

TN Lifts Ban on Registration of Inam Lands

TN government defended its decision to lift the ban on individual registration of certain inam lands and announced extending temple land surveys across the state.

Inam lands are tax-free or concessionally taxed land grants made historically to institutions or individuals for services rendered, now governed by state land reform laws.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Tamil Nadu government** lifted the ban on individual registration of certain **inam lands**.
- HR&CE Minister **S. Ramesh** stated that **Karur** Inam land titles were historically never held in the name of temples.
- The **pilot survey** of temple properties conducted at **Palani Dhandayuthapani Swamy Temple** will be extended to all major temples in Tamil Nadu.
- The extension of the **digital land survey** aims to protect **temple properties** and maintain clear land registry records across the state.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The Tamil Nadu Minor Inams (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act was enacted in **1963**.

The Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) Department in Tamil Nadu is governed under the **HR&CE Act of 1959**.

The **Justice Party** government enacted the first Hindu Religious Endowments Act in **1926**.

Article 26 of the **Indian Constitution** grants religious denominations the right to manage their own affairs and acquire property.

The **Inam Fair Register** (IFR) prepared during British rule (**1859-1866**) serves as the primary historical record for inam land titles in Tamil Nadu.

Tamil Nadu Inam Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act was passed in **1963** to abolish major inam estates.

REVISION FLASHCARD

TN extends Palani temple digital land survey model statewide and lifts registration ban on individual inam lands.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Unit 8 (Tamil Nadu Culture & Heritage) and Unit 9 (TN Administration / Revenue Governance) across Group 1, 2, 2A, and 4 exams.

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