

TATA CANCER CARE FOUNDATION

In every
Journey
we are one

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We are now looking at utilising our resources, our skills and our vision to address issues and needs that have been largely ignored.



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Dear Stakeholders,

At the Tata Cancer Care Foundation (TCCF), our simple belief, "In Every Journey, We Are One," drives everything we do. We view cancer care as a shared journey among patients, caregivers, clinicians, and partners, aiming to replace geographical, financial, and informational barriers with dignity, access, and trust. Over the past year, we enacted this through the Distributed Cancer Care Model (DCCM), bringing quality care closer to people, strengthening public health for prevention, and ensuring uniform, compassionate standards across our network. Our teams work tirelessly, from expanding hospitals to upgrading technology, to ensure a patient's path is never limited by their PIN code or their pocket.

Several threads stand out in this year's tapestry:

Access, nearer to home: Our units deepened clinical capacity and service breadth so patients can begin and complete care without disruptive travel. Each additional bed commissioned, each new service started, and each pathway streamlined reduces delays and improves outcomes.

Early detection & prevention: Screening, awareness, and patient-navigation continued to be the front line against late presentation. Our public-health collaborations especially with state systems and frontline workers helped convert knowledge into timely action.

Uniform, high-quality care: Protocol-driven, multidisciplinary practice remained the backbone of our outcomes. Centralised planning, mentoring, and continuous training ensured that a patient's experience is consistently safe, evidence-based, and compassionate—wherever they enter our network.

Affordability & continuity: With support from diagnosis and philanthropic partners, our Beneficiary Support Funds kept treatment within reach, lowered drop-offs, and allowed families to focus on healing rather than hardship.

People & capability: From nursing and clinical fellowships to leadership development, we invested in talent because sustainable change rests on skilled, motivated teams who carry excellence to the last mile.

Technology that serves care: Core system upgrades and digital tools advanced turnaround times, data integrity, and clinician productivity—quiet enablers that patients may not see, but certainly feel.

We are deeply humbled by the courage of our patients, the commitment of our staff, and the trust of our partners. Their belief in our model allows us to keep widening our circle to serve more communities. Looking ahead, we will continue to expand our services, deepen public health programs, harness technology for quality and scale, and reinforce affordability through strong partnerships. Most importantly, we will keep listening to patients and caregivers, ensuring our care remains human, respectful, and close to home. To everyone who supported us this year—thank you. "In Every Journey, We Are One" isn't just our theme; it is our solemn promise.

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Message from the
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Cancer Care Programme

*In Every Journey,
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India currently records about 1.5 million new cancer cases annually (ICMR-NCRP 2022-2025). Limited infrastructure, a shortage of skilled professionals, and the concentration of facilities in larger cities further compound the challenge, often forcing patients and families to travel long distances and bear high out-of-pocket expenses.

To address this growing burden, Tata Trusts established the Tata Cancer Care Foundation (TCCF) in 2017 (formerly Alamelu Charitable Foundation) with a vision to transform cancer care in India through a comprehensive, distributed model. Anchored on the four-pillar Distributed Cancer Care Model (DCCM), the programme systematically tackles gaps in infrastructure, workforce, and early detection. Its mission is clear—to reduce cancer-related mortality and morbidity by ensuring awareness, prevention, early diagnosis, and quality, affordable care closer to home.

Impact Across Every Journey:

Data for FY 2024-2025

① RCHRC and SVICCAR have served **4300+** unique patients with more than **25000** OPD visits

② Additionally, screening of **1,41,500+** beneficiaries, sensitization of **2,24,100+** beneficiaries, and training of **4900+** health care providers

③ **2300+** surgeries completed

④ **30,000+** radiation fractions provided

⑤ More than **19,000** chemo cycles completed



SVICCAR

Sri Venkateswara Institute of
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Sri Venkateswara Institute of Cancer Care and Advanced Research (SVICCAR), now in its third year of operations, has strengthened its position as a leading oncology centre for the Rayalaseema region and adjoining districts. Committed to delivering compassionate, evidence-based care, the institute achieved key milestones in 2024-25, including the commissioning of Nuclear Medicine diagnostic services and the expansion of bed capacity to 103, further enhancing its ability to meet the rising demand for comprehensive cancer care.



Journeys Taken Together

SVICAAR's dedication to patient-centric, multidisciplinary care has resulted in significant growth across all aspects of diagnostics and treatment. The following statistics reflect our clinical activity and the impact of the care provided during each patient's journey throughout 2024-2025.

① NEW CANCER CASES:
(2024-25) 3,029

② TOTAL CONSULTATIONS:
(2024-25) 65,211

③ CHEMOTHERAPY SESSIONS:
(2024-25) 12,615

④ RADIATION FRACTIONS DELIVERED:
(2024-25) 17,683
1,662 unique patients

⑤ BRACHYTHERAPY SESSIONS:
(2024-25) 330 sessions to 121 unique patients

⑥ SURGERIES PERFORMED:
(2024-25) 1,543

⑦ RADIOLOGY SERVICES PROVIDED:
(2024-25) 10,194

⑧ PET CT SCANS:
(2024-25) 1,067

These figures underscore the dedication of our multidisciplinary teams in providing timely, evidence-based interventions across the entire cancer care continuum.

