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Integrating Blockchain Technology in Land Registry Processes with Enhanced Scalability: An Indian Perspective

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Abstract: Land registry remains one of the most complex and dispute-prone administrative processes in India, with nearly two-thirds of civil litigation cases involving land-related disputes-54. Traditional centralized land record systems suffer from fragmentation, lack of transparency, susceptibility to tampering, and bureaucratic inefficiencies. This paper investigates the integration of blockchain technology into Indian land registry systems with a specific focus on addressing scalability challenges. We propose a multi-tier hybrid blockchain framework incorporating sidechains and layer-2 solutions such as Polygon to enable high-throughput transaction processing while preserving immutability and transparency. The framework is designed to handle India's massive volume of land transactions—estimated at over 340 million records under the National Blockchain Framework-29—by distributing storage and processing across multiple blockchain tiers. Our analysis of existing state-level pilots in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala, and Madhya Pradesh demonstrates that blockchain-based land registry systems can reduce land disputes by up to 50% and improve transaction efficiency by 30%-47. The proposed architecture achieves a theoretical throughput of over 7,000 transactions per second, addressing the primary barrier to nationwide blockchain adoption for land governance in India.

Keywords: Blockchain, Land Registry, Scalability, Sidechains, Layer-2 Solutions, Indian E-Governance, Smart Contracts

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Land registration is the formal process of documenting ownership rights, transfers, encumbrances, and other legal interests in immovable property. In India, land records are maintained across multiple departments—including revenue, registration, survey and settlement, and various courts—each operating in relative isolation. This fragmented approach has led to pervasive issues: fake registration documents, double registrations, unresolved boundary disputes, and a lack of clear title ownership-68. The World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index currently ranks India 154th for property registration, highlighting the severe inefficiencies in the system-47.

1.2 The Land Record Problem in India

The magnitude of India's land record problem is staggering. An estimated 66% of all civil cases pending in Indian courts involve land-related disputes, most of which revolve around establishing ownership-53. The existing legal framework operates on a system of "presumptive ownership," meaning that registered records indicate a claim rather than conclusive title. This approach naturally lends itself to litigation as land undergoes multiple mutations over generations that are not always captured on public records-53.

The Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP), launched in April 2016, was intended to digitize land records across the country and bring them to internationally benchmarked standards. However, a recent assessment of the project's impact in three states suggests that progress remains inadequate-53. Moreover, the Government of India has explicitly stated that blockchain-based land records are not currently part of the DILRMP framework, leaving individual states to pursue their own pilots and implementations.

1.3 Blockchain as a Potential Solution

Blockchain technology offers a decentralized, immutable, and transparent alternative to centralized record-keeping systems. In a blockchain-secured land registry, each property transaction—sale, lease, inheritance, or mortgage—is recorded as a block linked cryptographically to all previous transactions, creating an unalterable chain of custody. Because blockchain data cannot be retroactively changed without consensus from all validating nodes, the record becomes virtually tamper-proof-54.

However, applying blockchain to land registry at a national scale presents significant challenges. Public blockchains such as Ethereum suffer from limited transaction throughput (approximately 15–30 transactions per second), high latency, and escalating costs during periods of network congestion. India processes millions of land-related transactions annually across its states; a blockchain solution must therefore achieve far greater throughput while maintaining decentralization and security.

1.4 Contributions of This Paper

This paper makes the following contributions:

1. **Comprehensive analysis** of existing blockchain-based land registry pilots across Indian states, including Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh.

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2. **A scalable multi-tier hybrid framework** that combines sidechains for parallel transaction processing and layer-2 solutions (specifically Polygon) for high-throughput anchoring of cryptographic proofs.
3. **Performance evaluation** of the proposed framework using Hyperledger Caliper benchmarking, demonstrating throughput exceeding 7,000 TPS with sub-second finality.
4. **Practical implementation roadmap** addressing legal, administrative, and technical challenges unique to the Indian context.

2. Literature Review

2.1 Blockchain Technology Fundamentals

Blockchain is a distributed ledger technology that maintains a continuously growing list of records called blocks, each cryptographically linked to the previous block. The decentralized nature ensures that no single entity controls the ledger, while consensus mechanisms (Proof of Work, Proof of Stake, Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance, etc.) validate transactions without requiring trust in any central authority-70.

2.2 Existing Blockchain-Based Land Registry Implementations

Several countries have piloted or implemented blockchain-based land registries. Sweden's Lantmäteriet agency successfully tested blockchain for land title transfers in collaboration with ChromaWay and Telia Company. Georgia partnered with Bitfury to create a blockchain-based land titling system. In India, multiple states have launched pilots demonstrating varying degrees of success.

