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St. Judes opens second centre in Hyderabad



St. Judes opened a new facility in Hyderabad on January 26th, 2025, further expanding its mission to provide safe, clean, and affordable accommodation for children undergoing cancer treatment.

This newly opened Axis Bank Centre can take care of 26 families providing them with essential services like hygienic accommodation, transportation, education, counselling, and holistic care to ensure every child gets the best chance to beat the disease. The centre also operates four dedicated units designed specifically

for children undergoing Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) procedures.

Children being treated at MNJ Institute of Oncology & Regional Cancer Centre, Basavatarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital, Rainbow Children's Hospital, L V Prasad Eye Institute, Little Star Children's Hospital and NIMS Hospital stay at the facility. Most families hail from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu.

With this addition, St. Judes now operates 46 centres across India taking care of over 586 children and their families every day.

We are a 'Great Place to Work' yet again!



We are thrilled to share that, for the seventh consecutive time, we have been certified as a 'Great Place to Work'!

This prestigious certification is given by the Great Place to Work Institute, the global authority on building, sustaining, and recognizing High-Trust, High-Performance Culture in workplaces.

The achievement reflects our commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive work environment where our teams can thrive while making a meaningful impact.

St. Judes For Life conducts Leadership Camps

St. Judes for Life (Founded in Memory of Mrs. Rani Vicaji) is a dedicated vertical of St. Judes that has been set-up to support our alumni survivors, lovingly called Judians. Through regular Leadership Camps, St. Judes For Life creates a strong, engaged, and empowered community of Judians helping them grow, connect, and contribute meaningfully to society.

From December 18th to 20th, 2024, St. Judes for Life hosted a Leadership Camp in Kharghar, Mumbai. This year marked a significant milestone as the camp, previously limited to Maharashtra, was opened to Judians across India. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with 26 childhood cancer survivors, aged 18 and above, joining from states like Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Karnataka, Daman & Diu, and Maharashtra.

Organized in partnership with YUVA, the three-day residential camp focused on helping Judians build self-awareness, explore their potential, develop leadership skills,



manage conflicts, and understand their role in society and other skills.

St. Judes for Life also hosted its second Leadership Camp in Kolkata from January 9th to 11th, 2025, bringing together 25 enthusiastic Judians. The three-day camp welcomed Judians aged 18 and above from Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, and West Bengal.

Chess Coaching Program introduced for children

Cancer treatment can be emotionally and mentally challenging for children and their caregivers. That's why our Third Circle team focusses on providing emotional support to families staying at the centres. Through a variety of educational and interactive activities, the team promotes the overall well-being of children and their families, helping them find a sense of normalcy during their treatment journey.

Recently, the team introduced a pilot Chess Coaching Program, offering children and parents a new way to learn and develop critical thinking skills. We ran these sessions at our Cotton Green Campus and Kharghar Centres in Mumbai and at the Chennai Centres.

Facilitated by ChessMates Academy in the Cotton Green Campus, the session began on February 11th, 2025, introducing the families to the game, explaining its benefits in improving focus, problem-solving, and strategic thinking. Encouraging children to



take up chess not only offers a fun and intellectually stimulating activity but helps them build confidence and sportsmanship. Children were provided with chessboards from the academy as a gift.

At Kharghar Centres, the pilot chess program was officially launched on February 18th, 2025 in collaboration with volunteers from Teach Chess India initiative by Chess Base Academy. The inaugural session introduced the academy's favourite 'ChessPa' character. During the event, children were provided with chessboards, a demo chessboard, and a "ChessPa" book to kickstart their chess journey by the academy. At our Chennai Centres, the pilot program was officially introduced on February 16th, 2025 in partnership with T Nagar Chess academy.

By integrating such engaging activities at the centres, St. Jude's continues to create a nurturing environment for children and families.



Home Away from Home Certificate Program



The St. Jude's Home Away from Home Certificate Program has been equipping individuals and NGOs with the essential knowledge and skills to establish a nurturing environment for patients and their caregivers undergoing cancer treatment in distant cities, thus enhancing their overall well-being. The month-long program offers comprehensive training in hospitality and NGO management, along with practical experience in operating 'home away from home' facilities. Participants benefit from mentorship by experienced professionals, a supportive peer network, and the

opportunity to make an impact on children and their families.

In February 2025, St. Jude successfully completed the second batch of the Centre of Excellence – Home Away from Home Certificate Program.

Attended by participants from Trilokchand Papiwal Charitable Trust (Sadbhavna Kendra) and Naraindas Morbai Budhrani Trust, the program offered an intensive, hands-on training experience. It gave participants insights and practical skills in delivering compassionate care to children and families battling cancer.

Pallav Sinha scaled Kilimanjaro for St. Jude's



One of our Team Members from Delhi, Mr. Pallav Sinha and his friend Mr. Vishal Pandit recently summited Mount Kilimanjaro to raise awareness and support for St. Jude India ChildCare Centres.

Through their incredible feat, they aimed to shine a light on the resilience of children battling cancer and inspire more people to join the cause of St. Jude's. We are thankful for their determination and heartfelt commitment to making a difference.

Annual Event 2025

St. Jude's Annual Event 2025 was an unforgettable experience for one and all. Dedicated to empowering the families that stay in our centres and celebrating the resilient spirit of our young cancer warriors, it was a celebration of hope, learning and new opportunities.

At St. Jude's, we believe that learning never stops. It goes beyond academics, nurturing dreams and empowering our residents to overcome their challenges. Inspired by this spirit of growth and resilience, this year's

event was aptly titled 'Udaan', symbolizing the flight towards a brighter future.

'Udaan' means 'flight,' and the fest symbolized the soaring hopes of our children and families. Designed to spark curiosity, it encouraged children to explore, imagine, and discover their hidden talents through engaging educational and recreational activities.

Through joyful learning and new experiences, we hope to continue to inspire our children to dream big, embrace every possibility and soar to new heights.



St. Jude's in the News



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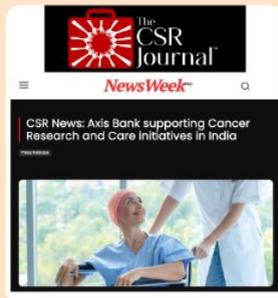
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Stories of Hope



Sri Teja Aarugollu is from Andhra Pradesh. He was seven when he was diagnosed with Blood Cancer. Today at 17, Sri Teja is a cancer survivor and a Judian enrolled in the St. Judes for Life program.

After completing treatment and returning home, Sri Teja picked up his academic journey from where he had left off. With dedication and hard work, he successfully secured 82.9% in JEE Mains 2025.

Sri Teja is also a part of St. Judes for Life's Shikhar program, a pilot launched in August 2023 to support academically inclined Judians who scored above 75% in their 10th and 12th examinations. Through this program, he has received mentorship and guidance to

explore his potential and work towards his aspirations.

This cancer survivor's journey is not just about academic success but also about resilience and the strength to overcome hardships and keep moving forward.

“ After scoring 82.94 percentile in JEE Mains with just a week of preparation, I now face a tough decision – I am torn between pursuing ECE in BTech at an NIT to build machines and innovative projects or choosing BBA at a tier-1 college to explore arts and business management. It's a difficult choice, but thanks to St. Judes For Life's career guidance, I have better clarity and support in making this important decision for my future. ”

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

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