Inspiring **Journeys**

Not Just a Survivor **A Story of Strength with Care:**

Mrs. Sangeetha (patient's name changed to protect identity), a professional singer, was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 2012. After surgery and chemotherapy, she remained cancer-free for 12 years. In 2024, she developed a non-healing, painful ulcer on her tongue, which forced her to pause her career for five months. Diagnosis revealed stage II tongue cancer, presenting a new and daunting challenge.

Referred to SVICCAR, she approached treatment with determination. Following a comprehensive workup, she underwent wide excision of the tongue, neck dissection, and free radial artery forearm flap surgery under the care of Dr. Prasanth Penumadu and team. The surgery was successful, and her post-operative recovery was smooth. Nine months later, she is under close observation, has resumed singing professionally, and regained near-normal vocal ability. The free flap reconstruction restored tongue bulk, enabling her to continue her career.

Her journey exemplifies both her resilience and the expertise and compassionate care provided by SVICCAR.

Thanks to the expertise and compassionate care given at SVICCAR, we were able to join Mrs. Sangeetha's journey to create a better quality of life for her.



Inspiring **Journeys**



A Journey Powered by Care Led by Hope

On April 2, 2024, 51-year-old Mr. Shankar (patient's name changed to protect identity) arrived at SVICCAR wheelchair-bound, with severe jaundice, abdominal distension, leg swelling, infection, breathlessness, and persistent fever. Diagnosed with Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL) complicated by acute kidney injury, tumor lysis syndrome, anemia, obstructive jaundice, and cellulitis, his condition was deemed untreatable by multiple hospitals.

Under the care of Dr. Lakshmi Sandhya and the SVICCAR team, he received prompt admission, pre-phase chemotherapy, aggressive supportive care, and anti-TLS measures. Within two weeks, his kidney function and jaundice improved, infections resolved, and leg swelling subsided, allowing him to walk again. Definitive R-CHOP chemotherapy followed, and post-treatment PET scans confirmed complete remission. Today, Mr. Shankar is disease-free, fully functional, and able to resume work as the sole family breadwinner, a testament to the impact of timely, comprehensive care at SVICCAR.

Shaping the Journey Ahead



Our core mission is to expand access to world-class cancer care. This commitment is defined by three key advancements:

Capacity Expansion: Increasing bed capacity to meet rising demand.

Advanced Services: Ongoing development of state-of-the-art Nuclear Medicine diagnostic services.

Academic Infrastructure: Securing accreditation for the DNB Medical Oncology programme.

These strategic moves are more than infrastructural upgrades—they are beacons of hope. When we journey together, we build possibilities, futures, and hope.

Strategic Focus



Community Impact (Outreach):

Expanded Programs: Unwavering focus on growing cancer screenings, awareness campaigns, and educational initiatives.

Care Closer to Home: Championing early detection and intervention to eliminate the need for long-distance patient travel.

Accelerated Regional Leadership:

Phase: Embarking on accelerated growth to strengthen our role as Southern India's regional oncology leader.

New Benchmarks: Setting standards through innovative treatment, cutting-edge diagnostics, and a patient-centered model, backed by academic excellence.

Core Mission & Unity:

Profound Commitment: No individual is left behind in the fight against cancer; every life is met with dignity, hope, and care.

United Journey: We are one, walking together—doctors, patients, communities, and partners—driven by purpose and compassion.

Events and Updates:



Tirupati:

Mano Shakthi - Survivor and Caregiver Support Program

Launched on 26th march through the CSR support of Pfizer and in collaboration with V Care, the Mano Shakthi initiative provides a forum for emotional healing, resilience building, and shared experiences. The inaugural event was attended by 64 patients and caregivers, featuring interactive sessions and motivational talks.

Cancer Awareness Programs

Nineteen CAPs were conducted across educational institutions, corporates, and public organizations within a 50 km radius of Tirupati. These sessions reached 2,150 participants and covered:

Cancer prevention strategies

Risk factors including tobacco and obesity

Screening for breast and cervical cancers

Diet and lifestyle modifications

On-site screening for 571 participants



Academic and Training **Achievements**

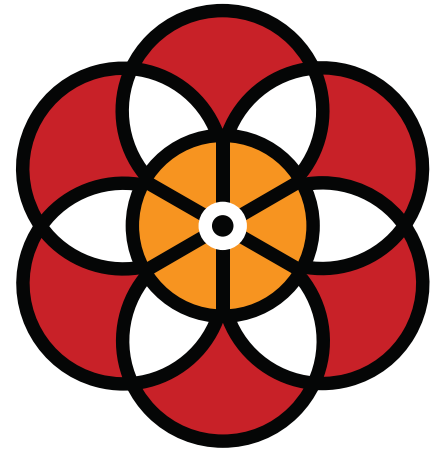
SVICCAR received NBE accreditation for the DNB Superspecialty Training in Surgical Oncology (2 annual intakes).

Fellowship programs in Onco-Anesthesia, Surgical Oncology, and Onco-Pathology in collaboration with Tata Trusts.

Basic Life Support training sessions for staff conducted by the Onco-Anesthesia & Critical Care team.

Hospital's Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) has been formally established and is operational.





