

Residents piqued over poor upkeep of Ring Well at Japan Road



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PORT BLAIR, MARCH 31/- The slack approach of Port Blair Municipal Council towards ensuring proper sanitation and maintenance of public facilities has once again put it at loggerheads with the residents of Japan road, Dairy farm, Ward no. 14, the area infamous for indiscriminate dumping of garbage since

decades. A ring well constructed in the area along with bathroom facilities has been suffering from lack of maintenance for the past few years and large-scale dumping of garbage in the ring well has rendered the facility redundant besides amplifying the risk of diseases for people using the contaminated water. According to reports, around 100 to 150 families from Japan Road use the

water from the ring well for various purposes. Following demands from the population, the civic body constructed some bathrooms five years ago near the ring well, which was built reportedly during the British regime. But lack of maintenance of the facility over the past few years has become a serious cause of concern for the people in the area and repeated requests to the elected Municipal Councilor has failed to garner any respite for the people. "Dumping of garbage in the ring well has made the water completely unsafe for use. One can easily notice all types of rubbish dumped in the well. Several families here are badly affected due to the proper upkeep of the facility. Even the bathrooms constructed near the well are in bad shape. While the government is focusing on cleanliness drive, the Municipal Council appears to be least bothered on sanitation if the situation at Japan Road is any indication. Open dumping of filth including bottles, plastic items etc in the well and its vicinity is clear testament of the agency's inertia towards implementing the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. The senior officials of the Council should take a strong note of the situation and initiate necessary steps for proper upkeep and sanitation near the public facility," said some residents of Japan Road speaking to this Correspondent.

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