

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams

SRI BALAJI INSTITUTE OF ONCOLOGY (Blue Field Project)

SVIMS University, Tirupati

BRIEF SUMMARY

It is the aspiration of Honourable Chief Minister to have a Comprehensive Cancer Care project in Andhra Pradesh for service to the cancer patients, which would be the first of its kind in the country and in accordance with the Government's plan to build three Comprehensive Cancer Care Centres in Andhra Pradesh, one each in **SVIMS-Tirupati**, Chinakakani-Guntur and KGH- Visakhapatnam.

In the progress towards establishment of Comprehensive Cancer Care Centre at SVIMS, Tirupati **Dr Nori Dattatreyyudu**, the world renowned Oncologist, during his 1st visit to SVIMS, Tirupati in March, 2022 along with the Chairman, TTD Board of Trustees and Chairman-cum-Chancellor, SVIMS University, Tirupati Sri. Y.V. Subba Reddy garu inspected the Surgical Oncology, Medical Oncology and Radiation Oncology departments in SVIMS and on his subsequent visit to SVIMS in May 2022, Dr. Nori Dattatreyyudu suggested to establish One Comprehensive Cancer Care Centre at SVIMS as one among the 3 centres planned in AP. He also suggested the centre to be named as **Sri Balaji Institute of Oncology – an International Centre for Advanced Cancer Research** and the main objective of Sri BIO is to establish a **world class cancer hospital** where poor & needy are treated on par with corporate hospitals

In the next visit in September 2022 he has identified the under-construction building at SVIMS (G + 5) with approx. area of 3 Lakh SFT to be modified as per the requirements of establishing Sri Balaji Institute of Oncology. TTD has appointed a Special Officer in October 2022 to take this project forward.

The Governing Council, SVIMS in its meetings held on 10.06.2022 and 20.10.2022 has agreed in principle to establish Sri Balaji Institute of Oncology.

Review meeting was conducted by Hon'ble Advisor, Comprehensive Cancer Care, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh Dr. Nori Dattatreyyudu Garu, Hon'ble Chancellor, SVIMS University & Chairman TTD Board of Trustees, Sri Y.V. Subba Reddy Garu and Dr. B. Vengamma, Director-cum-VC, SVIMS along with state govt and TTD officials on

23/12/2022 which has concluded with an appreciation on work done till date and also gave guidelines for further plan of action so as to get Sri BIO ready to inaugurate by **October 2023**.

The proposals for establishing Sri Balaji Institute of Oncology were placed in institutional bodies of SVIMS and TTD board for approvals:

- I) **Finance Committee, SVIMS** dated 23.11.2022
- II) **Executive Body, SVIMS** dated 12.01.2023
- III) **Governing Council, SVIMS** dated 20.01.2023

Accordingly, the subject was placed before the **TTD Board for approval** on 15.02.2023 and the TTD Board resolved to accord in principle approval to take up required modifications & interior works in E&F blocks of Sri Padmavathi Medical College and Bunker blocks at SVIMS premises, Tirupati for establishment of Sri Balaji Institute of Oncology (SBIO), with the funds of TTD and to execute the work through APMSIDC, duly verifying the connected estimates by TTD engineering department.

Further, it was placed in the **TTD Board on 15.04.2023** with an estimated DPR of Rs. 140 crores for civil works of Sri BIO. The TTD Board approved the proposal with a budget of Rs.124.00 crores.

TTD Board on 15.04.2023 also resolved to procure two Mobile Cancer Screening buses along with manpower for conducting Cancer Screening along with district health department. Pilot project will be started from Tirupati district.

Apart from the above resolutions, regular review meetings were conducted by Executive Officer, TTDs on 10.02.2023, 17.02.2023, 25.03.2023 & 11.04.2023 and JEO (H&E), TTDs on 24.12.2022, 10.01.2023 & 09.03.2023 to discuss about the status of the action plan to proceed and implement the instructions given by Dr. Nori Dattatreyyudu and Sri Y.V. Subba Reddy garu, Chairman, TTD Board of Trustees.

Dr. Nori Dattatreyyudu, the world renowned Oncologist, met with Health Minister and Principal Secretary, Department of Health and Medical, Govt., of Andhra Pradesh along with concern Comprehensive Cancer Care officers of State Government and Special Officer, Sri BIO to know the status of progress of the CCC project in Andhra Pradesh on 06.03.2023 and it was appraised by APMSIDC that the SBIO project will be handed over by **31.12.2023**.

Sri Balaji Institute of Oncology will be having the below mentioned **Centres of Excellence**.

- Bone Marrow Transplant unit
- Cancer Registry
- Genomics
- Geriatric Oncology
- Medical Oncology
- Nuclear Medicine
- Oncopathology
- Paediatric Oncology
- Pain & Palliation
- Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
- Preventive Oncology
- Radiation Oncology
- Radiodiagnosis
- Surgical Oncology

Existing departments of Surgical Oncology and Medical Oncology will be completely shifted to Sri Balaji Institute of Oncology once the new block is operational. One unit of Radiation Oncology department will be shifted as existing bunkers in SVIMS are still functional.

Sri BIO is a 400 bedded ultra modern comprehensive care centre for cancer and allied specialties with state of art equipment and world class facilities spread across 3 lakh SFT, under construction by APMSIDC and funded by TTD with DPR of Rs. 124 crores for interior works of E&F blocks modification and additional construction of bunker block.

As a part of capacity building, foundation course in Palliative Medicine was conducted in December, 2022 and Palliative division was started from February, 2023. We have also started Cancer Registry which is the first in the entire state.

Inaugurated newly procured Mobile Cancer Screening Unit on 04.02.2024 and started Awareness on Cancer and Screening for Prevention and Early Detection and Treatment in Tirupati District along with district health department.

SBIO is near completion and will be ready for inauguration in June, 2024.