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RCHRC is a state-of-the-art oncology facility founded through a strategic partnership between Tata Trusts and the Government of Jharkhand. RCHRC launched their OPD services in September 2022 with a capacity of 82 beds, and the hospital was officially inaugurated on 12th May 2023. Through delivering advanced, affordable and compassionate cancer care, RCHRC fulfills their aim of making essential treatment more accessible to patients in Jharkhand.



Journeys Taken Together

Summarising the key milestones achieved by RCHRC in FY 2024-25 across clinical services

Medical Oncology
Consultations

16,616

Medical Oncology
Chemotherapy Sessions

6,897

Surgical Oncology
Consultations

9212

Surgical Oncology

839

Radiation Oncology

6,989

Radiation Oncology
LINAC Radiation Sessions

12,682

Radiation Oncology
Brachytherapy Sessions

371

Palliative Care
Consultations

1,484

Laboratory
Tests Completed

85,119

Radiology
Tests Completed

9,726

These initiatives underscore our commitment to delivering comprehensive, preventive, and compassionate cancer care to the people of Jharkhand and surrounding regions.

Inspiring *Journeys*



Patient with her brother and treating surgeons Dr Gaurav Suralkar and Dr Amrita Prasad

Paving the Way for a Brighter Future

Pooja Singh (patient's name changed to protect identity), 28, an unmarried village facilitator, delayed seeking care despite worsening abdominal pain. In November 2024, she was diagnosed with a large ovarian mass and referred to RCHRC. With financial support from the Beneficiary Support Fund and Ayushman Bharat, she underwent complex surgery. RCHRC's oncosurgeons successfully removed the mass, preserving her hope of motherhood. Fully recovered, Pooja Singh now looks forward to a healthy future, a testament to timely intervention, skilled surgical care, and compassionate support.

Inspiring *Journeys*



Journey of Courage, Hope, and Healing

Sailesh Kumar (patient's name changed to protect identity), 18, a cricket-loving 12th-grade student from Koderma, Jharkhand, suffered ten months of debilitating chest pain that disrupted his studies. Initial delays in treatment were overcome when he reached RCHRC, where the Surgical Oncology team performed a complex operation to remove a tumour affecting his ribs and lung, followed by chest reconstruction. Supported financially through the Beneficiary Support Fund, Sailesh Kumar recovered well and resumed his board exams, reclaiming his health and aspirations.

Patient upon discharge with the Surgical Oncology and Anesthesia team.

Shaping the Journey Ahead



Partner with Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)

We will deepen our engagement with PSUs through structured health outreach and sustained partner relationships. The focus will be on clear pathways that help beneficiaries move from initial health concerns to timely hospital touchpoints.



Construction of Accommodation Facilities for Patients and Caregivers

The construction of safe, secure and dignified accommodation facilities for patients and caregivers is an important step in the cancer care journey, which emphasizes our objective of providing patient-centric healthcare that aims to provide access to affordable, uniform, high-quality care.



Expand Bed Capacity of the Hospital

We aim to increase capacity in a manner that addresses demand while safeguarding quality and patient experience. Our approach will align infrastructure, staffing and operations to ensure smoother admissions and continuity of care. Attention will be given to safety, reliability and efficient use of resources.

RCHRC

Our Year in Action

Some notable achievements and key initiatives from TCCF's efforts over the past year include:

RCHRC organised "Swasth Sahiya Samagam," a screening and educational event for Sahiyas, empowering frontline health workers to promote timely healthcare access. The initiative was later extended to remote blocks across Ranchi district.

Four RCHRC oncologists were felicitated at the prestigious Times Icons of Health awards, recognising their excellence in cancer care.

Tele-radiology services were launched at RCHRC, significantly enhancing diagnostic turnaround times and specialist access in this region.



RCHRC

Our Year in Action

RCHRC celebrated World Hospice and Palliative Care Day, highlighting the role of compassionate care in oncology.

To observe World Cancer Day, RCHRC organized a mega bike rally for cancer awareness, inter-college spoken word competition and screening program engaging 500 participants in total and creating awareness throughout Ranchi City.

Through Pfizer's CSR initiative, RCHRC launched "Manshakti - Cancer Support Group", which offers a platform for the emotional and holistic healing of patients, survivors and their families.





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The Centre for Oncopathology (COP), established by the Tata Cancer Care Foundation, strives to achieve three main goals. The primary objective is to ensure the universal availability of high-quality cancer diagnostic services to all patients. Additionally, the focus is on bridging the gap in cancer diagnosis by establishing a skilled group of onco-pathologists through thorough training initiatives. Lastly, the COP is committed to researching and using the latest technologies and tools to make cancer diagnosis better. COP has successfully completed 5 years of its operations in September 2024.



Journeys Taken
Together

The COP has a high annual testing capacity, currently utilizing a significant portion of this capacity. These tests are conducted across a mix of private and general category rates, with appropriate discounts applied based on defined criteria. The overall test volumes across all departments have shown a positive increase.

Special Events

The Annual CME Program of the IAP-ID “Surgical Pathology of the Endometrium” held in Mumbai in October 2024 provided a platform to discuss recent advances in endometrial physiology and address diagnostic challenges in endometrial pathology.

