

**Workshop on “Land Governance in North-East States: Status and Impact of Policy Reforms and Regional Initiatives on Customary and Indigenous Laws”  
Organised by the Centre on 3-4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (Icon to Click)**

The First ever workshop entitled “Land Governance in North-East States: Status and Impact of Policy Reforms and Regional Initiatives on Customary and Indigenous Laws (Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram & Tripura. Manipur and Nagaland)” was organised by B.N. Yugandhar Centre for Rural studies in association with Department of Land Resources (DoLR), Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Government of India (GoI) on 3-4 May, 2023 at Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati. Shri Ajay Tirkey, Secretary of Department of Land Resources (DoLR), Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Government of India (GoI) had presided over the Workshop. The Joint Secretary of DoLR, MoRD, GoI- Shri Sonmoni Borah along with a team of Senior Officers from this Ministry had attended this Workshop. Shri Gyanendra Dev Tripathi, Principal Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management Dept. Govt. of Assam, Ms. Anandhi, Sr. Deputy Director cum Centre Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, PV Rajasekhara, Additional Survey General, Survey of India, Ms. Mridula Singh, Sr. Social Development Specialist, World Bank and senior officials from the Department of Revenue Land Records and Surveys of North-Eastern States had actively participated in the Workshop. Representatives from Bodoland Territorial Council, Karbi Anglong Autonomous District Council (ADC), Dima Hasao ADC (From Assam), Tripura Tribal Areas ADC, Lai ADC Mizoram, Khas Hills ADC, Garo Hills ADC, Jaintia Hill ADC (From Meghalaya) had participated in the discussions on digitalisation and Modernisation of Land Records in the context of prevailing Customary and indigenous Land Laws.



The deliberations and discussions in the workshop had covered various thematic areas such as Current practices & Modernisation of land records in the North-East states, Land Governance Assessment Framework, Customary and Indigenous Laws in Autonomous District Council areas and implications for digitalisation and Modernisation of Land Records, Current Practices and New initiatives and Role of Survey of India in Land Records

Modernisation, Demo of use of blockchain technology in Land Record modernisation and an exposure visit on use of modern survey technology was conducted for the participants.



The Workshop had provided a common platform to multiple stakeholders including apex level decision makers to deliberate and discuss on implementation of DILRMP (Digital India Land Record Modernisation Program of DoLR)- and a way forward as far as territorial and autonomous district councils of north-eastern states are concerned. Various recommendations and time bound action plans were brought forward in the workshop for policy level decisions. The major outcomes of the workshop among others includes developing a thought process towards devising interventions to modernise land records in the ADC areas where customary laws are prevailing within the constitutional framework, understanding the needs of ADCs to implement DILRMP and exploring ways and means to extend supports to ADCs for digitalisation and modernisation of land Records.