Hair is the proof of water quality

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NOIDA: Dinesh Sehgal, 44, today regrets his decision of having shifted to this city. He had then counted on the pluses — good location and other facilities — which were evident but never knew about the hard truth of water here.
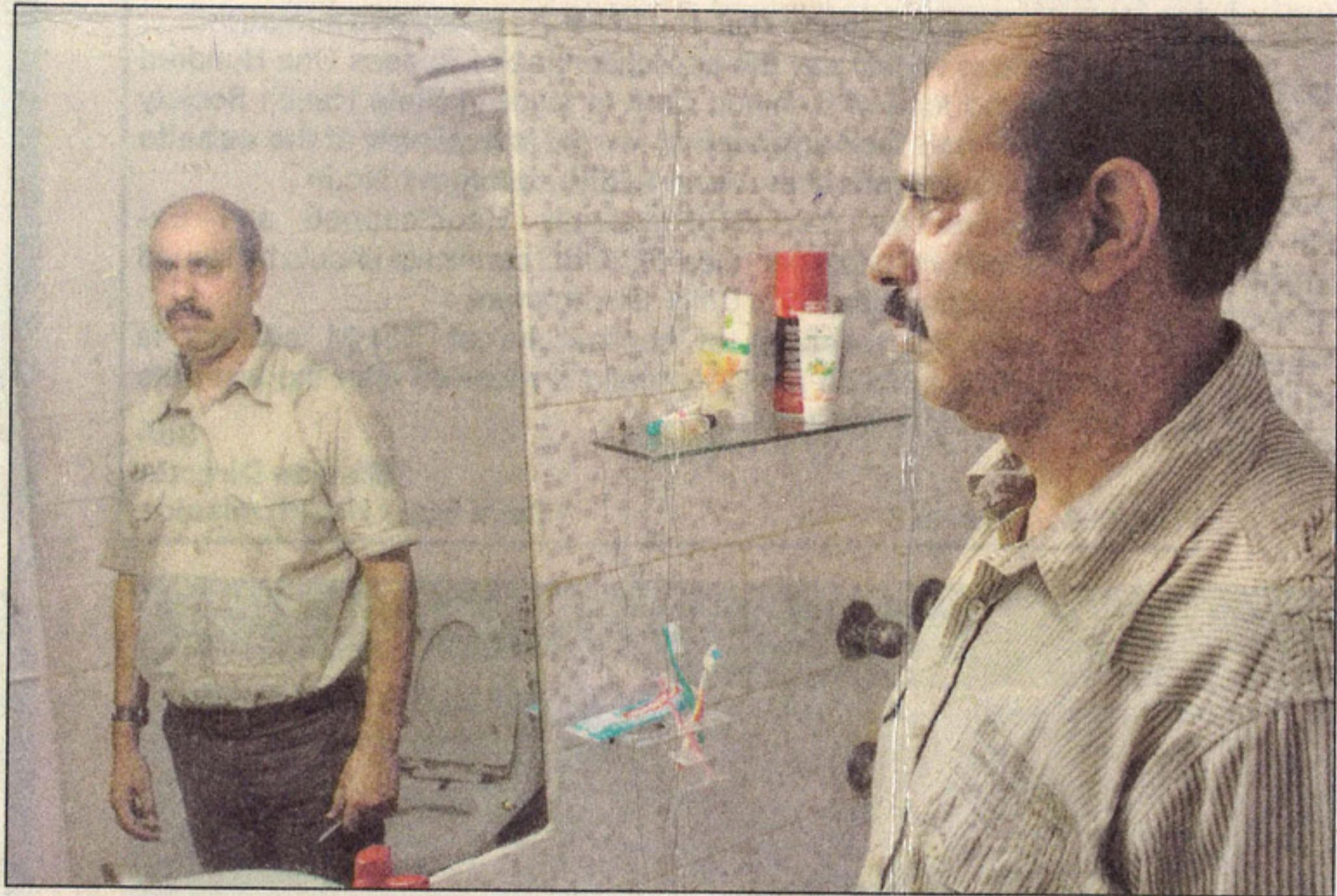
Sehgal, a resident of Sector 37, has been suffering from major hair loss for the last 10 years.

He has been living in the city for 18 years now. Initially, he never realised that the problem was so serious. He was losing hair, but gradually. And this continues to ail him till date. It is something which is haunting Sehgal day and night.

"I thought I had hair related problems due to the change in weather so I didn't bother much at that time. But when it continued for months, I was disturbed. When I consulted the doctor, he told me that it was due to the poor quality of water. He asked me my address and a couple of questions related to water supply," said Sehgal.

Sehgal is dejected today. He has lost all lost hope of getting his hair back ever. Ever since he was diagnosed with the hair loss problem, he tried various medications. From allopathic medicines to homeopathy, Sehgal has tested it all, but his efforts bore no results. "I visited every doctor for my hair, but none of the medicines helped me. I'm helpless now as I can't even shift to another house with my limited resources," he said.

He is not the only one suffering from hair loss. The poor quality of water supplied in Noida has taken a toll on many residents, who have been complaining of

■ (Right) Dinesh Sehgal's 2002 photo. Within 10 years of shifting to Noida, he has became bald. **HT PHOTO**

a similar problem. The water supplied in Noida is extracted from ground and this is the reason why it is hard.

"As a precautionary measure, I have begun to wash my hair from RO water. I had to do this because if I continue to use hard water for my hair, I'm sure to lose all my hair. I can't take risk with my hair anymore. The quality of water is terrible," said Harish Verma, a resident of Sector 20.

Poor quality of water has also affected people's digestive system badly. "The water tastes salty. One can't even brush one's teeth properly. The water which we store in the buckets turns yellow after a few hours," added Verma.

Hundreds of families in Noida suffer from problems due to hard water supplied to them.

"My skin has developed roughness over the past couple of years and there is excessive hair loss which is not stopping," said Meeta Rai, a resident of Sector 44, Noida.