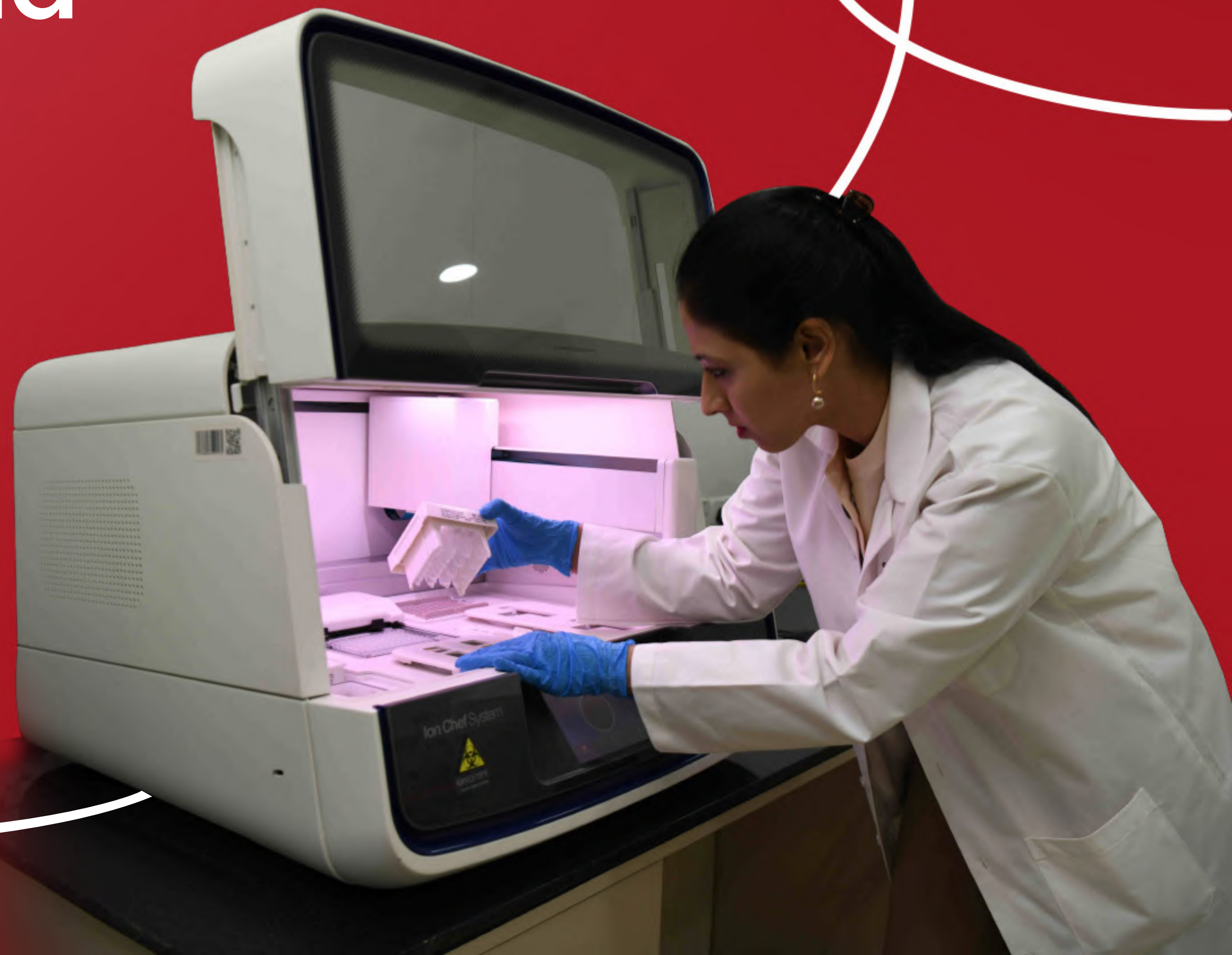
Through lectures and case discussions, experienced faculty comprising pathologists, gynecologists, and clinical oncologists engaged with participants. The event also featured a call for interesting or challenging cases, vetted by a panel, and provided postgraduate students with an opportunity to display their posters and compete for awards and podium presentations.



Shaping the **Journey Ahead**

To make cancer treatment more precise and timely, our Molecular Department has introduced five new molecular tests and installed the advanced QuantStudio™ 5 Real-Time PCR System from Thermo Fisher Scientific.

By decoding tumour biology — from genetic mutations and molecular pathways to minimal residual disease — we can now identify the right treatment, faster. This integration of reliable, scalable real-time PCR technology into routine care marks a major step forward in shaping better outcomes for every patient.



Fellowship Programme

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In 2020, the Tata Cancer Care Foundation (TCCF) launched the Fellowship Programme, a strategic initiative to build a robust pipeline of skilled specialists across diverse branches of oncology including Surgical Oncology, Medical Oncology, Oncopathology, Head and Neck Oncology, and Gynaecologic Oncology. At its core, this programme reflects our belief that the fight against cancer is a collective journey, and empowering young doctors with world-class training strengthens the nation's capacity to deliver quality cancer care where it's needed most.

