



Jamma Bane Lands: Modernizing Kodagu's Tenure

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News Context: On January 7, 2026, the Karnataka Governor gave assent to the Karnataka Land Revenue (Second Amendment) Act, 2025, aimed at digitizing the "Jamma Bane" system in the Kodag district.

- **Historical Context:** Jamma (meaning "hereditary") was a unique land tenure granted by the Kings of Coorg and later the British in exchange for military service.
- **The Legal Fix:** For decades, these lands lacked clear entries in the "Record of Rights" because they were held by joint families under customary laws. The new amendment empowers Tahsildars to conduct *Adalats* to finalize records and recognize individual shares within joint families.
- **Wholistic Insight:** This move integrates the age-old "Coorg Land Revenue and Regulations Act, 1899" into the modern Bhoomi software, reducing litigation and allowing farmers to finally use their land as collateral for bank loans.