

## Big facility for childhood cancer patients to open in Mumbai

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### St Judes and Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research and Education in Cancer to launch 226-unit facility



St Judes India, along with the Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research and Education in Cancer (ACTREC) – part of Tata Memorial Centre – recently held the groundbreaking ceremony for their 12-storey building that will house 226 families at the ACTREC campus in Kharghar, Navi Mumbai.

The facility aims to support and empower over 34,000 cancer-stricken families with quality education, shelter, nutrition, skill building, counselling, and transport facilities over a span of 20 years.

Housing 226 families at a time, the Navi Mumbai campus will ensure a safe and clean environment for underprivileged families during their child's cancer treatment. It will build an ecosystem for children to overcome the uncertainties of ill health with constant psychological and physical support. The centre will also simultaneously prepare them for a healthier and progressive future with future-ready skillsets.

St. Judes currently operates in nine cities with 40 centres across India, impacting more than 504 families with a 'home away from home' for children undergoing cancer treatment. The NGO also partnered with Star Insurance in November 2021 to provide a one-of-a-kind insurance cover of care for children who have recovered from cancer.