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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Ghaziabad: Water supplied by UP Jal Nigam makes 100 sick in Indirapuram society</b>			
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The residents of Angel Mercury society in Indirapuram have alleged that around 100 people have fallen sick after drinking contaminated water supplied by the Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam.

The residents said that they are facing health issues such as vomiting and indigestion for the past three days after consuming the water. Soon after some residents complained, the residents' welfare association (RWA) stopped using the supplied water.

VK Sharma, a resident, said that three days ago, our society's WhatsApp group was flooded with messages with residents complaining of indigestion, vomiting and other gastrointestinal problems. "Initially we had no clue what was happening and thought that it could be a case of food poisoning. However, we soon realised that the water was emitting a foul smell, he said, adding that in the next few days, the water had changed colour to yellow and is dirty.

Sanjeev Bhagwati, another resident whose entire family fell sick, said, that around

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1,500 people reside in the society and of them around 100 took ill. "My whole family fell ill after consuming the contaminated water and there are several others like us here," he said. Elaborating on the issue, Avnish Jha, secretary of Angel Mercury society, told TOI that since they have a centralised RO plant, many residents do not use individual water filters RO in their houses. "We store the water that is supplied by the UP Jal Nigam in the society's over-head tank and three days ago about 60,000 litres of contaminated water was supplied to the residents," he said.

While even after repeated appeals the residents didn't get a response from the department, a lineman of the water board said that a new pipeline is possibly behind the water contamination. "A new water pipeline was laid a year ago but was not in use since then. Last week, the same pipeline was made operational and this might have resulted in water mixing with mug or sewage, which finally reached the society tank," he added.

Jha added that water was released in the new pipeline which was not used for a long time and before releasing it the UP Jal Nigam did not care to flush out the waste from it. "Instead they straight away supplied water to our homes. This is a serious crime and action should be taken against the people responsible," Jha said.

He added that there are around 450 flats in the society and this could have turned into a major health issue. "I have sent a sample of the water to a private lab to ascertain the level of contamination. The report is awaited," he said.

Meanwhile, a UP Jal Nigam official put the blame on the ongoing construction work on the CISF road. "We are still looking into the issue and it looks like Ganga Jal water pipeline might have got damaged due to the ongoing construction work on CISF road. And as a result, water from sewers might have got mixed with our supply water. However, we have attended to the problem and the situation is under control now," the official said.

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