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Rotaract club to fulfil wishes of children with cancer

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KHARGHAR: On March 17, popular cartoon character 'Chhota Bheem' will make his presence felt at the Tata Memorial Cancer Research Centre in Kharghar as he will play with and hand out gifts to children undergoing treatment there.

Organised by the youth wing of the Rotaract Club of New Bombay (RCNB), 'Iecha-Make a wish' is an annual initiative, where volunteers of the club try to fulfil the wishes of under-privileged children.

As the event enters its fifth leg this year, the club has decided to visit the hospital. They have



Volunteers had previously met the children on February 17 to note down their wishes.

collaborated with 'Kanchan Foundation', a not-for-profit from Navi Mumbai for the event. The club has also roped in 'Chhota

Bheem' by Green Gold Animation to make the day enjoyable for children.

"As a part of our annual activ-

ities, we visit orphanages and take down wishes from each child and try to fulfil them," said Prasad Sarode, secretary, RCNB.

In the first phase of the event, Rotaractors along with representatives from the Kanchan Foundation, had met these children on February 17 and noted down their wishes.

Volunteers interacted with the children, played games and distributed fruits among them. "Many children wanted simple things such as chocolate, cricket bat, dolls and kitchen sets.

However, most wanted Chhota Bheem merchandises such as T-shirts and toys. Hence, we decided to invite the Chhota Bheem team to join us in this ini-

tiative. It is a small step to bring a smile on the faces of these brave children," said Kanchan Todi, founder of the Kanchan Foundation.

"Many individual donors have also come forward to sponsor the wishes of these children," added Todi.

A special fair will be organised in the hospital premises, where a number of activities, such as magic show and games will be arranged for the kids.

"Our club is known for its community work and Iecha has been our flagship project. It gives us enormous joy to spread happiness among these little fighters," said Srijjeeta Ghosh, president, RCNB.

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Chhota Bheem gives succour to ailing kids

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KHARGHAR: Popular cartoon character 'Chhota Bheem' gave gifts and played with 47 children who are undergoing cancer treatment at St. Jude India Child Care Centre situated inside the Tata Memorial Cancer Hospital, Kharghar, on last Sunday.

Organised under the project name 'Iecha-Make a Wish', this was an initiative taken by Kanchan Foundation (TKF) Team and the Rotaract Club of New Bombay (RCNB).

The youth wing of the RCNB, along with TKF team, has been working for the last 30 days



Cartoon character 'Chhota Bheem' along with children afflicted with cancer at Tata Memorial Cancer Hospital. BACHCHAN KUMAR

under their 'Iecha-Make a wish', an annual initiative, where volunteers of the club try to fulfill the wishes of under-privileged

children. In the fifth leg of the programme this year, the project team met the children from rural and urban India, who are

battling cancer, with the support from Tata Memorial Hospital at Kharghar.

"In the first phase of our event, Rotaractors along with representatives from the Kanchan Foundation, had met these children on February 17 and a common wish of most children was to meet the cartoon character 'Chhota Bheem'. Thus we spoke to makers of the character in Hyderabad and decided to bring Chhota Bheem to meet the children," said Kanchan Todi, founder, TKF.

The project Iecha team organised a grand fun mela for the children at the hospital in Kharghar, wherein Chhota Bheem distributed gifts.