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STATE GOVT GETS NATIONAL E-GOVERNANCE AWARD

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The State Government got the National e-Governance Award for successful e-initiatives in Procurement Automation System (P-PAS) and farmer registration programme during the two-day National e-Governance conference inaugurated at Nagpur on Wednesday.

Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Department received this award from the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

Notably, the department had procured paddy from farmers across 160 blocks and deposited money directly in their bank accounts. Under the e-procurement system around `6,500-crore worth paddy had been bought by the Government. An estimated 7 lakh farmers have been registered in the process.

The P-PAS, an initiative of the Department of International Development (DFID) supported by Odisha Modernising Economy Governance Administration (OMEGA), has overcome many procedural problems starting from procurement to delivery of paddy to the millers.