



Odisha's 'Drink from Tap' Mission

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In 2017, the Odisha government launched its pioneering '**drink from tap' mission**, making it the **first and only state in India to ensure [drinking water quality](#) on household tap connections.**

- The initiative aimed to transform urban drinking water supply, **combat [waterborne diseases](#), and relieve the financial strain.** It provides 24x7 access to high-quality drinking water directly from taps, cutting **costs and time, eliminating filtration or boiling needs.**
- Currently **covering 2.55 million people in eight cities**, the mission aims to reach **4.1 million people across urban Odisha** by the end of 2024.
- Real-time surveillance enforces [Indian Standard \(IS\) for drinking water](#), maintaining permissible limits for soluble and insoluble components, ensuring safe consumption.
- Community engagement initiatives like the '**jal sathi' program** enlist women from [self-help groups](#) to facilitate service delivery and behavioural change.
- Third-party evaluation by the National Institute of Urban Affairs highlights the project's significance and potential for replication.

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