



Uttarakhand Bars Outsiders from Buying Farmland

Why in News?

The **Uttarakhand Cabinet** has approved a new draft law that bans **Non-residents of the state** from purchasing **Agricultural** and **horticultural land** in 11 out of 13 districts barring **Haridwar** and **Udham Singh Nagar**.

Key Points

- **Restrictions on Land Purchase: District Magistrates** will no longer have the authority to approve land purchases.
 - Non-residents of the state must submit an affidavit before purchasing land **to prevent fraud and irregularities** with final approval resting with the state administration.
- **Online Monitoring System:** A dedicated portal will be created to record land transactions involving non-residents and ensure transparency.
- **Stricter Land Use Regulations:** Land within municipal boundaries must be used as per designated regulations. Any violation will result in government possession.
- **Comparison with Himachal Pradesh :** In Himachal, non-agriculturists cannot buy agricultural land freely but can acquire it for industry, tourism, or horticulture with government approval.
- **Government's Stand:** This new draft will protect the **resources of the state, cultural heritage** and the **rights of the citizens**, as well as play an important role in maintaining the original identity of the state.

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