

# Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM)

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Recently the Union Minister of Rural Development and Panchayat raj has inaugurated National workshop on sharing workshop under SPMRM.

## Background

- As per Census of India statistics, the rural population in India, stands at 833 million, constituting almost 68% of the total population.
- Further, the rural population has shown a growth of 12% during the 2001-2011 period and there has been an increase in the absolute number of villages by 2279 units, during the same period.
- Large parts of rural areas in the country are not stand-alone settlements but part of a cluster of settlements, which are relatively proximate to each other. These clusters typically illustrate potential for growth, have economic drivers and derive locational and competitive advantages.
- Hence, making a case for concerted policy directives for such clusters. These clusters once developed can then be classified as 'Rurban'. Hence taking cognizance of this, the Government of India, has proposed the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM), aimed at developing such rural areas by provisioning of economic, social and physical infrastructure facilities.
- Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) was announced in the Union Budget 2014-15. This was following the Rurban development model of urbanization of the rural areas, adopted in the state of Gujarat

through which people living in rural areas are given efficient civic infrastructure and associated services.

### **About Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM)**

SPMRM focuses on cluster based integrated development through Geo – spatial Planning for holistic development of the region while encouraging innovation and integrated and inclusive rural development.

These clusters would be strengthened with the required amenities, for which it is proposed that resources be mobilized through convergence of various schemes of the Government, over and above which a Critical Gap Funding (CGF) would be provided under this Mission, for focused development of these clusters.

### **Mission's Vision**

The National Rurban Mission (NRuM) follows the vision of “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”.

### **Aim**

SPMRM aims to provide well planned basic amenities along with economic development activities.

### **Objective**

The mission has an objective for comprehensive development of 300 clusters

### **Components of SPMRM**

The 14 components which are envisaged as desirable in each cluster under this mission are as follows:

1. Skill development training linked to economic activities
2. Agro Processing, Agri-Services, Storage and Warehousing.
3. Upgrading school or higher education facilities.
4. Sanitation
5. Fully equipped mobile health unit.
6. Provision of piped water supply.
7. Solid and liquid waste management.
8. Village streets and drains.
9. Street lights
10. Inter-village road connectivity.
11. Digital Literacy.
12. Citizen Service Centres- for electronic delivery of citizen centric services/e-gram connectivity.
13. Public transport.
14. LPG gas connections