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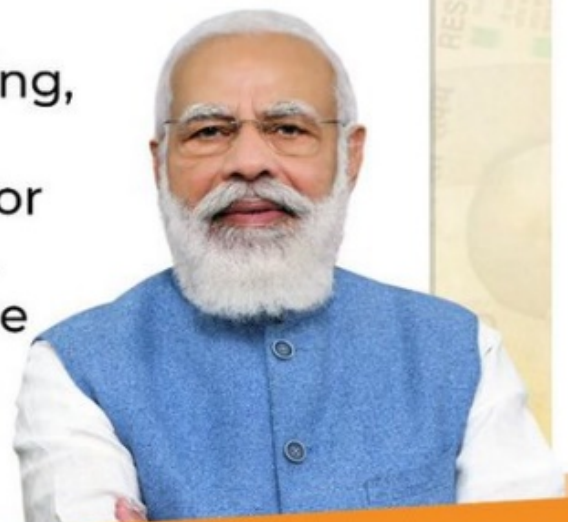
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The Minister of State for Home Affairs has recently stated about the **Vibrant Villages Programme** in the Rajya Sabha.

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Border villages with sparse population, limited connectivity and infra often get left out. Such villages will be covered under a new **Vibrant Villages programme**.

The activities will include construction of infra, housing, tourist centres, road connectivity, and support for their livelihood generation. Additional funding for these activities will be provided.



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About the Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP):

- The Vibrant Villages Programme is a **centrally sponsored scheme** that aims to **boost development** in selected **border villages** near China to prevent **migration**, and thus boost **security** in those **villages**.
- It will promote social entrepreneurship, **empowerment** of youth and women through **skill development**.

- It will promote **tourism & cultural** heritage, **skill** development & **entrepreneurship**.
- It will also promote development of **cooperative societies** including agriculture/horticulture, cultivation of medicinal plants/herbs etc.
- It will provide **road connectivity** to **unconnected** villages, **housing & village** infrastructures, energy including **renewable energy**, television & telecom connectivity.
- It encourages development of **sustainable eco-agribusinesses** on the basis of “**One Village-One product**” through community-based organisations, cooperatives, SHGs, NGOs etc.
- The district administration will prepare **action plans** with the help of **Gram Panchayats** for the identified villages to ensure **100%** merger of Central and state schemes.
- Under this programme, the development work of **villages** will be done at **3 levels**.

Coverage of VVP:

- **2,967 villages** in 19 districts of Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh and the Union Territory of Ladakh.
- **Kinnaur** and **Lahul & Spiti** districts of Himachal Pradesh have been covered under VVP.
- **Chamoli, Uttarkashi** and **Rudraprayag** districts of Uttarakhand have also been covered under VVP.

Other key facts:

- In the remaining **villages** of **border** near the other countries, the **infrastructure** is being provided under **Border Area Development Programme (BADP)**.