## Naveen lays foundation of cancer hosp

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Bhubaneswar: Chief minister Naveen Patnaik laid the foundation of Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre on NISER campus in Jatani near Bhubaneswar.

The state-of-the-art facility and research centre will be of global standardwith a 200bed cancer hospital, which will be fully commissioned by December 2025.

"This facility will be a great boost for people of Odisha in treatment of cancer. People will not have to go to Mumbai or other big cities for treatment," the CM said after laving the foundation stone, adding that the hospital will save people from financial and mental distress to a great extent. Apart from Odisha, cancer patients of neighbouring states like Jharkhand, Bihar, West Bengal and Chhattisgarh will also benefit, he added.

Naveen thanked the department of atomic energy, government of India, NISER



and Tata Steel Foundation and Tata Memorial Centre for providing support to set up this facility.

The state government will provide a wide access road, direct transport support through Mo Bus facility along with top-class bus stops

and a dedicated fire station near the cancer hospital. This hospital will also be empanelled under Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana to provide free healthcare to patients of Odisha.

The Odisha government has provided over 65 acres of

land and Rs 150 crore for establishment of a Medical Cyclotron facility here. This will be the most advanced research-level Cyclotron in Asia, sources said.

Tata Steel Foundation will build the hospital at a cost of Rs 250 crore.

