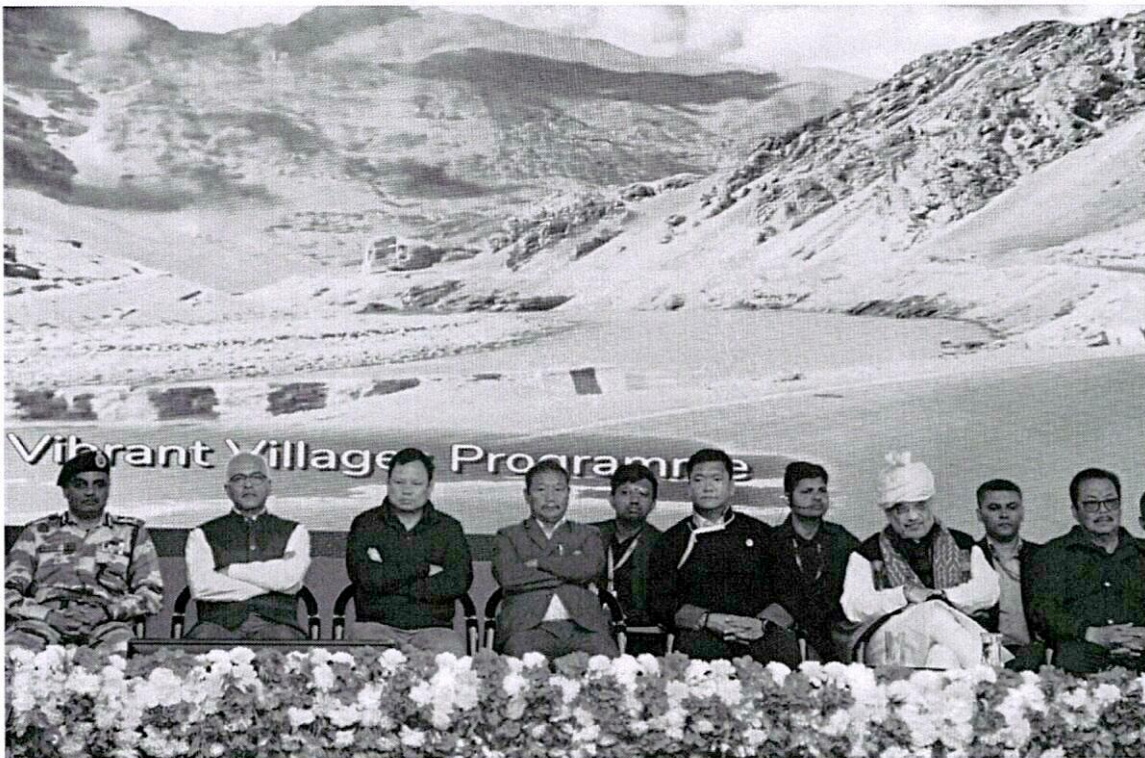


SCHEMES

Important developments, initiatives taken, new Schemes launched

(i) Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP-I)

The Government of India has approved a Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Vibrant Villages Programme' on 15th February, 2023, for comprehensive development, in phased manner, of select villages identified in 46 blocks abutting the northern border of 19 districts of States/UT, i.e., Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh. Financial allocation for 2022-23 to 2025-26 is Rs. 4,800 Crore out of which Rs. 2500 Crore is exclusively to provide all weather road connectivity. The Programme was launched from Kibithoo village in Anjaw district of Arunachal Pradesh by Hon'ble Home Minister on 10th April, 2023





(ii) Vibrant Villages Programme-II (VVP-II)

- Cabinet has approved the Vibrant Villages Programme -II (VVP-II) as a Central Sector Scheme (100% Centre funding), furthering its commitment for the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047 for 'Safe, Secured & Vibrant land borders'. With a total outlay of Rs.6,839 crore, the programme shall be implemented in select strategic villages in the States/UTs of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, J&K (UT), Ladakh (UT), Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.
- The objective of the programme is to create better living conditions and adequate livelihood opportunities to ensure prosperous and safe borders, control trans-border crime and assimilate the border population with the nation and inculcate them 'as eyes and ears of the border guarding forces'.
- The focus areas of interventions for comprehensive development of villages identified under VVP-II are (i) livelihood generation, (ii) road connectivity, (iii) energization, (iv) village infrastructure including health facilities (v) financial inclusion, (vi) empowerment of youth & skill development, (vii) development of cooperatives, SHGs & FPOs for managing livelihood opportunities and maintenance of assets created under the programme, (viii) promotion of tourism, culture and outreach activities, (ix) education infrastructure and (x) television and telecom connectivity.
- The programme also aims to saturate all villages in border blocks in 4 thematic areas, namely all-weather road connectivity, telecom connectivity, television connectivity and electrification through convergence under existing scheme norms.

(iii) Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)

- There are 15 operational ICPs.
- ICP Sabroom (Tripura) and ICP Darranga (Assam) have been inaugurated in March, 2024 and November, 2024 respectively.
- ICP Sunauli and ICP Sutarkandi are under construction.
- Approval for development of 2 new ICPs at Bhithamore and Banbasa in August, 2024.
- Design, development and implementation of Land Ports Management System for Integrated Check Posts has been taken up.
