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Free heart check-up for children on April 23

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Almost 95% of children with congenital heart disease are not getting proper treatment in India, Renu P. Kurup, cardiologist at Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi, says.

She told reporters here that each year, around 2.5 lakh children were born with heart problems in the country, and that the number was the highest in the world. "Though these diseases can be cured through surgery, lack of proper diagnosis and treatment is leading to child deaths," she said.

Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Rotary International will conduct a free camp at PVS Hospital, Kozhikode, on April 23, and 100 children selected at the camp will be offered free heart surgery.

Children aged below 18 with heart problems or symptoms can contact 7034028610 for a free check-up at the camp.

