amole Gupte and Jamie Lever.

Fitzgerald, Patron, SJICC UK introduced the evening's guest speaker, Dr Miriam Stoppard OBE, the renowned broadcaster and writer, and a long-standing supporter of St Jude's. She spoke passionately and informatively about her belief in the success of St Jude; and made a personal and emotional appeal to all the guests.

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### *And The Award Goes To...*

Centre Managers from all our locations across the country gathered in Mumbai for the annual training offsite. They spent time at each of our centres in Mumbai taking in best practices and sharing their learnings. Through workshops and in-depth conversations, they got acquainted with the history of the organisation, the various departments and their counterparts across the country. At the offsite, team building activities left everyone in peals of laughter and each activity tied into one of St. Judes' values. From not letting the ball drop, to sharing responsibility and working together, many learnings were assimilated from the training sessions.

A new value of 'Giving Back' was introduced to add to St. Judes' existing values of Commitment, Action, Excellence, Teamwork, Integrity and Care. Each member of our team goes the extra mile to ensure our families are taken care of and our children have the chance of living a cancer free life. At the offsite, a few of our staff members were felicitated for their exceptional dedication and

outstanding performance. Madhubala Sharma, Centre Manager at our Cotton Green Campus won our 'Employee of the Year' award for her leadership skills, our centre at Thakurpukur, Kolkata won the 'Centre of the Year' award represented by Gargi Ghosh. Special mentions were also given for exemplary contributions and for going beyond call of duty to Leena Worlikar, Occupancy Manager, Mumbai, Mehak Ahmad, Centre Manager, Delhi and Deepa Kadam, Centre Officer, Parel Mumbai.



### *Celebrating Our Children On St. Judes Day*

To celebrate our children and create happy memories with them, St. Judes' Day was celebrated across the country. The children had a gala time as they got temporary tattoos, played on bouncing castles, watched puppet shows and ate tasty food! At Jaipur, the centre grounds were arranged like a fete, with multiple games for our children to participate in. Karan, Piyush and Ansh along with the other children won board games and edible goodies! The children were later served a delicious meal along with their favourite Black Forrest pastry and chips. There was plenty of dancing at Jaipur and at Hyderabad too!

Mothers in Hyderabad performed a dance to a classic Telegu song. Karthik and Kali two of our children spoke about the history of St. Judes and it's support, after which parents gave moving testimonies of the support they have received from St. Judes in Hyderabad. The children were also treated to a puppet show and were given balloon animals to keep. Families in Delhi felt like super stars, when Book A Smile treated them to a screening of 'Secret Superstar' at PVR, they later enjoyed a nutritious community meal as well.

In Kolkata St. Judes' former Chairperson addressed the families, after which they enjoyed dance performances by the children. Outdoor games were arranged and the children thoroughly enjoyed riding a toy train around the centre, families were also given a hearty meal which they enjoyed! In Mumbai a clown dropped by and had an enjoyable time showing our children tricks and making them try riding his unicycle! In Kharghar many party games were played after an inspirational speech made by our Chairperson, bangles were also gifted to our mothers making their eyes sparkle. The wonderful games at Kharghar were made possible thanks to the Innerwheel Club of Navi Mumbai Bayside.

### *St. Judes Participates In PHOSSCON 2017*

Anuradha Chakraverty our Team Member from Kolkata participated in PHOSSCON organised by



CAN Kids on 24th November 2017. The team participated in a session on the 'Challenges of Running NGO's' which was a panel discussion that addressed important issues that affect most NGOs and impact their day to day running and sustainability. A presentation on St. Judes was well received and many questions and clarifications were sought on the model we use. Some of the sessions the team sat through such as Patient Navigation, Nursing Care, Global Perspective on Paediatric Oncology and global Outreach were very illuminating. St. Jude India also won an award under the Gold Hero category.

*We are delighted to announce that GiveIndia and CRISIL have commended St. Judes work through their rating systems. GiveIndia's new reliability framework has given St. Judes a GiveAssured 5 Stars Badge for its work. CRISIL has improved it's rating of St. Judes to 'Voluntary Organisation 1B' for our very strong performance on Delivery Capability and moderate on Financial Proficiency. With these improved ratings under our belt, we're ready to start the coming year on a strong footing.*

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