

IWWA Meet focuses on Urban Drinking Water Security

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“The drinking water security journey of Odisha started from the prevailing precarious water situation during 2014 – 2015. We successfully implemented the universal coverage of piped water supply with 100 per cent house connections and then Drink from Tap quality (IS 10500) water supply on 24x7 basis” said G. Mathi Vathanan, Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department.

In 2021, Puri became the first city in India to drink straight from the tap with round the clock water supply, he pointed out at a workshop here on Urban Drinking Water Security organised by the Indi-



an Water Works Association and Odisha Water Academy.

P K Swain, CEO, WATCO made a presentation on the 'Drink from Tap Mission in Puri city'. Indian Water Works Association (IWWA), a nationwide platform of more than 11,000 professionals across the country, concerned and connected with water supply for municipal, industrial, agri-

cultural uses and treatment & disposal of wastewater .

More than 50 senior engineers and water sector experts from 29 IWWA centers across India and around 100 officials from Public Health Engineering Organization (PHEO), Water Corporation of Odisha (WATCO) and others participated in the workshop.

IWWA National President

Er. P. K. Sinha and General Secretary Er. Dayanand B. Panse, IWWA Odisha Centre Honorary Chairman Er. S. Laxmi Pati and Honorary Secretary Er. B. K. Parida, Water Sector Expert Chinmay Tripathy, Director, Odisha Water Academy Dr. Santanu Rath, RWSS Engineer-in-Chief Er. Hadibandhu Behera and others were present.