Fellowship Development

This year, the programme focused on Oncopathology and Surgical Oncology, training promising young doctors through immersive, hands-on experiences at Tata Memorial Hospital (TMH) and TCCF centres.



Oncopathology

Three doctors joined the Oncopathology Fellowship in August/September 2022. After completing one year of training at the Centre for Oncopathology (COP)/Tata Memorial Hospital (TMH), they are now working at the Sri Venkateswara Institute of Cancer Care & Research (SVICCAR), Tirupati, and Dr. Bhubaneswar Borooah Cancer Institute (BBCI), Guwahati.

Surgical Oncology

Four doctors joined the Surgical/Gynae Oncology Fellowship in August 2022. One doctor had to discontinue the program after eight months due to health reasons. Two are currently completing the second year of their fellowship at Sri Venkateswara Institute of Cancer Care & Research (SVICCAR), Tirupati, while one is completing the remaining part of the fellowship at Ranchi Cancer Hospital and Research Centre (RCHRC).





Impact

Out of the seven fellows who joined the programme in 2022, six successfully completed their training. By integrating their expertise into TCCF centres such as SVICCAR and RCHRC, we have been able to elevate the quality of clinical services and achieve significant patient outcomes. This initiative demonstrates how collective investment in knowledge and talent creates ripples of impact across regions — ensuring that skilled hands and compassionate hearts reach every corner of the country.

Because when we nurture future healers, we strengthen the journey for all. In every journey, we are one.

Oncology Nursing **Advancement**



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At TCCF, the Nursing department is committed to developing Oncology-specialized nurses to meet the unique care needs of cancer patients across our hospitals. Currently, we have 161 nurses, including 36 certified Oncology Nurses at SVICCAR and RCHRC, and 5 certified Palliative Care Nurses.

The ongoing Nursing Fellowship Programme has been revised and rebranded as the TCCF Oncology Nursing Certificate Programme (ONCP) to align with current operational requirements. Conducted in two annual batches starting April 1 and October 1, the programme comprises 6 months of intensive training followed by an 18-month supervised internship, with 55 nurses currently enrolled.

The training encompasses not only advanced nursing skills but also personality development and soft skills, emphasizing effective communication, managing difficult situations, and delivering adverse news—ensuring holistic, compassionate care for patients.

Nursing Empowerment

One nurse each from RCHRC and SVICCAR have been trained in Enterostoma Care. They are now equipped to counsel, advise, and follow up with patients with various types of ostomies, as well as to train other nurses in stoma care practices.

Nursing Leadership Programme

A special training programme has been designed and implemented from January 2025 for 25 nurses (15 from SVICCAR and 10 from RCHRC) identified to take on additional responsibilities as team leaders in their respective clinical areas.

Engagement Activities

The TCCF nursing team goes beyond their departmental roles to organize and conduct various employee, patient, and caregiver engagement and education activities. These include initiatives such as Patient Safety Week, Infection Prevention and Control Awareness, Medication Safety Week, and Nurses Week, among others. These activities provide opportunities for staff across the hospital to interact, fostering teamwork, learning, and a sense of shared purpose.



Technology Innovation

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In FY 2024-25, as part of our ongoing technology upgrade and the need for deeper functional capabilities within our Hospital Information Management System (HIMS), it was decided to transition to a new technology platform to support hospital operations more effectively.





A comprehensive IT architecture was designed and deployed across all TCCF units, including the corporate office, ensuring seamless integration and functionality.

To enhance operational efficiency, Augnito, a speech-to-text tool, was implemented at SVICCAR for faster radiology report generation and delivery. Standardized IT policies covering email usage, password management, user account administration, and data validation have been developed and will be rolled out in FY 2025-26.

Journeys Taken
Together

Shaping the Journey Ahead

Our focus areas for the upcoming year will include:

- 1 Full-scale implementation of the new HIMS across all units, including integration with Lab, Radiology and patient vital monitoring devices and ERP systems.
- 2 Expansion of patient engagement platforms, including mobile applications and self-service portals.
- 3 Implementing standard IT policies across all the TCCF units.
- 4 Strengthening of data privacy controls and continued alignment with regulatory compliance standards.
- 5 Onboarding an IT Security management partnership to manage the organisational security in a structured manner.

Outreach Programs



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According to the National Cancer Registry Programme, cancer cases in India are projected to rise to 15.7 lakh by 2025. Alarmingly, 70% of reported cases are diagnosed at a late stage, leading to high mortality (40–50%). One of the key pillars of this initiative is early detection and prevention, executed through a Community-Centred Cancer Care Model in partnership with multiple stakeholders. Currently, the program is operational in seven districts across Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha, as well as three districts in Jharkhand (Khunti, Seraikela-Kharsawan, and Ranchi).

Implementation:

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TCCF primarily collaborates with the National Health Mission (NHM) for the early detection of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), including common cancers (oral, breast, cervical), through:

Community awareness,

Regular screening,

Patient navigation to designated cancer hospitals,

Capacity-building of frontline health workers.

Additionally, we facilitate inter-departmental coordination among the health, education, and police departments to support smooth implementation of the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP). Collaborations with civil society, philanthropic organizations, self-help groups, and individual practitioners further amplify our outreach.



