

Accomplishments of SVIMS & Sri Balaji Arogya Varaprasidini Scheme (SBAVP) Donations

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SVIMS was established in 1993 the holy place of Tirupati under the aegis of the Lord Balaji's Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) to bring together the most advanced medical technologies for alleviation of ailments and mitigation of human suffering. It attained the status of University through an Act of Andhra Pradesh Legislature (No.12/1995).

Since 1993 the progress made at SVIMS is spectacular: the flow of out-patients from 24,732 in 1993 to 5,68,108 in 2017 ,and in-patients from 2086 in 1993 to 40,138 in 2017; and in 2017 alone, a total of 20,98,996 medical investigations, 10756 surgeries and 4,941 cardiac interventional procedures were performed at SVIMS with state-of-the-art equipments. During the period 2007-2017, through the Andhra Pradesh government's supported "Aarogyasri / Dr.NTR Vaidya Seva Scheme", SVIMS extended totally free or subsidised care to about 1,12,525 poor patients, worth about Rs.336 Crores, with 27,671 receiving surgical care and 84,854 receiving medical treatment. During this same period, Rs. 261 crores worth of free care was provided to the patient population below poverty line, who were covered under public financing system, wherein the cost of care was not reimbursed. Through TTD supported 'Pranadana scheme', over 17172 adults and children have undergone life-saving procedures free of out-of-pocket expenditure. So far SVIMS has conducted free medical camps and screened /treated a total of patients towards community outreach and population health benefit. The institute also offers education and training in diverse medical sciences viz., under graduate (MBBS), post graduate (MD/MS) and super specialty courses (DM/MCh) in modern medicine and 66 different UG/PG courses in allied health sciences. It supports research and development activities in the areas of Medical and Allied Health Sciences, including an expanding PhD programme. For further detailed information on SVIMS, please visit our website <http://svimstpt.ap.nic.in> .

It is of note that SVIMS has been approved on permanent basis (effective 1-4-2005) under Section 35(1)(ii) of the Income Tax Act of Central Government, to receive donations in the category of University partly engaged in research activities. Thereby, for the donations to SVIMS (Sri Balaji Arogya Vara Prasadini Scheme), the donor will get IT exemption to an amount equal to one and half times (i.e., @ 100 %) of any sum paid . The donors are provided certain uniform privileges by the TTD at Tirumala Hills including special Darshan of Lord Venkateswara, apart from special privileges accorded by SVIMS itself.

The institute has utilized such donations to fund clinical and translational research in order to bring innovations in diagnostics and therapeutics for the benefit of all patients in need in addition to supporting conferences, seminars, workshops, CME programmes and guest lecturers promoting clinical research. These donations also provide an opportunity for the faculty & students of SVIMS to participate in state/national/international conferences, present their research findings and acquire firsthand experience regarding latest advances in medical sciences and technologies. Since 1993, with the help of SBAVP donations, a total of 1671 research papers have been published by the faculty of SVIMS in various indexed national & international journals apart from publishing its own journal of international standard-"Journal of Clinical Scientific Research (JCSR)". Every year Rs.1 Crore is allocated to the Central Library of SVIMS, for purchase of medical books and subscriptions to print & on-line journals.

During SVIMS Silver Jubilee celebrations recently (Feb.26th, 2018) two centres of excellence were announced : Centre for Quality, Patient Safety & Leadership Academy; and Institute for Lung Disorders. Naming opportunity for these centres of excellence will be considered for large donations (eg. Rs. 10 crores or more). In the Indian context, these two centres will aim to : (i) reduce preventable hospital deaths through improving patient safety systems, and (ii) address lung disorders of various causes, which are expected to be the second highest cause of deaths in the coming decade. Another important initiative is "Pink Bus" that will be continuous community outreach program to screen all women in the region (staring with 1.8 million of covering 15 million population) for preventable cancers : breast, uterine cervix and oral cavity.

Please donate to the above noble cause and send your donations through a Demand Draft drawn in favour of the Director-cum-VC, SVIMS (or) in favour of the Executive Officer, T.T.D's to the Director-cum-VC, Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS), Tirupati – 517 507, A.P, India. For further information, please contact O/o Director-cum-VC (phone nos. 0877- 2287152/2286131) and O/o Accounts Officer (phone nos. 0877/2288895).

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