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Kokilaben Hospital launches Children's Heart Centre

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The Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital launched its Children's Heart Centre, Western India's first comprehensive institute to treat congenital heart diseases, with a dedicated round-the-clock team of paediatric cardiologists.

The centre, with world-class facilities, encompasses the specialities of Paediatric Cardiology, Paediatric and Congenital Heart Surgery, Paediatric Cardiac Anaesthesia, Paediatric Cardiac Intensive care areas, supported by specially-trained paediatric perfusionists, nurses and respiratory therapists.

Inaugurating the centre, the Maharashtra Governor, Mr S.C. Jamir, said, "Nearly 1.80 lakh children are born with heart defects. While there are super speciality hospitals for heart diseases of the elders, there are very few heart care centres exclusively for treating heart defects in infants and children. With

the creation of the Children's Heart Centre, the Ambani Hospital has bridged this critical gap."

"I have no doubt that Mumbai will emerge as a major centre for complex heart surgeries in all age-groups, especially among new born children and infants," he added.

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Ms Tina Ambani, Chairperson of the hospital, said, "About 10 per cent of children in India are suffering from cardiac problems. We wanted to do something so that these children could get best care and treatment similar to that of international standards. As a result of which, the centre was launched."

The passion she has to serve the community is what drove her to set up the centre that would treat children at affordable fee, says Ms Ambani, who was on this project for the last couple of months.



Little hearts: (left) The Chairperson of Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital, Ms Tina A. Ambani, Dr Suresh Rao, the Governor of Maharashtra, Mr S.C. Jamir and Ms Jamir at the inauguration of Children's Heart Centre in Mumbai on Sunday. — Shashi Ashiwal