

<b>Name of the Gram Panchayat</b>	<b>Nuapada</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>Odisha</b>
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Drinking water</b>

Water Atm Scarcity of safe drinking water is a major developmental concern in Nuapada (Odisha). The GPs in Nuapada have allocated substantial proportion of the FFC grants for improving availability of safe drinking water in rural areas. One innovative idea is to construct a coin-based water dispenser system - locally referred to as the 'Water ATMs'. The concept essentially implies payment or user charges for availing purified drinking water. Cost of one such water filter and purification instrument including boring pipe installed in Kureswar GP, Nuapada was Rs. 5.5 lakh. This work was carried out through the FFC grants. The user charges for drawing water are as follows: Rs.2 for 5 litres of drinking water and Rs.5 for 20 litres of drinking water. The purifier operates through a coin-based dialing system. Through these user charges, the Kureswar GP generate revenue of about Rs.10,000 per month which is adequate enough to meet the maintenance cost of the water purifier. In 2019-20, about 10 Water ATM have been installed in ten different GPs of the district.

