

Dishaank app of Karnataka

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In news—The Survey Settlement and Land Records (SSLR) unit of the Revenue department in the Karnataka government has attempted to make original land records available at a click on a smartphone screen through a mobile application called Dishaank.

About Dishaank app-

- **The objective of this app is to enable citizens to avail the information about the land and its ownership as recorded in the Bhoomi database.**
- **The land ownership data provided by the app includes the name of the landowner, the extent of land as per records, ownership type, land type, restriction/litigations on the land, category of land and any other active transactions being done on the land.**
- **The Dishaank app leverages Karnataka's decision to digitize all land records (under the Bhoomi project) since 1990.**
- **It has been developed under the Karnataka Geographical Information System program of the Karnataka State Remote Sensing Applications Center (KSRSAC).**
- **The KSRSAC sources satellite data and provides it to agencies such as the SSLR department for innovative use.**
- **This app was built on digitized versions of maps for 70 to 80 lakh old parcels of land from a land survey dating back to 1965.**
- **It is currently in the process of being updated with data for nearly 2.5 crore subdivisions around half the subdivisions in the state.**
- **The app is only meant to provide clarity on the original status of a piece of land— it should not be used for**

Legal purposes in land disputes.

- The app is expected to bring in transparency and enable citizens to identify the actual owner, location of land etc. thereby reducing land-related disputes.
- In the initial part of the project, the KSRSAC digitized 30,854 village maps for Karnataka and later geo-referenced all the village maps.
- The geo-referenced village map data was linked to the Bhoomi land records by the SSLR so that citizens do not have to approach the revenue department for knowing the land details.