STATE FAMILY WELFARE BUREAU OBSERVES “NATIONAL DE-WORMING DAY”.

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Chief Medical Officer, State Family Welfare Bureau Dr. Vandana Dhume administered Albendazole tablet to the students of People’s High School at Mala Panaji to mark the launching of “National De-worming Day”. The function was organized by State Family Welfare Bureau in association with Urban Health Centre Panaji today.

National De-worming Day is a ground breaking initiative focused on reducing the threat of parasitic worm infections; a widespread health issue affecting over 241 million children in India has the highest burden of soil-transmitted helminths, parasitic worms in the world. Parasitic worms in children interfere with nutrient uptake, and can contribute to anaemia, malnourishment, and impaired mental and physical development. According to the 2012 report 'Children in India', published by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Govt. of India, 48% of children under the age of five years are stunted and 19.8% are wasted, indicating that half of the country's children are malnourished.

Dr. Dhume while speaking explained the importance of the initiative of de-worming drive by the Government. The main focus has been given on Schools and Anganwadis as they are target groups to educate about de-worming and to get the purpose fulfilled. She urged community as a whole to respond and help to make children and society healthy.

The Head Mistress of the Peoples High School Smt. Vibhuti Bhave in her address said that the cause of problems of stomach pain among children is worm. Therefore regular de-worming is necessary. Worms are parasites in the stomach utilise intake nutrients which leads to malnutrition. She cautioned the students to take proper care, follow measures of cleanliness to keep away worm disease.

Dr. Manisha Kamat through power point presentation enlightened the participants about the cause of worm disease, its effects on health, prevention measures, to create healthy society.

Medical; Officer, Dr.Sunita Perani, Counsellor Smt. Deepa Mandrekar, Programme Officer Smt. Medha Pednekar, staff of SFWB and others attended the function.
Dr. Rajendra Kanekar compered the function.

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