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With fresh cases of jaundice being reported from Nuapada and other areas of the Silver City, the Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC) has alerted the residents in the civic area of the threat of the water-borne disease assuming alarming proportions.

The civic body advised residents to purify their drinking water before consumption as it has blamed leakage in water pipelines as the potential cause of the disease.

"So far, there have been ten cases of jaundice in the civic area and the disease has broken out due to consumption of contaminated water. We are taking steps to prevent the outbreak. We will set up health camps at different of the city and provide necessary treatment," Ajay Barik, deputy Mayor of Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC) said, adding, "Our priority now is to make people aware about the water-bone disease."

According to locals, cracks in the pipelines supplying water to the residences are the main cause of contamination. They allege the CMC has not repaired or replaced the old pipes for a long time.

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As most of the drains are choked, there are ruptures in the water pipes during digging for the sewerage under the Japan International Co-operation Agency-funded integrated sanitation project. Consequently, this has contaminated the water in the pipelines, said a local resident.

LPiped water is the only source for most households in Cuttack. As these pipelines have developed cracks at many places the water is being contaminated by outside substances, locals said.

However, realising the gravity of the situation, the PHD has already initiated precautionary measures to check a possible jaundice outbreak in the area.

“Soon after receiving reports of jaundice from some areas, we have initiated preventive measures on a war footing. Currently, we are supplying drinking water only after purifying it. At the same time, we are collecting water samples from areas that have reported cases of jaundice and are sending them for examination. The damaged pipelines are also being replaced on a war footing,” said Nirranjan Maharana, a PHD official.

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