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Gujarat to Roll Out Annapurthi Grain ATMs in 34 Districts; Rs 10 Crore Allocated

Under a pilot project, Gujarat's first Annapurthi Grain ATM was launched in Bhavnagar in 2024 to enable ration card holders to conveniently collect wheat and rice from automated grain dispensing machines at a time of their choice. Following the success of the Annapurthi Grain ATM project, the state government has now decided to expand the initiative by installing automatic grain dispensing machines in all 34 districts of Gujarat.

A budgetary provision of Rs 10 crore has been made for 2026-27 to establish Annapurthi Grain ATMs at government godowns and other designated locations across the state. The proposal has now received administrative approval.

The Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department has decided to expand the scheme to ensure easier access to food grains for ration card holders. The estimated cost of each Grain ATM is Rs 47.50 lakh, of which Rs 40 lakh will be spent on the machine itself, while Rs 7.50 lakh will be used for structural modifications to existing buildings and other related expenses.

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