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6989	10.09.2022	14.09.2022	Salem Tamil Nadu	www.news9live.com/English https://www.news9live.com/state/tamil-nadu/over-100-girl-students-fall-sick-after-taking-de-worming-medication-in-tamil-nadus-salem-195042
Title:	Over 100 girl students fell sick after taking de-worming medication in Salem, Tamil Nadu			
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Around 115 students of a higher secondary school fell sick. Many students developed giddiness, nausea, and vomiting. Parents of the ailing students sought a probe into the matter. Around 115 students of a government girl's higher secondary school at Attur in Salem district of Tamil Nadu fell sick allegedly after consuming deworming medicine on Friday.

Sources said the girl students developed giddiness, nausea and vomiting after consuming the tablets given to them by the state health department as part of a special drive to mark National Deworming day.

A few hours after they consumed the deworming pills, the students complained of abdominal pain, vomiting and diarrhoea around noon on Friday.

Following this, the students were rushed to the Attur Government Hospital through 108 ambulances.

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Initially, there were 50 girl students mostly studying in classes IX and X who fell sick but the number increased to over 100 in the evening.

Meanwhile, the parents of the ailing students and the villagers panicked by the incident gathered in large numbers at the hospital and sought an investigation into the matter.

Reacting to the incident, Ma Subramanian, the state Health Minister said a special medical team is treating them. The student's health condition is stable. Around 45 students were already discharged and 70 others are under observation."

While talking about the possible reason behind students falling ill, the Health Minister said, 'Out of 2,600 students in the school, about 900 were given tablets. They might have consumed the medicine empty stomach instead of having it after food. It could be because of the fear of taking the tablet or seeing other students fall ill, or anxiety."

As many as 3.24 lakh pills have been distributed in Salem district so far as part of the State government's de-worming drive for children and students.

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