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**Madhabhbari Food Warehouse Begins
Paddy Procurement at MSP**

The Madhabhbari food warehouse has commenced the purchase of paddy at the Minimum Support Price (MSP), a move aimed at doubling farmers' incomes, according to Food Minister Sushant Chowdhury. The state government is now buying paddy from farmers twice a year at MSP, a policy initiated to promote agricultural development and farmer welfare. The current procurement drive concluding on June 29 targets the purchase of 518.33 metric tons of paddy over five days. This initiative, coordinated by the Departments of Food, Public Procurement and Consumer Affairs, and Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, offers farmers a rate of Rs 2,183 per quintal. Minister Chowdhury highlighted that prior to 2018, the state did not purchase paddy from farmers at MSP. The present government, since coming to power, has instituted biannual procurement at MSP, a significant step toward making farmers self-reliant and boosting their confidence. The event was also attended by Jirania Panchayat Samiti Vice Chairman Pritam Debnath, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department Director Sharadindu Das, Jirania Nagar Panchayat Chairperson Ratan Kumar Das, and other concerned officials. SDM of Jirania Sub-division Shantiranjan Chakma delivered the welcome address.
