



Vibrant Villages Programme-II (VVP-II)

Why in News?

The **Union Cabinet**, chaired by PM **Narendra Modi**, approved the **Vibrant Villages Programme-II (VVP-II)** as a **Central Sector Scheme** for FY **2024-25 to 2028-29**.

Key Points

- **About the Scheme:**
 - The scheme supports the vision of **Viksit Bharat@2047** for '**Safe, Secured & Vibrant Land Borders**'.
 - It focuses on the **comprehensive development** of villages in blocks **adjoining International Land Borders (ILBs)**, excluding the **Northern border** (already covered under [VVP-I](#)).
 - **Total Outlay:** Rs.6,839 crore.
 - **Implementation Period:** Till FY 2028-29.
 - **States/UTs covered:**
 - Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir (UT), Ladakh (UT), Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal.
- **Objective of the Scheme:**
 - To create **better living conditions** in strategic border villages.
 - To provide **adequate livelihood opportunities** for residents.
 - To ensure **prosperous and safe international borders**.
 - To **control trans-border crime** in vulnerable regions.
 - To **integrate border populations** with the national mainstream.
 - To enable villagers to serve as '**eyes and ears**' of **border guarding forces**, enhancing **internal security**.
- **Key Provisions under VVP-II:**
 - **Infrastructure development** in individual villages or village clusters.
 - **Value chain development** through cooperatives, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), etc.
 - Border-specific **outreach activities** to engage and empower local communities.
 - Establishment of **education infrastructure**, including **SMART classes**.
 - Development of **tourism circuits** to boost local economy and cultural visibility.
 - Implementation of **projects for diverse and sustainable livelihood opportunities** in border areas.
- **Implementation Approach:**
 - **Village Action Plans:** Developed collaboratively, customized to state, village, and border-specific needs
 - **Road Connectivity:** Via [PMGSY-IV](#) (under Ministry of Rural Development)
 - **High-Powered Committee** (chaired by Cabinet Secretary): To allow **relaxations** in implementation guidelines
- **Saturation Focus (Thematic Areas)**
 - The programme aims to ensure that **all individuals and households** in the selected villages receive the **full benefits of existing welfare schemes**, by bringing different schemes together.
 - It also plans to fully cover **all villages** in these areas with **four basic services**:

1. All-weather road connectivity
2. Telecom connectivity
3. Television connectivity
4. Electrification

- **Use of Technology**

- Implementation supported by digital tools like [PM Gati Shakti](#) platform for integrated planning and tracking

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