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Vibrant Villages Programme

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Why is in news? Cabinet approves Centrally Sponsored Scheme - "Vibrant Villages Programme" for the Financial Years 2022-23 to 2025-26

Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP) has been announced in the Finance Minister's Budget Speech 2022.

The programme envisages **coverage of border villages on Northern border** having sparse population, limited connectivity and infrastructure, which often get left out from the development gains.

As it is a new programme, its implementation framework, fund requirement and other modalities are being finalised. The villages on the Northern border to be covered under VVP are being finalised.

THE Government of India is implementing the **Border Area Development Programme (BADP)** through the State Governments/UT Administrations in habitations located within 0-10 kms. from the first habitation at international border in 460 border blocks of 117 border districts in 16 States and 2 UTs viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Jammu & Kashmir (UT) and Ladakh (UT).

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, has approved **Centrally Sponsored Scheme- "Vibrant Villages Programme"** (VVP) for the Financial Years 2022-23 to 2025-26 with financial allocation of Rs. 4800 Crore.

The **Comprehensive development of villages of blocks on northern border** thus improving the quality of life of people living in identified border villages

This will help in encouraging people to stay in their native locations in border areas and reversing the outmigration from these villages adding to improved security of the border.

The scheme will provide funds for **development of essential infrastructure and creation of livelihood opportunities** in 19 Districts and 46 Border blocks 4 states and 1 UT along the northern land border of the country which will help in achieving inclusive growth and retaining the population in the border areas. In the first phase 663 Villages will be taken up in the programme.

The scheme aids to **identify and develop the economic drivers** based on local natural human and other resources of the border villages on northern border and development of growth centres on "**Hub and Spoke Model**" through promotion of social entrepreneurship, empowerment of youth and women through skill development and entrepreneurship, leveraging the tourism potential through promotion of local cultural, traditional knowledge and heritage and development of sustainable eco-agribusinesses on the **concept of "One village-One product"** through community based organisations, Cooperatives, SHGs, NGOs etc.

Vibrant Village Action Plans will be created by the district administration with the help of Gram Panchayats. 100 % saturation of Central and state schemes will be ensured.

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Key outcomes that have been attempted are, connectivity with all weather road, drinking water, 24x7 electricity – Solar and wind energy to be given focuseed attention, mobile and internet connectivity. Tourist centers, multi-purpose centers and health and wellness Centers.

There **will not be overlap with Border Area Development Programme.**