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Bad guy of films Mukesh Rishi impresses the little wards at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology



IT was a day full of fun and frolic for the children at the paediatric ward in the Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology as Bollywood actor Mukesh Rishi visited the hospital as a guest of the Samiksha Foundation, recently. The actor, better known for his villainous roles in Hindi and South Indian films, surprised the little ones with the loving and caring side of his persona that is hardly ever portrayed on screen.

Rishi spent about an hour interacting with the brave little lives fighting with cancer — sharing some light moments and cheering them



up.

The children welcomed Rishi enthusiastically and broke into a spontaneous song. Overjoyed at the tête-à-tête with the special guest, the children said that they found the interaction exhilarating and that his visit will remain one of the most mem-

orable days of their lives.

Ratika, a UKG student who had come from Nepal for treatment, impressed Rishi by speaking in five languages. "Children are such quick learners as they put their heart totally in what they do, we should learn from them," said Rishi.

The actor also complimented Samiksha Foundation — a Bangalore-based non-profit organisation providing educational, recreational and spiritual support to children with life-threatening illnesses. On an average the foundation takes care of 50 children, up to 14 years of age, at a time.

In the hospital ward, the foundation conducts educational programmes to help the children continue with their regular academics along with the treatment. It also focuses on the recovery process of children by a multitude of interventions like yoga programmes, creative workshops, art therapy and other activities.

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Back in action

SANDRA BULLOCK AND RYAN REYNOLDS TO REUNITE

HER personal life may have been messy in recent times but Hollywood actress Sandra Bullock is still upbeat about her professional work and will be seen teaming



up with her former co-star Ryan Reynolds in a new action comedy, *Most Wanted*. The actress, who recently made her first public appearance since her split from husband Jesse James, is attached to the upcoming project that could see her up with Reynolds, who co-starred with her in *The Proposal*. "The project is currently in development and she is looking forward to reading the script," said Bullock's representative.

That's an additional job

NATALIE PORTMAN NEW FACE OF CHRISTIAN DIOR

ISRAELI-AMERICAN actress Natalie Portman has been named as the new face of Parfums Christian Dior. It's the first time the 28-year-old actress has represented a



fragrance and cosmetics brand, *Women's Wear Daily* reported. Apart from Portman, other star celebrities endorsing the fashion house in advertisements include Sharon Stone, Charlize Theron, Monica Bellucci, Jude Law and Alain Delon. The *Closer* star has constantly maintained that she couldn't handle any other job than being an actress except maybe working as a bike messenger.

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