



# albendazole

## Why In News?

On April 22, 2022, more than 50 children who were given **Albendazole** medicine at Shah Zubair Middle School Ghorhat in Munger, Bihar fell ill.

## Key Points

- Albendazole is an evidence-based, globally accepted, effective solution of worming, which is used to control worm infestation in all children.
- It is in this context that the National Deworming Days were started in 2015 by the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**, which is celebrated on 10 February and 10 August every year.
- It aims to eradicate intestinal worms, also known as soil-transmitted helminths (STHs), in children aged 1-19 years.
- Significantly, intestinal worms live in the human intestine in a parasitic form and consume nutrients and vitamins to make children malnourished.

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