12.00 am: Public purpose and public interest in Government land assignment and private land acquisition

12.45 pm: Discussion 1.00 pm: Lunch Break

2.00 pm: Post-lunch session
Theme: Towards Zero
landlessness

2.00 pm: Land Reforms initiatives in India

2.30 pm : Discussion

2.45 pm : Assignment of Government lands – A national perspective

3.30 pm: Discussion & Tea

3.45 pm : Landlessness – Myths & Realities

4.15 pm : Discussion

4.30 pm : Towards Zero landlessness in a district

4.45 pm : Discussion

5.00 pm: Valedictory function

## **Boarding & Lodging**

The accommodation will be arranged by the organizers at Government Guest houses. Hotel accomodation will be arranged for guests desirous of having the same, at own expense.

### Conveyance

Conveyance will be arranged by the organizers from the place of halt to seminar hall and back.



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# **Background**

The rich land resources of India, which support almost all agricultural systems as well as industries had been an attraction to the conquerors in the past. Independent India too has witnessed a number of internal struggles over the years primarily towards getting hold of more lands, be it between individuals, groups or even states. Despite numerous laws on agrarian reforms and initiatives to reduce the inequality in land distribution, the chasm between the landed and the landless has widened, at least in some places, lands distributed to scheduled tribes and other landless are being grabbed by the landed, way beyond the ceiling provisions bypassing the statutes. Lands acquired by Government for public purposes displacing number of families are being transferred for projects in the private sector. Government lands are being encroached recklessly by the big and the powerful. Encroachments in public lands and waterways go undeterred defying the maxim of "Public Trust"

A country, which is at the doorstep of becoming a super power, needs to have better land governance systems. This alone can address the issues including avenues towards settling the land issues once and for all. Better coordinated efforts coupled with sharing of meaningful thoughts and experiences among top level bureaucrats working in the field of land governance in different states is the need of the hour.

The proposed seminar has been organized with the objective of sharing such experiences of the experts in the field of land governance with a futuristic vision in overall development of individual states. It is expected that all the Principal Secretaries of Revenue from different states and the top officials from Union Ministry of Land Resources would take part in the seminar.

#### Location

The proposed seminar, the first of its kind in independent India, is proposed to be organized at picturesque Thiruvananthapuram, the capital city of *God's own country,* Kerala.

# **Programme**

The two day national seminar on Advances in land governance has been scheduled on 08<sup>th</sup> and 09<sup>th</sup> of November 2010 at Harmony, Mascot Hotel, Thiruvananthapuram.

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10.00 am : Inauguration of Seminar

10.30 am: Pre-lunch session

Theme- Land and its politics
: Deliberations by eminent

political leaders

2.00 pm: Post-lunch session

Theme:Land Record administration

2.00 pm: egovernance in land

administration

2.45 pm : Discussion

3.00 pm: Land Titling and its relevance in

India

3.30 pm : Discussion & Tea

3.45 pm : Modern survey technologies,

equipments & its demonstration

4.25 pm: Hardware & software support

systems for better land governance and its

demonstration

7.00 pm : Cultural programme at Kanakakunnu Palace

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10.00 am: Pre-lunch session

Theme: Public land as a sustainable resource

10.00 am: Protection of public lands & its

optimal use to increase public

revenue

10.45 am: Discussion & Tea

11.00 am : Offence related to public

lands and its management

11.45 am: Discussion

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