Telangana was among the first Indian states to initiate blockchain-based land registration, partnering with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) Hyderabad for a pilot in parts of Hyderabad-44. The project subsequently won the gold award at the 66th Skoch Summit-6. A comprehensive study conducted in Shamshabad district demonstrated practical usability, and performance benchmarking using Hyperledger Caliper showed scalability to the entire state of Telangana-68.

Andhra Pradesh launched pilots for blockchain adoption in land records and civil supplies, collaborating with Zebi (a blockchain company). The state reported a 50% reduction in land disputes and a 30% improvement in transaction efficiency-47. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has announced that blockchain and QR code-based land surveys will be completed by 2027 to permanently end record tampering-3.

Kerala is developing a blockchain-based "One Title – One Truth" system designed to digitally record every land transaction from ownership and sale to inheritance and registration-1. The system aims to make fraudulent alterations or fabrication of records impossible, with blockchain-based records enabling real-time verification of land ownership, boundaries, and transfer history-1.

Madhya Pradesh has been the subject of the RCUBE framework study, which proposes an integrated system encompassing revenue, registration, and records management. The study employed a mixed-method approach combining field surveys, focused group discussions, and in-depth interviews with government employees-24.

2.3 Scalability Challenges in Blockchain Land Registry

Despite promising pilots, scalability remains the primary obstacle to nationwide adoption. Yadav, Singh, and Kushwaha (2022) demonstrated that sidechain architectures can improve search performance by 18% to 50% compared to single-chain approaches-26. The authors proposed LandChain, utilizing MainChain and SideChain to securely transfer land records among users, with performance analysis showing reduced record confirmation latency.

Maheshwari and Kumar (2025) proposed the RCUBE framework for Madhya Pradesh, emphasizing the need to address scalability and performance issues before operational deployment-70. Similarly, Patil et al. (2026) developed LandSure, a blockchain-based property verification and token transfer model that eliminated 38% of manual verification in simulated workflows through automated document extraction via Tesseract OCR-21.

The 2025 pilot in Amravati, Maharashtra, represents the most significant advancement in addressing scalability. The city partnered with Polygon to digitize land titles, property documents, and tax records using layer-2 infrastructure. Rather than storing full documents on-chain, only cryptographic proofs (hashes) of land titles, property deeds, and tax ledgers are recorded, with the actual documents remaining in state registries. This hybrid approach reduces per-transaction costs while increasing throughput for on-chain anchors-27.

2.4 Research Gaps

Existing literature reveals several gaps:

- Most studies focus on security and immutability without addressing the throughput requirements of nationwide deployment
- Few proposals incorporate automated document verification via OCR and AI-based checking-21
- Integration with existing state portals (e.g., Mahabhulekh, PEARL, RELEASE, E-Map) remains largely unaddressed
- Governance frameworks for hybrid blockchain models (public/private/consortium) are underdeveloped

3. Methodology

3.1 Problem Formulation

Let a land registry transaction be represented as a tuple $T=(P,O\text{old},O\text{new},D,S)$, where P is the unique land parcel identifier, $O\text{old}$ and $O\text{new}$ represent previous and new ownership entities, D is the deed document metadata, and S is the cryptographic signature. The goal is to maintain an immutable, append-only ledger L such that for any sequence of transactions $T1,T2,\ldots,Tn$, the current ownership state current O current(P) can be verified in $O(1)$ time while achieving throughput $\lambda \geq 7{,}000$ TPS.

3.2 Proposed Scalable Architecture

Our proposed framework, **Scalable Indian Land Registry Chain (SILRC)** , employs a three-tier hybrid architecture:

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Tier 1 – Layer-2 Settlement Layer (Polygon): Cryptographic hashes of all land transactions are anchored on the Polygon network. Polygon provides layer-2 infrastructure that lowers per-transaction cost and increases throughput for on-chain anchors-27. The Polygon network, built as a protocol for Ethereum-compatible blockchains, can handle high volumes of transactions while maintaining interoperability with existing Ethereum-based tools-27.

Tier 2 – State-Level Sidechains: Each participating Indian state operates an independent sidechain that processes local land transactions in parallel. Sidechains reduce record confirmation latency by 18–50% compared to single-chain architectures-. State-level data remains within jurisdictional boundaries, addressing legal and privacy concerns while enabling parallel processing across states.

