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## Agriculture Minister inaugurates farmer's knowledge centre at Kalyanpur block

Farmers are the breadwinners of the country. The present central and state governments have taken various steps for overall development of farmers and to make them economically self-reliant. Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Ratan Lal Nath said this while inaugurating the two-storey building of village farmer knowledge center at Ratia in south Durgapur gram panchayet and new house of village primary market at Ghilatali. Besides, the Agriculture Minister also inaugurated the new twostoried building of Kalyanpur Primary Village Market in Kalyanpur Bazar yesterday. While speaking at the events, the agriculture minister said that Krishak Bandhu Kendra, farmersknowledge centre, Soil Testing Center and Agri Development Research cum Training Center are being set up to impart technical knowledge relating to agriculture to thefarmers. All these institutes provide training to farmers on new technical issuesand solving various problems. He said that 83 such farmer education centers will be established in the state. Besides, soil testing center will be established in every district. At present there are soil testing centers in 5 districts of the state. He said currently there are 554 agricultural markets in the state and among them, there are 84 primary wholesale markets, 470 rural markets. In the last five and halfyears, the government has spent approximately Rs. 167 crore for the construction anddevelopment of various markets. Speaking at the event, MLA Pinaki Das Chowdhury expressed hope that the state governmentwill adopt more new plans for the development of Kalyanpur in the coming days. Director of Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Saradindu Das delivered the welcomeaddress on these occasions. A total of 74 lakhs and 84 thousand rupees have been spent on the construction of the two-storey building of village farmer knowledge center, 86 lakh 76 thousand rupees has been spenton the construction of Ghilatali primary village market and Rs. 2 crore 2 thousand 847. has been spent on the construction of the two-storied building of Kalyanpur primary rural market. At the event Kalyanpur BAC Chairman Indrani Debbarma, Kalyanpur Panchayat Samiti Chairman Soumen Gope, Kalyanpur Panchayat Samiti Vice Chairman Rajeev Pal and others were present.

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