

## DIARY NOTE

National Deworming Day – (10<sup>th</sup> August 2018)

Parasitic intestinal worm infections are a significant public health concern for India. According to WHO, around 220 million (22 crore) children aged 1-14 are estimated to be at risk of worm infections. Worms have a detrimental effect on children's physical growth, anemia, undernutrition, cognitive development, and school attendance.

The Departments of Medical, Health & Family Welfare, Education and ICDS of Government of (*Insert State Name*) have been organizing the *anganwadi* and school-based mass deworming program called the National Deworming Day (NDD) since (*insert year*). Under National Deworming Day, all children aged 1-19 years are administered the deworming tablet, Albendazole at schools, junior colleges, *anganwadis* and other institutions on a fixed day across the country.

Children will be administered Albendazole tablet for deworming, which is the safe and beneficial drug as per WHO and the Government of India. Children who have high worm load may experience nausea, headache, diarrhea, or vomiting after consuming the tablet which will subside in 2-3 hours post administration. All emergency medical facilities are in place, if they are needed. No child will be administered the tablet forcefully. Children who are sick or under some medication will not be dewormed. Those children who were left out due to absenteeism or any other reason will be dewormed on mop-up day to be held on (**mop-up day date**).

A note has been enclosed to provide more details about National Deworming Day.

Let us join hands to help our children lead a healthier and wormfree life.

You may speak with the class teacher/ headmaster if you have any query about National Deworming Day.

You can visit [www.NHM.gov.in](http://www.NHM.gov.in) for more information.