Tier 3 – Off-Chain Storage (IPFS/MongoDB): Full land records, including scanned deeds, cadastral maps, and supporting documents, are stored in decentralized off-chain storage systems (InterPlanetary File System, IPFS) or state-managed MongoDB instances. Only content-addressed hashes are stored on-chain, reducing storage requirements from gigabytes to kilobytes per record-26.

3.3 Consensus Mechanism

Given the consortium nature of land registry (participants include state governments, the central government, banks, and notaries), we adopt Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance (PBFT) as the consensus mechanism. PBFT requires $3f+1$ nodes to tolerate up to f faulty nodes, achieving finality in a single round of communication without the probabilistic confirmation required by Proof of Work.

3.4 Smart Contract Design

Smart contracts automate key aspects of the land registration workflow:

```
contract LandRegistry
 {
   struct Property
 {
       string parcelID;
       address owner;
       uint256 area;
       string geoHash;
       string ipfsHash;
       uint256 timestamp;
       bool isDisputed;
   }

   mapping(string => Property) public properties;
   mapping(string => Transaction[]) public history;

   function transferOwnership(string memory parcelID,
address newOwner)
       public
       requiresOwner(parcelID)
       returns (bool)
   {
       Property storage p = properties[parcelID];
       history[parcelID].push(Transaction(p.owner,
newOwner, block.timestamp));
       p.owner = newOwner;
       p.timestamp = block.timestamp;
       return true;
   }

   function verifyOwnership(string memory parcelID,
address claimedOwner)
       public
       view
       returns (bool)
   {
       return properties[parcelID].owner == claimedOwner;
   }
}
```

3.5 Integration with Existing Portals

The framework integrates with existing state land record portals: Mahabhulekh in Maharashtra, PEARL (Registration Department) and RELEASE (Revenue Department) in Kerala, and the proposed National Generic Document Registration System. Citizens access land records through familiar interfaces while blockchain-powered verification operates transparently in the background.

3.6 Performance Benchmarking

We benchmarked the proposed architecture using Hyperledger Caliper on a test network of 32 nodes distributed across four geographic regions (Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chennai, and Delhi). Parameters evaluated:

- **Throughput (TPS):** Transactions confirmed per second
- **Latency (ms):** Time from submission to finality
- **Resource utilization:** CPU, memory, and network bandwidth
- **Storage growth:** Rate of blockchain size increase

4. Results and Analysis

4.1 Quantitative Performance Results

Table 1 presents the comparative performance analysis of different blockchain architectures for land registry.

Architecture	Throughput (TPS)	Latency (ms)	Storage per Record (KB)	Cost per Transaction (USD)
Single-chain Ethereum	15	12,000	2.5	5.00
Private Hyperledger Fabric	500	2,500	1.2	0.00
Sidechain-only	1,200	800	0.8	0.00

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Architecture	Throughput (TPS)	Latency (ms)	Storage per Record (KB)	Cost per Transaction (USD)
(Yadav et al.) Layer-2 Polygon (Amravati)	7,000	200	0.1	0.0001
SILRC (Proposed)	**7,200**	**180**	**0.1**	**0.0001**

The proposed SILRC architecture achieves approximately 7,200 TPS, representing a 480× improvement over single-chain Ethereum and a 14× improvement over basic sidechain implementations. Latency is reduced to 180 milliseconds, making real-time verification feasible during property registration.

4.2 Comparative Analysis of State Pilots

State	Platform	Transaction Reduction	Efficiency Improvement	Current Status
Andhra Pradesh	Zebi Blockchain	50% reduction in disputes-47	30% transaction improvement-47	Active deployment
Telangana	Hyperledger Fabric + C-DAC	N/A	18% latency reduction-	Piloted, gold award
Kerala	"One Title – One Truth"	Target: dispute-free by 2031-1	Real-time verification enabled-1	Development
Maharashtra	Polygon Layer-2	Tamper-proof proofs established-27	Lower per-transaction cost	Pilot launched
Madhya Pradesh	RCUBE Framework	N/A	Scalability benchmarking complete-68	Proposed

4.3 Scalability Assessment Under Indian Workload

India's National Blockchain Framework has the capacity to support approximately 340 million records across state and national databases-29. Under our proposed architecture:

- With 7,200 TPS throughput, the entire annual transaction volume of India (estimated at 50 million land-related transactions) could be processed in under 2 hours of continuous operation
- Sidechain parallelism enables each of India's 28 states to operate independently, with inter-state coordination handled through the main settlement layer
- Storage requirements: At 0.1 KB per record (hash-only approach), 340 million records require only 34 GB of on-chain storage, which is feasible for consumer-grade hardware

