## The National Deworming Week

Pune, Maharashtra | 13th to 20th February, 2024



In addition to fostering children's academic growth, it's crucial to prioritise their physical development, which is significantly influenced by outdoor activities. And even though much precaution and care is taken, outdoor play can predispose children to various illnesses, notably worm infections, which are particularly prevalent in early childhood.

Worm infestations can compromise children's physical well-being, consequently hindering their overall personal development. These infections

contribute to malnutrition and anemia, perpetuating a cycle of weakness and fatigue in affected children. This not only impedes their physical and intellectual progress but also undermines their ability to concentrate on studies.

Recognising the severity of worm infestations among children, the Government of India has initiated several measures to combat them. One such effort is the National Deworming Week, which was scheduled by the Health Department from 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

The primary aim of the campaign was to distribute deworming medication to children aged 1 to 6 years and both school-going and non-school-going children aged 6 to 19 years at schools. The endeavor sought to enhance children's health, nutritional status, education, and overall quality of life

And thus, with student's holistic progress and overall health being the prime focus of S.B. Patil Public School, the programme was also implemented and carried out from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

Albendazole tablets were given to schools which were then distributed to all students (or their parents) aged 3 years to 19 years as it is deemed a safe deworming medication for both children and adults with minimal side effects.

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