

ENHANCE THE VIBRANCY OF BORDER VILLAGES

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Government has approved Vibrant Villages Programme-I (VVP-I) as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 15th February, 2023 for comprehensive development of the select villages in 46 blocks abutting northern border in 19 districts in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and UT of Ladakh. Initially, 662 border villages have been identified for comprehensive development on priority under the programme.

The programme envisages focused areas of interventions in the select villages for creation of opportunities for livelihood generation through promotion of tourism & cultural heritage, skill development & entrepreneurship and development of cooperative societies including agriculture/horticulture, cultivation of medicinal plants/herbs etc. The interventions also include providing road connectivity to unconnected villages, village infrastructures, health facility, education infrastructure, energy including renewable energy, television & telecom connectivity. The objective of the programme is to create sufficient incentives for people to stay on in the selected villages.

Under Vibrant Villages Programme-I, to enhance the vibrancy of border villages, more than 8600 activities have been undertaken including awareness drive, service delivery camps, training and capacity building activities, health and veterinary camps, fair & festivals and promotion of tourism activities. State/UT-wise details of activities undertaken are as under:

Sl.No.	Name of States/UT	Total number of activities conducted upto 28 th February, 2026
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	2971
2.	Himachal Pradesh	1019
3.	Ladakh (UT)	2221
4.	Sikkim	534
5.	Uttarakhand	1885

112 road and 35 LSBs worth ