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Smart Cities Mission (SCM) deadline ended on March 31, 2025

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Context

As per the Smart Cities Mission dashboard, the cities have completed 7,491 projects with 567 projects still ongoing till Feb, 2025.

What is the Smart Cities Mission (SCM)?

It is a [Centrally Sponsored Scheme](#), launched in June 2015 to transform 100 cities to provide the necessary core infrastructure and clean and sustainable environment to enable a decent quality of life to their citizens through the application of "Smart Solutions".

It aimed to improve the quality of life for citizens through sustainable and [inclusive development](#).

Objectives:

Provide core infrastructure and decent quality of life

Clean and sustainable environment

Application of 'Smart' Solutions

Sustainable and inclusive development

Replicable model

Components of the SCM:

Area-based Development:

Redevelopment: Renewal of existing urban areas to improve infrastructure and amenities. E.g. **Bhendi Bazar, Mumbai.**

Retrofitting: Upgrading infrastructure in existing areas to make them more efficient and sustainable. E.g. **Local Area Development (Ahmedabad).**

Greenfield Projects: Development of new urban areas with a focus on sustainability and smart technologies. E.g. **New Town, Kolkata, Naya Raipur, GIFT City.**

Pan-City Solutions:

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Implementation of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) solutions across various sectors such as e-governance, waste management, water management, energy management, urban mobility, and skill development.

Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)

A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) was created under the Companies Act, 2013 led by a **bureaucrat or a representative of a multinational corporation (MNC) in each smart city for governance.**