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Govt launches Vibrant Villages Programme 2.0

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Context

- The Union Cabinet has approved Vibrant Villages Programme-II (VVP-II) with a financial outlay of ₹6,839 crore for the period 2024-25 to 2028-29, covering border villages beyond Northern borders to ensure security, development, and national integration.

About Vibrant Villages Programme

- VVP-I launched in February **2023**
- Ministry in Charge: **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)**
- Vision Aligned with: **Viksit Bharat@2047** and **'Safe, Secure & Vibrant Borders'** **Vibrant Villages Programme**

What is VVP-II?

- VVP-II is a **Central Sector Scheme (100% Centre-funded)** focused on comprehensive **development of strategic villages near international land borders (ILBs), other than Northern borders already covered under VVP-I.**

Objectives of VVP-II:

- Enhance **quality of life** in border villages.
- **Create livelihood** opportunities for border residents.
- **Ensure national security by involving locals as eyes and ears of border forces.**
- Curb trans-border crimes and **promote border integrity.**
- Strengthen **connectivity** and governance in strategic regions

Key Features of VVP-II:

- Coverage: 17 States/UTs including Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Punjab, Gujarat, J&K, Ladakh, etc.
- **Village Action Plans (VAPs): Developed with community participation.**
- Basic Services Saturation: Focus on **4 key areas – all-weather roads (via PMGSY-IV), telecom, TV access, and electrification.**
- Livelihood Opportunities: Boost rural income through cooperatives, SHGs, tourism, and handicraft promotion.
- Infrastructure Development: Includes SMART classrooms, village facilities, and cluster-based projects

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