

Uttarakhand to Go Paperless for Land Registration

Why in News?

The Uttarakhand government is set to implement a **paperless system for land registrations** across the state.

Key Points

- The Department of Stamps and Registration has prepared a foundational framework for this initiative.
- Finance Minister of the state Premchand Aggarwal announced that the "Uttarakhand Online Document Registration Rules 2025" will be presented for approval in the upcoming cabinet meeting.
 - Upon receiving the cabinet's consent, the system will be formally implemented.
- Digital Transformation of Land Registration:
 - The new system aims to enhance the registration process by introducing paperless registration, <u>Aadhaar authentication</u>, and virtual registration procedures.
 - Parties involved in property transactions will have the option to visit sub-registrar offices in person or complete document verification through video KYC (Know Your <u>Customer</u>).
 - Sub-registrars will finalize the process using **digital signatures** and promptly notify the parties via **WhatsApp** and **email**.
- Significance:
 - **Integrating Aadhaar authentication** with the land transaction process is expected to improve public convenience and promote transparency.
 - This move aims to curb fraudulent activities in the registration process. The government is committed to ensuring that the land buying and selling process is transparent and efficient.

Aadhaar

- Aadhaar is a 12-digit individual identification number issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India on behalf of the Government of India. The number serves as proof of identity and address, anywhere in India.
 - The **Aadhaar number** is unique for each individual and will remain valid for life time.
 - Aadhaar number will help the residents to avail various services provided by banking, mobile phone connections and other Govt and Non-Govt services in due course.
 - Establishes identity of individuals on the basis of demographic and biometric information.
 - It is a voluntary service that every resident can avail irrespective of present documentation.

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