



Smart Cities Command Centres

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Recently, municipalities have started using their **Integrated Command and Control Centres (ICCCs)** as war rooms for **Covid-19** response under the **Smart Cities Mission**.

Key Points

- Of the **100 municipalities** in the Smart Cities Mission, the ICCCs of 45 cities are online or operational.
- The **ICCCs set up under the Mission** are meant to **coordinate traffic management, surveillance, utilities and grievance redressal**.
Now, they are being used to tackle the **coronavirus pandemic**.
- As **Covid-19 war rooms**, the ICCCs are **implementing initiatives such as:**
 - CCTV surveillance of public places.
 - GIS mapping of Covid-positive cases.
 - GPS tracking of healthcare workers
 - Predictive analytics (heat maps) for virus containment across different zones of the city.
 - Virtual training to doctors and healthcare professionals.
 - Real-time tracking of ambulances and disinfection services.
 - Providing medical services through video-conferencing, tele-counselling and tele-medicine.

Smart City Mission

- It is an **innovative** initiative under the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**, Government of India to drive economic growth and improve the quality of life of people by enabling local development and harnessing technology as a means to create smart outcomes for citizens.

- **Objective:** To promote cities that provide core infrastructure and give a decent quality of life to its citizens, a clean and sustainable environment and application of Smart Solutions.
- **Focus:** On sustainable and inclusive development and to look at compact areas, create a replicable model which will act like a lighthouse to other aspiring cities.
- **Strategy:**
 - Pan-city initiative in which at least one Smart Solution is applied city-wide.
 - Develop areas step-by-step with the help of these three models:
 - Retrofitting.
 - Redevelopment.
 - Greenfield.
- **Coverage and Duration:** The Mission covers **100 cities** for the duration of **five years** starting from the financial year (FY) 2015-16 to 2019-20.
- **Financing:** It is a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme**.

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