



## Learnings From Covid-19



In March 2020, our lives were upended by the global Covid-19 pandemic. The only cure for the highly contagious virus was maintaining distance from those who had tested positive and high hygiene standards. As the world started shutting down, our centres pan-India were adversely affected too. As soon as the national lockdown was announced, our teams got into action without delay and worked on new SOPs to ensure the safety of children and their parents who were stuck at the centres. Hygiene protocols were followed strictly. Extraordinary measures were taken to ensure everyone had access to essential provisions and emergency OPD services so that children could continue their treatment and education online without any breaks. We were able to send families home during the lockdown and send vital medicines to children stuck in their remote hometowns.

On the third anniversary of Covid-19's lockdown, we look back at how St. Jude's kept a step ahead of the coronavirus.



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## Bridging the Care Gap On World Cancer Day

Our staff and families commemorated World Cancer Day on February 4th, 2023. This year's theme for the global campaign that shines a spotlight on cancer awareness and its treatment was 'Close the Care Gap'. It aimed at understanding and recognising the inequities in cancer care around the globe.

Some very special guests celebrated the day with us. Actor and a cancer survivor herself, Chhavi Mittal came to our Cotton Green Campus and interacted with our children. She met the families and encouraged them to stay positive during their fight against cancer. She also participated in basket-making with the mothers and made crafts with the children.



[Watch her interaction with the families](#)



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Author, entrepreneur and parent influencer Tanya Khubchandani conducted an Instagram Live session on childhood cancer with Ms Usha Banerji, Team Leader, St. Jude's For Life (Founded in Memory of Mrs Rani Vicaji). The session focused on what St. Jude's does and how we help 'close the care gap' for children battling cancer.



Prominent Bollywood actor, Jim Sarbh shared an encouraging message with children battling cancer at our centre. In a special message to his fans, he urged everyone to join our fight against childhood cancer and give every child the best chance of beating the disease.



[Click to see what Jim Sarbh had to say](#)

## St. Jude's In The News



The world's largest impact-driven, positive stories platform, **The Better India**, did an extensive feature on St. Judes highlighting how our work is bridging the gap in cancer care.

[Read the story here](#)



**Business World's** special supplement on holistic health, **BW Wellbeing**, featured St. Judes highlighting the need for psycho-social support to children with cancer.

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St. Judes was cited in a special report by **Times of India's** Chennai edition on challenges for those affected by cancer and the way ahead.

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Mumbai-based **Life Positive Magazine** which caters to readers of spirituality, positive thinking, and wellness did a special feature on St. Judes.

[Here's the article](#)

## ♥ Providing Holistic Care to Judians 🌙



Our vertical that works with St. Judes' alumni who are now cancer survivors (referred to as Judians) – St. Judes For Life (Founded in Memory of Mrs Rani Vicaji) recently launched three-day residential leadership camps for Judians, above 18 years of age. The camps were facilitated by our executing partner, **YUVA Urban Initiatives**. The first Leadership camp was conducted in Maharashtra, followed by West Bengal and Hyderabad.

St. Judes For Life also launched a wellness project this quarter. It aims to take the Judians on a journey of self-exploration and to provide them with an opportunity to reflect on oneself. The project focusses on **physical, emotional, and social wellness**. These three dimensions of the wellness module are holistic and interdependent, and when synchronized, this helps develop a healthy lifestyle. The project aims to provide an overview of these three dimensions of wellness for 15 Judians between the age of 12-18 years.

## ♥ Stories of Hope ♥



“ My name is **Jayesh Yashwant Dusane**. I am from Maharashtra. I have benefitted a lot from St. Jude and St. Jude for Life. It can be very difficult to find a peaceful and healthy place to stay for many people coming from small towns to big cities to fight cancer. That's what happened to us before coming to St. Jude. But once we were here, everything felt okay.

Even after treatment, St. Jude for Life has been supporting us. One thing that really helped was getting a laptop which I needed for my college work. They also provided regular career guidance sessions which helped me immensely.

St. Jude has helped me financially with my education as well. I am very thankful to St. Jude for everything.

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– Jayesh Dusane is currently pursuing B. Tech Computers. He came to St. Jude in 2015 during his treatment and is now a cancer survivor.

**Your support ensured we could help Jayesh when he needed it the most. To continue supporting more children...**

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