Impact Numbers:



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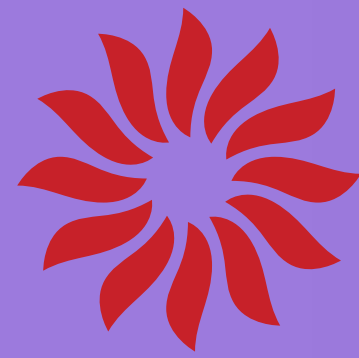
1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

2.25 lakh+ individuals sensitized through community, school, and college awareness programs

1.4 lakh individuals screened

4,000 frontline workers and physicians trained

82 cancer cases detected



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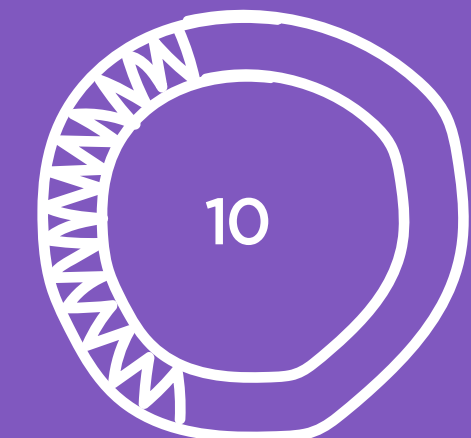
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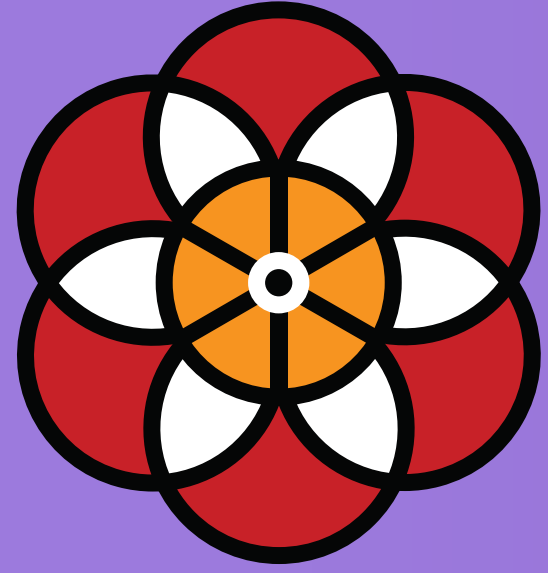
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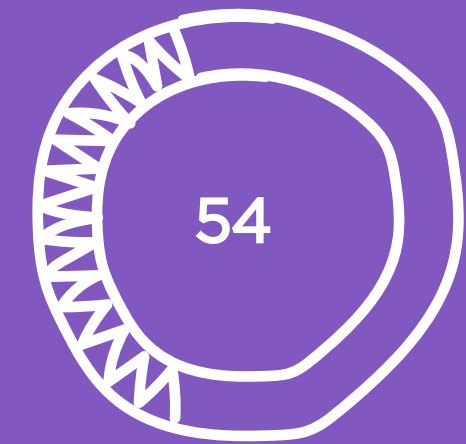
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Community
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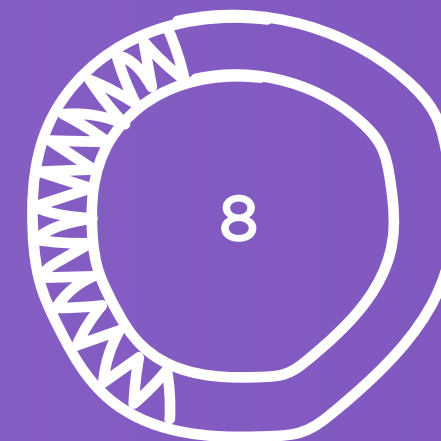
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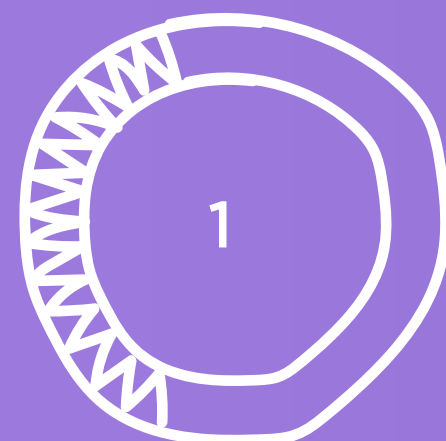
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Community Outreach & Impact:

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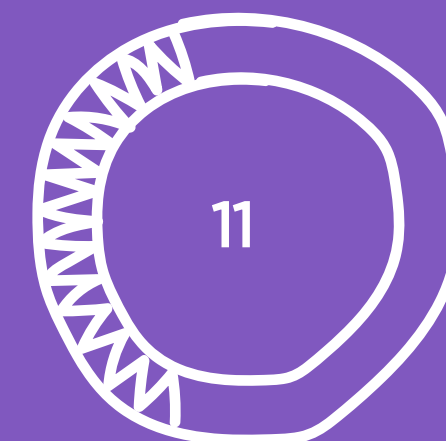
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Other

Initiatives:

One Mission, Many Communities:
Expanding Impact Through Training & Support Initiatives

Cancer Registry Training: A Hospital-Based Cancer Registry (HBCR) training session, along with an introduction to Population-Based Cancer Registry (PBCR) principles, was conducted at ACTREC, Tata Memorial Centre, Kharghar, in February 2025, with participation from 13 staff members across units. The training strengthened understanding of how HBCRs capture clinical and outcome data critical for improving treatment quality, while PBCRs record incidence and mortality trends essential for planning and evaluating cancer control programmes. Together, they provide a comprehensive picture of the cancer burden, linking hospital care outcomes with population-level surveillance and enabling evidence-based decisions in programme design and monitoring.



