

Cashless Transactions at PDS from April 1

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Vijayawada: From April 1, all cash transactions in public distribution system would be through bank transfers. The ration card holders could purchase groceries by swiping their debit cards at the shop.

“This apart, the ration shop dealers, instead of making payment through demand drafts should use online funds transfer facility, to cut down time,” district collector Babu A said. He had discussed at length on the modalities for the cashless transactions in PDS with representatives from Deloitte, NPCI, IDFC, UIDAI,

NIC, Andhra Bank, Visiontec along with his team.

He said in the district they had successfully implemented inter-operability benefiting 10 lakh beneficiaries. “Now, government wants to make the system cashless transaction for more transparency in Public Distribution System,” he said and reminded that Krishna district had set an example for the country in implementation of ePOS in PDS and disbursement of social welfare pensions. He said fraction of the amount is lost during the cash payment, which will not be there in the online transaction.