



Anti-Filaria Campaign

Why In News?

- Recently, the state health department has started an anti-filaria campaign to root out filaria (Hathi Paon) across Bihar, including Patna.

Key Points

- Under this campaign, a target has been made to give dose of anti-filaria medicine to 2 crore 22 lakh 85 thousand 279 people in the whole of Bihar. Along with this, Malaria and Kalazar communication complex will also be started soon.
- According to officials, the Anti-Filariasis Drive was started in July this year, initially in the districts of Nawada, Samastipur, Rohtas, Lakhisarai and Nalanda, anti-filaria drugs were distributed under this drive.
- The campaign aims to provide medicines to every household in backward villages and small towns through ASHA workers and local government health workers.
- It is noteworthy that lymphatic filariasis is one of the most prevalent, but most neglected diseases in tropical diseases, which causes serious economic and social harm along with making human beings weak. It is a mosquito-borne disease.

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