

Workshop and Training on ‘Peer-Learning of State Officials of Gujarat on Land Record Modernization’

The Department of Land Resources (DoLR), Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) initiated series of workshop cum training programmes to be undertaken by the B N Yugandhar Centre for Rural Studies (BNY-CRS) for supporting the Implementation of DILRMP. 17 states have been identified for conducting peer learning workshop and training programme for the revenue officials.

In this context, a one-day Workshop and Training Programme on ‘Peer-Learning of State Officials of Gujarat on Land Record Modernization’ was held on 23rd April 2025 at the Seminar Hall, Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management (GIDM), Gandhinagar. This event, curated with strategic inputs from DoLR officials including Shri Manoj Joshi IAS (Secretary) and Shri Kunal Sathyarathi IFS (Joint Secretary), was mentored by Dr. Bagadi Gautham, IAS, Centre Director, BNYCRS.

The programme was preceded by a state-level consultation with senior revenue officials to identify key gaps in DILRMP implementation in Gujarat. The inaugural session commenced with a welcome address by Shri Snehasis Mishra, Assistant Professor, BNYCRS, followed by the inaugural address of Shri Jenu Devan IAS, Inspector General of Registration and Superintendent of Stamps, Gujarat. Strategic guidance was provided by Shri B A Shah IAS, Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Gujarat, with the presence of Shri B K Pandya IAS, Commissioner of Land Reforms, Revenue Department.



The technical session on “Modern Record Room” was delivered by Shri Vinod Kumar Chaurasiya, ASLR, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. He highlighted digitization experiences and infrastructure improvements from his state. Shri P. Sunil Kumar, IAS, Revenue Commissioner, Karnataka, led the session on the “Revenue Court Management System,” sharing Karnataka’s digitized practices. Shri Madhusudan E. P., AIGR (Audit), Karnataka, shared insights on “Anywhere Registration Process,” demonstrating Karnataka’s citizen-friendly and flexible approach to property registration.



In the post-lunch session, Dr. Jayanti S. Ravi, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue Department, Gujarat, participated in an interactive discussion with participants and guided the formation of integrated group action plans for DILRMP implementation. An online session by Shri Siddharth Jain, IAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India, provided actionable insights into “Survey/Resurvey: Best Practices, Challenges, and Solutions.”

Then a technical session on Advanced GIS applications in land surveys led by Shri Yogachandar P. A., Superintending Surveyor, NIGST followed by the demonstrations of Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS) and Drone Technology, led by Dr. N. Lakshmi Kanta Kumar, Officer Surveyor and his team from Survey of India, GDC, Gujarat.



The programme concluded with remarks from senior officials of the Gujarat Revenue Department and distribution of certificates by BNYCRS officials. The workshop reaffirmed the Government of India’s commitment to strengthening institutional capacity through peer learning, technology-driven reforms, and improved administrative efficiencies in land governance