

IT tool to help farmers sell anywhere

New Delhi: The government will cover as many as 585 agricultural markets electronically by the next year, which will allow farmers to sell their produce anywhere in the country, agriculture secretary Shobhana K Pattanayak said on Thursday. On 14 April, the government launched the project on a pilot basis, beginning with 21 markets covering eight states. "We are hopeful of rolling this out in 585 markets in the country by the next year. Farmers for the first time will have a voice to sell goods wherever they want. It will empower them," Pattanayak said at an event organized by the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the economic affairs department. **PTI**