



President Draupadi Murmu awarded 'Bhoomi Samman 2023' to 9 Districts of Jharkhand

Why in News?

On July 18, 2023, President Smt. Draupadi Murmu honoured nine districts of Jharkhand with 'Bhoomi Samman- 2023' for better digitization of the right of record of land-related documents in a program organized at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Key Points:

- President Smt. Draupadi Murmu presented awards to 9 state secretaries and 68 collectors under the Digital India Land Records Modernization Program (DILRMP) at a felicitation function organized by the Union Ministry of Rural Development.
- 9 districts of Jharkhand were selected for Bhoomi Samman 2023. Under this, Gumla, Lohardaga, Simdega, Chatra, Giridih, Khunti, Seraikela-Kharsawan, West Singhbhum and Dumka districts have got this honour.
- The award was received by the concerned Additional Collector and other Revenue Officers from the hands of the President on behalf of the district team under the leadership of the DCs of these districts. On the other hand, the award was received on behalf of the state by Uma Shankar Singh, Director of Land Acquisition, Land Records and Measurement and Shahab Siddiqui, Joint Inspector General of Registration under the leadership of Amitabh Kaushal, Secretary, Department of Revenue, Registration and Land Reforms.
- Gumla DC Sushant Gaurav was honoured with Bhoomi Samman. Digitization of more than 99 percent right off records like sale deeds, Khatian and other land-related documents has been done in the district. This year was the second golden opportunity for Gumla district when the district got the award at the national level. Prior to this, Gumla district has also received the country's prestigious PM Award.
- Seraikela-Kharsawan Deputy Commissioner Arva Rajkamal was awarded the Bhoomi Samman 2023. In the district too, all land-related work has been done online, due to which the Deputy Commissioner and the team were awarded Bhoomi Samman-2023 Platinum Certificate for their excellent performance in the campaign for land record reform.
- Apart from this, the President awarded the Bhoomi Samman 2023 Platinum Certificate to Khunti Deputy Commissioner Shashi Ranjan and the team for their excellent performance in the campaign for land record reform. Khunti has been awarded on six different points.
- Dr. Waghmare Prasad Krishna, DC of Lohardaga district was awarded Bhoomi Samman 2023 for achieving 100% completion in Digital India Land Records Modernization Program (DILRMP).
- It is worth mentioning that under the Digital India Land Records Modernization Program (DILRMP), Bhoomi Samman is given to those who have done excellent work in the field of modernization, proper conservation and efficient management of land records. Under this, the process of digitization of land records is going on in 766 districts of 28 states or union territories of the country. Platinum grading certificate is given to the outstanding districts as Bhoomi Samman.
- It is known that the Digital India Land Records Management Program has been run by the Department of Land Resources from the year 2008-9 with 100 percent funding from the Central Government. The main objective of this program is to develop a modern, detailed and transparent land records management system for the convenience of the citizens.
- Monthly grading system has been implemented on the basis of the data entered by them on the

MIS of the program to reward the districts doing good work under the program from January 2022 onwards. It offers Silver from 90% to 95%, Gold from 95% to 99% and Platinum grade at work efficiency above 99%.



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