



5 Districts of Bihar got 'Bhoomi Samman 2023'

Why in News?

On July 18, 2023, President Smt. Draupadi Murmu presented 'Bhoomi Samman 2023' to Brajesh Mehrotra, Additional Chief Secretary, Land Records Department, Bihar and Collectors of 5 districts for their outstanding performance in the field of land management and administration at a function held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Key Points:

- President Draupadi Murmu presented awards to secretaries of 9 states and 68 collectors at a felicitation ceremony organised by the Union Ministry of Rural Development.
- The state-level team and district team of Bihar were awarded for their outstanding work in six areas. These include the computerization of land records, digitization of revenue maps of the state, cadastralization of rights records, linkage with maps, computerization of registration department, integration of registration office and land records and creation of modern zonal level modern archives.
- Brajesh Mehrotra, Additional Chief Secretary, Land Records Department of Bihar, Jai Singh, Director Land Records and Measurement Joint Secretary and Anand Shankar, IT Manager were honoured.
- Apart from these, Nalanda, Jehanabad, Lakhisarai, Bhojpur and Kishanganj districts were awarded land honours. Collectors of these districts were awarded platinum certificates for the Platinum Category.
- The Digital India Land Records Management Programme has been run by the Department of Land Resources since 2008-09 with 100 percent central government funding. The main objective of the programme is to develop a modern, comprehensive and transparent land records management system for the convenience of the citizens.
- Under the programme, a monthly grading system has been implemented based on the data recorded on the MISs of the programme to reward the districts that have done well since January 2022. It offers silver grades ranging from 90% to 95%, gold from 95% to 99% and platinum grades at more than 99% work efficiency.

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