



NHRC Takes Cognizance of Contaminated Water Deaths in Indore | Madhya Pradesh | 03 Jan 2026

Why in News?

The [National Human Rights Commission \(NHRC\)](#) has taken **suo motu cognizance** of the incident in which **seven people died and over 40 were hospitalized** due to **contaminated drinking water in Indore, Madhya Pradesh**.

Key Points

- **Cause of Contamination:** The main **drinking water pipeline** passes **beneath a public toilet**, and due to **leakage, sewage mixed with the drinking water**.
 - Several other water distribution lines were found **broken**, leading to contaminated water reaching households.
- **NHRC Action:** The NHRC has observed **serious human rights violations** and has issued a **notice to the Chief Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh**.
- **Report Submission:** The NHRC has directed the Chief Secretary to **submit a detailed report within two weeks**.
- **Observation:** The Commission noted that the authorities failed to act despite several days of complaints from residents about foul-smelling water, representing a gross violation of the **Right to Life and Health**.

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