Inspiring Journeys

Breaking Myths, Saving Lives - Jharkhand

A Story of Support, Strength, and the Promise of a Hopeful Tomorrow

Rajeshwari Ekka (name changed to protect patient's identity), 61, a farmer from Bero, initially attributed persistent bleeding to piles. During a screening on June 22, 2024, our team suspected cervical cancer. Though hesitant, she visited the hospital with her daughter on June 27, 2024. With guidance from TCCF and financial support through the Donor-Supported Fund, she secured an OPD appointment. A biopsy on July 2, 2024, confirmed the diagnosis. Rajeshwari underwent 25 cycles of radiation therapy, fully covered by government schemes, completing treatment on November 25, 2024. Thanks to the dedicated support from her patient navigator, her journey was smooth. Now fully recovered, Rajeshwari and her family are committed to raising awareness about early detection, highlighting the impact of timely, compassionate care.

Guided By Care - A Journey to Health

During an outreach camp at Narayana Vanam village on July 6, 2024, our team screened Sanjay Tirkey (name changed to protect patient's identity), a 67-year-old man, and discovered an oral lesion on the floor of his mouth. Unaware of its severity, he had not sought medical help. Further tests at SVICCAR confirmed Squamous Cell Carcinoma. Thanks to early detection and timely intervention, Sanjay underwent surgery and radiation therapy at SVICCAR, fully covered by the Aarogyashree scheme. Today, he leads a normal life and is an advocate for cancer screenings in his community. His story underscores the critical role of awareness and early diagnosis in improving survival rates.

Awareness Became the First Step Towards Healing

On June 13, 2024, at Kiosk Chandragiri, our team encountered Sunita Kumari (patient's name changed to protect identity), a 68-year-old woman who had been experiencing post-menopausal bleeding for nearly a year. Like many women, she lacked awareness about cervical cancer and had not sought medical advice.

After being referred to SVICCAR for confirmation tests, she was diagnosed with cervical cancer and began radiation therapy. She is now recovering well and optimistic about her future. Grateful for the affordable treatment and awareness efforts led by TATA TRUSTS and SVICCAR, she has become an advocate for regular screenings among women in her community.

A Story of Hope

Laxmi Tudu (patient's name changed to protect identity), a 41-year-old widow, had been experiencing unusual bleeding since menopause at age 35 but remained unaware of cervical cancer symptoms. On July 18, 2024, she visited our Kiosk at Government Hospital Chandrapur, where our team conducted an initial screening and referred her for testing. However, Chandrapur's hospital lacked biopsy facilities, requiring her to travel 150 km to Sawangi for confirmation.

Initially hesitant due to financial and logistical constraints, she finally agreed after intensive counseling. On July 30, 2024, her biopsy confirmed moderately differentiated squamous cell carcinoma. She immediately began chemotherapy and radiation therapy, followed by brachytherapy. Today, thanks to early intervention and the dedicated support of our patient navigator, she is on the path to recovery.

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Assam Cancer Care Foundation (ACCF) is a joint initiative of the Government of Assam and Tata Trusts, established to implement the Assam Cancer Care Project through a step-down cancer care model across seventeen district hospitals.

As of March 2025, nine hospitals in Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Barpeta, Silchar, Jorhat, Lakhimpur, Darrang, Tezpur, and Kokrajhar are operational, while the remaining eight hospitals in Diphu, Dhubri, Golaghat, Tinsukia, Sivasagar, Nagaon, Nalbari, and Goalpara are at various stages of construction, with completion expected between 2025 and 2027.

The Assam Cancer Care Foundation's community outreach program screened over 7.17 lakh individuals through door-to-door screenings and conducted 1.46 lakh physical screenings over FY 2024-25.

Key Metrics Summary

Total Door-to-Door Screenings
7,16,411

Physical Screenings Conducted
1,46,214

Cancer Suspects Identified
1,718

Confirmed Cases
248

Awareness Sessions Conducted
15,343

Front-line Workers/Informal Healthcare
Providers/General Practitioner Trained:
3,720

Number of Patients Provided
with Home-based Palliative Care:
840



Chandrapur

Bringing Quality Cancer Care Closer to Home:
Chandrapur Initiative

Chandrapur Cancer Care Foundation (CCCF), a collaborative effort between the Government of Maharashtra, Directorate of Medical Education and Research (DMER), District Mineral Foundation (DMF), and Tata Trusts, is establishing a dedicated cancer centre within the Government Medical College & Hospital, Chandrapur. Supported by TCCF, the unit has received advanced medical equipment to strengthen radiology, radiotherapy, nuclear medicine, and allied services.

The centre is expected to become fully operational in FY 2025-26, delivering accessible, high-quality cancer care to the region.



