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Title:	Bengaluru Contaminated borewell water leaves 400 Chikkalasandra residents sick, Karnataka			
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Residents of Chikkalasandra, off Katriguppe, south Bengaluru, alleged that 400 of them took ill after drinking borewell water over the past 15 days. Hundred of them had to get treated for food poisoning and dehydration. They suspect groundwater contamination due to seepage of water from drains.

Ten apartments with 1,000 flats are affected. Six hundred of the flats are in one apartment complex alone. The residents are getting water ferried by tankers from outside.

"The water is black and has many particles. We got the water sample from a 1,100-ft borewell checked with local geologists and found there was contamination at 85-ft depth and another at 600 feet. BWSSB officers visited our place to check. We suspect seepage of drain water caused contamination," NP Srinivas of Yashoda Tranclave Apartment, said.

"Every apartment has its own borewells and all of them appear to have got

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contaminated with sewage water. We get Cauvery water, but it is not sufficient and hence, we depend on borewells," said Sunil, a resident of Athena Apartment.

"Initially, the water began to smell bad. We thought there could be a problem with the cleaning of the tank. By evening, my daughter complained of stomach pain and began throwing up. We took her to hospital and after a few hours, my sister's health worsened. I had to be hospitalised at midnight," said Jyothi Krishna of MR Sannidhi Apartment.

Bengaluru South MLA Krishnappa, accompanied by BBMP and BWSSB officials, visited the apartments on Sunday. "According to officials, if there is leakage of sewage water, it should have entered through water lines. It looks like more than 100 feet of groundwater is contaminated. I have instructed officials to check the cause. They will start work tomorrow," Krishnappa said.

BBMP south health officer Shiva Kumar said they don't have information about the incident. "Maybe this happened in the apartments and residents got treated by themselves. We will visit the area and check the issue," he added.

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