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PM Modi flooded with pledges seeking urgent national policy for paediatric cancer

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On the occasion of World Cancer Day, kids with cancer and their parents from across India are writing letters to the PM and urging for a national plan and policy for childhood cancer in India.

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The young cancer survivor group have been leading 'Haqkibaat campaign' and asking their Mann Ki Baat PM for a National plan for childhood cancer. A cancer awareness rally will leave for PMO on Feb 15, International Childhood Cancer Day from AIIMS to Lok kalyan Marg.

Poonam Bagaisaid, Chairman, Cankids, said, "WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC) has set a target of 60 per cent of survival for children with cancer in Low Middle-Income Country like ours and to reduce the suffering for all children with cancer by 2030. In the High-Income countries 80 per cent of children with cancer will Survive but in the Low-and Middle-Income Countries, only 20 per cent of children will survive. This data reflects that we are in serious war in fight against cancer – childhood cancer is the low hanging fruit and its high time to have a national Childhood Cancer Plan and Policy to make it a health priority of India.