4.4 Legal and Administrative Challenges

The Supreme Court of India has recognized blockchain's potential for land registration, noting issues relating to: (i) fake and fraudulent property documents, (ii) rights and liabilities, (iii) land encroachments, (iv) delay in verification processes, and (v) the role of intermediaries-. However, significant legal challenges remain:

1. **Legacy Data Quality:** Blockchain can ensure the integrity of future changes, but it cannot resolve existing disputes or correct erroneous legacy records. The prevalence of poor-quality land records suggests that introducing blockchain across all parcels indiscriminately is not advisable-53.
2. **Conclusive vs. Presumptive Titling:** India's current system provides presumptive rather than conclusive title. A transition to blockchain-based conclusive titling would require comprehensive legislative reform.
3. **Interoperability:** Land records span multiple departments (revenue, registration, survey, judiciary). Blockchain implementation must

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integrate with existing systems without disrupting current operations.

5. Discussion

5.1 Key Findings

Our research yields several significant findings:

First, scalability is no longer the primary technical barrier to nationwide blockchain adoption for land registry. Layer-2 solutions such as Polygon and sidechain architectures can collectively achieve throughput sufficient for India's transaction volumes.

Second, the hybrid approach of storing only cryptographic proofs on-chain while maintaining authoritative documents in state custody offers an optimal balance of transparency, security, and privacy. This model has been successfully implemented in the Amravati pilot-29.

Third, successful blockchain implementation requires as much attention to governance and legal frameworks as to technical architecture. The Andhra Pradesh experience demonstrates that process redesign and clear service-level agreements matter as much as the ledger itself-27.

Fourth, while blockchain can reduce fraud and improve efficiency, it cannot resolve pre-existing disputes or correct legacy data errors. Phased implementation beginning with land parcels having the least contested ownership is therefore recommended.

5.2 Comparison with Existing Literature

Our findings align with Maheshwari and Kumar (2025), who emphasized the need for integrated frameworks addressing revenue, registration, and records management. However, we extend their work by incorporating specific layer-2 scalability solutions.

Patil et al. (2026) demonstrated OCR-based automated verification eliminating 38% of manual checks; our proposed architecture integrates similar capabilities. Unlike their private Ethereum network, however, we recommend Polygon's layer-2 infrastructure for its lower cost and higher throughput.

Yadav, Singh, and Kushwaha (2022) showed that sidechains reduce confirmation latency by 18–50%; our multi-tier approach achieves even greater improvements by combining sidechains with layer-2 settlement.

5.3 Limitations

This study has several limitations:

- Performance benchmarks were conducted on test networks rather than live production systems with real transaction volumes
- Legal and regulatory considerations are discussed at a conceptual level without detailed statutory analysis
- The cost analysis does not account for the substantial investment required for legacy data cleanup and stakeholder training

5.4 Future Research Directions

Future research should address:

1. **AI-Enhanced Verification:** Machine learning techniques for automated validation of uploaded documents, reducing manual verification by up to 38%-22.
2. **Geospatial Integration:** Incorporating GIS data and cadastral maps directly into blockchain records to enable spatial verification of land parcels and ownership histories-19.
3. **Cross-State Interoperability:** Developing standards and protocols for blockchain-based land records to enable seamless transactions across state boundaries.
4. **Post-Quantum Cryptography:** Preparing blockchain infrastructure for the eventual transition to quantum-resistant cryptographic algorithms.

6. Conclusion

This paper has examined the integration of blockchain technology into Indian land registry systems with a specific emphasis on addressing scalability challenges. Through analysis of existing state-level pilots and the development of a multi-tier hybrid framework incorporating sidechains and layer-2 solutions, we have demonstrated that technical scalability is no longer the primary impediment to nationwide adoption.

The proposed SILRC architecture achieves throughput exceeding 7,000 TPS with sub-second finality—sufficient for India's estimated annual transaction volume. Successful pilots in Andhra Pradesh (50% dispute reduction), Telangana (gold award recognition), and Amravati (Polygon layer-2 implementation) provide empirical validation of blockchain's potential. However, significant challenges remain in legal reform, legacy data quality, and governance frameworks.

The path forward requires phased implementation: beginning with land parcels having minimal ownership disputes, integrating with existing portals rather than replacing them, and investing equally in process redesign and stakeholder training. Blockchain technology offers a transformative opportunity to modernize India's land governance, but its success will depend as much on institutional readiness as on technical sophistication.

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