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Collaboration & **Partnership**

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Our partners have enabled us to extend the reach and effectiveness of cancer care to those who need it most. We are deeply grateful to our stakeholders for their vital role in advancing our mission—delivering accessible, affordable, and high-quality care at every level, and ultimately reducing the cancer burden.

Through their support—funding critical medical equipment, strengthening public health systems, and supporting cancer diagnosis and treatment—these collaborations go beyond assistance. They create scale, sustainability, and impact, helping us bring equitable cancer care closer to every community.

Together, we are not just providing care; we are shaping a future where quality cancer treatment is a reality for all.

Redefining Cancer Care Reach Since 2020

What began in 2020 as a collaboration has evolved into a transformative force in India's cancer care landscape. Our partnership with Pfizer India addresses a fundamental truth: early detection requires both technology and human capacity. This partnership exemplifies modern healthcare at its finest: private sector resources meeting public health needs, with measurable impact.

Expanding Access:

Cancer screening services now reach eligible populations across five states—Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Assam, Maharashtra, and Odisha. Geography no longer determines destiny.

Strengthening Systems:

Beyond individual screenings, this collaboration fortifies the entire public health infrastructure, creating sustainable models of cancer response that endure beyond funding cycles.

Building Capability:

Frontline health workers undergo rigorous training programs, emerging as skilled practitioners capable of identifying early warning signs, conducting preliminary screenings, and connecting patients to definitive care.



New Initiatives and Strategic Alliances

Manshakti – Cancer Support Group

Through the CSR initiative of Pfizer and supported by V Care Foundation, 'Manshakti' - Cancer Support Group was launched in RCHRC in February 2025 and at SVICCAR in March 2025. The Manshakti platform aims to provide emotional strength, shared experiences, and holistic healing for cancer patients and their caregivers. It is a safe space where individuals battling cancer - both past and present - can find encouragement, exchange insights, and learn about crucial aspects of well-being beyond medical treatment.



Avenue Supermarts Ltd. Partnership

In March 2025, Avenue Supermarts Ltd. (ASL)—which operates the DMart supermarket chain—formalized a partnership with TCCF to address a critical but often overlooked need: patient accommodation. ASL has committed to financing and facilitating the construction of a dedicated Patients' Accommodation Building in Ranchi, Jharkhand. For families traveling long distances for treatment, safe, accessible accommodation isn't a luxury—it's a necessity. This partnership ensures that financial constraints and logistical barriers don't prevent patients from accessing the care they need.

State Bank of India (SBI):

SBI's support enabled the procurement of an Operating Microscope for SVICCAR, Tirupati - a precision instrument that directly enhances our surgical capabilities and improves patient outcomes in complex procedures.



Universal MEP Projects & Engineering Services Limited (UMPESL):

UMPESL demonstrated multifaceted commitment through dual contributions: reinforcing the Beneficiary Support Fund (BSF) at SVICCAR, Tirupati, and financing the procurement of a PET-CT scanner at RCHRC, Ranchi. PET-CT technology is indispensable for accurate cancer diagnosis and staging—the foundation of effective treatment planning.

Strengthening the Beneficiary Support Fund: A Coalition of Impact:

The Beneficiary Support Fund at both SVICCAR (Tirupati) and RCHRC (Ranchi) exists to ensure that financial constraints don't determine treatment access. This year, a diverse coalition of partners reinforced this critical resource: Tata Trusts, Federal Bank Hormis Memorial Foundation, Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited (CMPDIL), Universal MEP Projects & Engineering Services Limited (UMPESL), Allied Digital Services Limited, Bloombay Enterprises Private Limited, DMG Events India Pvt. Ltd., United Way of Mumbai, Param Charitable Trust, Raise Fintech Ventures Pvt. Ltd., and generous individual donors including Mr. & Mrs. Badlani.

These contributions directly cover diagnostic and treatment costs for economically vulnerable patients—enabling early intervention, improving treatment outcomes, and preventing dropout from ongoing care programs.



Your Support Shapes
Every Journey We Take

With the steadfast support of our donors and collaborators, we at TCCF continue to expand our reach and deepen our impact across India. Our mission is clear: engage individuals and communities through a comprehensive approach to cancer care—from awareness and early detection to accessible screening, affordable diagnostics and treatment, and an unwavering continuum of care.



We invite you to partner with us in this transformative journey because your support directly enables us to:

Remove Financial Barriers

Fund critical diagnostic tests and life-saving treatments for families who cannot afford them, ensuring economic circumstances never determine survival.

Strengthen Healthcare Workforce

Build capacity among frontline health workers, including doctors, nurses, and patient navigators—the human infrastructure that enables compassionate care.

Develop Essential Infrastructure

Support patient and healthcare worker accommodation, advanced medical equipment, and facilities that bring world-class care closer to communities.

Ensure Complete Care Journeys

Enhance our continuum of care so that every patient receives support from first screening through recovery and beyond—because no one should face cancer alone or be left behind.

Every contribution creates a lasting impact. Every partnership strengthens our collective ability to reach more families, save more lives, and build healthier communities. Together, we are creating a future where equitable cancer care is not a privilege reserved for a few but a fundamental right accessible to all Indians.



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