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Title:	Over 24 students contract food poisoning after consuming mid-day meal in Bhagalpur district, Bihar			
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Over two dozen students in Jhallu Das Tola Middle School contracted food poisoning after consuming mid-day meals in Bihar's Bhagalpur district, reported IANS.

Following the incident, the district civil surgeon, sub-divisional officer, district education officer, block development officer, and police personnel of Naugachia reached the hospital and took stock of the situation.

According to officials, the school administration had prepared rice, pulses, and vegetables inside the school premises. After consuming the meal and entering the classroom, more than two dozen students between the age group of 10 to 14 complained about vomiting and loose motion, reported IANS.

The school principal immediately took them to nearby hospitals for treatment and their conditions are said to be stable now. Officials have collected samples of the food consumed and sent it to a lab for testing and further investigation into the incident reported IANS.

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Earlier this month, a school principal in Bihar stole mid-day meal rice and was exposed by playing children. The children dropped the ball they were playing with into a well and found sacks of rice stashed there when they went looking for it. As per the law, every school in India receives Rs 4.48 per child for a midday meal from the government. In this way, if a school has a strength of 100, it will get Rs 450 per day.

The mid-day meal scheme was launched in the year 1995 to lure more underprivileged kids to school so that they can study without worrying about a meal. The scheme was implemented by the government to better the nutrition levels of children across the country. The provision for cooked food came into effect in 2004 at the direction of the Supreme Court.

According to a report in the Indian Express, an estimated 4.88 lakh children were left out of the midday meal scheme in Delhi "due to shortage of foodgrains", as recorded by a Union government document.

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