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**State Government Initiates Subsidized
Paddy Purchase to Boost Farmers' Income**

The state government has commenced its initiative to purchase "Boro paddy" at subsidized prices from farmers twice a year, aiming to double their income, stated Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Ratan Lal Nath. This program, launched at Jolaibari motor stand in South Tripura district, underscores the government's commitment to agricultural development and farmer welfare. Minister Nath highlighted the pivotal role of agriculture in rural infrastructure development and in bolstering the economy through increased employment opportunities. The event saw participation from Food Minister Sushanta Chowdhury, Cooperatives Minister Shukla Charan Noatia, and other dignitaries including district officials. He emphasized the success of initiatives such as the Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, subsidized paddy procurement, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, and soil testing in enhancing the economic condition and welfare of farmers. Over 2.52 lakh farmers in the state have already benefited from the Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, with monthly incomes rising to Rs. 13,500. Minister Chowdhury acknowledged Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ongoing support for farmers, highlighting a recent allocation of Rs. 20,000 crore under the Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana. The state has procured 2 lakh metric tonnes of paddy so far, providing farmers with Rs. 382 crore. This year, the target is set at 15,000 metric tonnes, with procurement centres established across 31 blocks. Cooperatives Minister Noatia affirmed the state's commitment to farmer welfare through various programs, noting substantial benefits to farmers as a result. The ceremony also featured addresses by officials from the Food Department and expressions of gratitude from local authorities.
