

■ 'Vibrant Villages Programme' for Northern Border Gets Cabinet Nod

The Union Cabinet has given the green signal for the implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme called the 'Vibrant Villages Programme' (VVP) for the Financial Years 2022-23 to 2025-26. The scheme, with a financial allocation of Rs 4800 crore, aims to comprehensively develop the villages along the northern border to improve the quality of life of people residing in areas. The ultimate goal of the programme is to encourage people to stay in their native locations in the border areas and reverse the outmigration from these villages, thereby improving the security of the border. The VVP is designed to identify and develop the economic drivers based on the local natural, human, and other resources of the border villages. It aims to develop growth centers on a "Hub and Spoke Model" through the promotion of social entrepreneurship, the empowerment of youth and women through skill development and entrepreneurship, leveraging the tourism potential through the promotion of local cultural, traditional knowledge and heritage, and the development of sustainable eco-agribusinesses on the concept of "One village-One product" through community-based organizations, cooperatives, self-help groups (SHGs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), among others.



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