

Quotations from United Villages Customers in Orissa
(translated from Oriya)

Villager in Nayagarh:

“A large number of relatives work in the state of Gujarat. Making STD calls to Gujarat costs us about Rs.15 to 20 for a 5 minute call. With the voice mail service, we can communicate more frequently and get to know about their well being at much lesser the cost”

Bank Manager of UCO Bank branch in Gania:

“I have to send daily report to my branch office in Bhubaneswar. Currently I am sending a CD, which has the soft copy of the report, along with a hard copy by courier, every evening. The charge per courier is Rs. 5 and the courier reaches the branch next day in the afternoon. With the DakNet email service now available in the village, I can explore the option of sending the report through email to my branch office. The cost of one email would be Rs. 3 and I can expect the email to reach either the same day in the evening or latest next day morning. So there is saving in both cost and time.”

Student in Kalapathar village:

“We have two options for accessing the internet for sending emails. Either we go to Khurda which is 35 kms from here and which has some cyber cafes offering broadband connectivity @ Rs. 20 per hour. Second option is to access dial-up internet from one cyber café in Kalapathar, but the charges here are very high @ Rs. 40 per hour and composing and sending one email can take as much as 10 to 15 minutes, because of the slow speeds, costing us Rs, 15 to 20. Therefore, we feel that the DakNet email @ Rs. 1 per email and Rs. 3 per email with attachment which is now being offered in Kalapathar is a very good alternative.”

Villager in Kantilo village:

“We have to travel to Khurda for getting our railway ticket bookings done. The travel time is about 3 hours and one way ticket is Rs. 35. In addition, it takes about 1 hour in the queue to buy the railway ticket. We have got to know that using DakNet we can book railway tickets by just visiting the premises of the DakNet Service Provider in our village and the charge of Rs. 40 per ticket is much less than the cost of traveling to Khurda. In addition, the convenience of not having to travel all the way to Khurda.”

