

Vibrant Village Programme

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In news— Recently, the Union Home Minister has said that borders can be permanently secured only when border villages are populated by patriotic citizens who are concerned for the country, asking the border-guarding forces to use the Vibrant Village Programme (VVP) for the same.

About Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP)-

- This programme was announced in the Finance Minister's Budget Speech 2022.
- It envisages coverage of border villages on Northern border having sparse population, limited connectivity and infrastructure, which often get left out from the development gains.
- Convergence of existing schemes is proposed under VVP.
- As it is a new programme, its implementation framework, fund requirement and other modalities are being finalised.

Note:

- 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).
- Under BADP, the annual action plans of the States/UTs consisting of works related to village infrastructure like roads and bridges, health, education, agriculture, sports, drinking water & sanitation etc. are considered and approved as per BADP guidelines in vogue.