

Shyam Prasad Mukherjee Rural Urban Mission (SPMRM)

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In news- Recently, the Union Minister of State for Rural Development stated in Lok Sabha that Shyam Prasad Mukherjee Rural Urban Mission (SPMRM) is achieving all its goals steadily despite its inherent complexity and uniqueness

About the SPMRM mission-

- **It was launched in the year 2016** in mission mode to develop 300 clusters in the country holistically by provisioning of economic, social and physical infrastructure facilities.
- **The vision of SPMRM** is development of a cluster of villages that preserve and nurture the essence of rural community life with focus on equity and inclusiveness without compromising with the facilities perceived to be essentially urban in nature, thus creating a cluster of Rurban villages.
- **The main objectives of SPMRM** are to stimulate local economic development, enhance basic services, and create well planned Rurban clusters.
- Under the Mission, presently, there are 109 tribal clusters and 191 non-tribal clusters under different stages of development across 28 States and 6 Union Territories (UTs) of the country.
- Regarding the objective of having 'sustainable planned development of rural habitat on spatial perspective' **a spatial planning platform has been developed in collaboration with Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications** and Geo-informatics and Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) with 2 fund streams: Convergence through various schemes (Central

sector, centrally sponsored schemes, State sector/ sponsored schemes/ programmes, CSR funds etc) and Critical Gap Funds (CGF).

The larger outcomes envisaged under this Mission are-

- Bridging the rural-urban divide-viz: economic, technological and those related to facilities and services.
- Stimulating local economic development with emphasis on reduction of poverty and unemployment in rural areas.
- Spreading development in the region.
- Attracting investment in rural areas.