

Celebration of India's First Indigenous CAR-T cell Therapy to the Nation

Our alumini **Mr. Juber Pendhari** who are therapy's principal clinical investigator at Tata Memorial Centre. On April 4, 2024, The Honourable President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu Launched and Dedicated India's First Indigenous CAR-T cell Therapy to the Nation. The historic occasion was marked by the Guest of Honour, Shri. Ramesh Bais, (Honourable Governor of Maharashtra), Prof. Subhasis Chaudhuri (Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay), Dr. Sudeep Gupta (Professor of Medical Oncology & Director of Tata Memorial Centre), the therapy's principal clinical investigators at Tata Memorial Centre - Dr. Hasmukh Jain & Dr. (Srg Cdr) Gaurav Narula, and the therapy's innovation team led by Dr. Rahul Purwar, Dr. Alka Dwivedi, Dr. Atharva Karulkar, Ms. Shreshtha Shah, Ms. Afrin Rafiq, and **Mr. Juber Pendhari**.

Madam President Murmu in her address on the occasion said, "The therapy being launched today is, of course, a major step - in fact, a new milestone in the journey of healthcare innovation in India. It puts us on the global map of advanced medical care as well as on the elite list of countries, which have access to this most innovative technology platform. I gather it has already received high praise from experts abroad. What we have before us is also an inspiring example of making academic research practical and viable. I am told this therapy will be available across the country in major cancer hospitals, providing new hope to patients and their families. Moreover, this affordable treatment can be made available to all patients across the world. That will be in tune with our vision of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'."

