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<b>Title:</b>	<b>30 kids fell ill after eating forest fruit in district Gaya, Bihar</b>			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Gaya, SSU-Bihar			

Altogether 30 children of Balsota Middle School under Banke Bazar police station area of the district fell ill on Friday after eating a local forest fruit. Soon after eating the forest fruit, children started vomiting and some of them, as per reports reaching the district headquarters even lost consciousness and their condition became serious. The children were immediately rushed to the Sherghati sub-divisional hospital.

Confirming the incident of children falling ill, Gaya district magistrate Kumar Ravisaid children were undergoing treatment in government hospital. All the children were out of danger, he added. The Sherghati subdivisional officer (SDO) was camping in the hospital and the civil surgeon has been asked to ensure proper treatment of children.

According to Prof Ataur Rahman, MG College, Gaya, the fruit-bearing plant is called gatropha gossypifolia from Euphorbiaceae plant family. Poisonous in nature, the plant has got medicinal value in making antibiotics for treatment of E Coli, said the plant scientist. This is the second time in recent past that children have fallen ill after eating the particular forest fruit.

"An awareness campaign will be launched in the area to educate people about the harmful fruits," said the district magistrate here on Friday.

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