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ONE IN FIVE CLEANSE THEIR DRINKING WATER

According to the findings of a recent Gallup study, one in five households in the country use some form of cleansing for their drinking water. In most cases this means a simple filtering mechanism. 10% of the respondents in a national survey on the subject of drinking water said they used a filtering mechanism, while 5% claimed to use a disinfectant. 3% claimed they used boiled water for drinking purposes. Another 2% described a variety of other means.

Further analysis of the survey shows that filtering mechanism is mainly a rural practice, while the use of boiled water for drinking is largely restricted to the urban areas. The study shows that very few among those who have hand pumps in their homes use any cleaning mechanism, but nearly 25% of those receiving piped water from public water supply find it desirable to use a cleaning mechanism. Nearly 40% of those using an open water source like a pond, river or spring claim to filter water before drinking it.

The survey on which this study is based was conducted by Gallup Pakistan in 200 statistically selected villages and towns all over the country. The findings of the survey were computer processed.