



Unique Land Parcel Identification Number

Why in News

The Centre plans to issue a **14-digit identification number** to every plot of land in the country within a year's time.

- The **Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) scheme** has been launched in 10 States in the year 2021 and will be rolled out across the country by March 2022.

Key Points

▪ About:

- Being described as "the **Aadhaar for land**", it is **a number that would uniquely identify every surveyed parcel of land** and prevent land fraud, especially in the hinterlands of rural India, where land records are outdated and often disputed.
- The identification will be based on the **longitude and latitude coordinates** of the land parcel, and is **dependent on detailed surveys and geo-referenced cadastral maps**.
- This is the next step in the **Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP)**, which began in **2008**.
- Proper land statistics and land accounting through **ULPIN** will help develop land banks and lead towards **Integrated Land Information Management System (ILIMS)**.

▪ Benefits:

- Benefits are to ensure uniqueness in all transactions and keep the land records always up-to-date.
- A link of all property transactions will get established.
- Delivery of citizen services of land records through the single window.
- Sharing of land records data across departments, financial institutions and all stakeholders.

Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme

- It is a **Central Sector scheme** that has been **extended up to 2020-21** at a total cost of **Rs. 950 crores**.
- The **Department of Land Resources (Ministry of Rural development)** has proposed a **further extension to 2023-24**, to complete its original targets as well as expand its ambit with a slew of new schemes.
- It attempts to build upon the commonalities that exist in the arena of land records in various States to develop an appropriate **Integrated Land Information Management System (ILIMS)** across the country, on which different States can also add State-specific needs as they may deem relevant and appropriate.
 - **ILIMS:** The system will contain information on parcel ownership, land use, taxation, location boundaries, land value, encumbrances and many more.
- **New initiatives** have been taken under the program like the **National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS)**, **ULPIN**, **linking of revenue court to land records**, **integration of consent based Aadhar numbers with land records** etc.

- **NGDRS:** It is aimed at providing one Nation one software for registration of documents & properties to 'empower citizens'.
- DILRMP's next phase will include linkage of land record databases with banks.
- This will enhance the service deliveries to the citizens of the country and will also function as inputs to the schemes of the other sectors like **Agriculture, Finance, Disaster Management etc.**

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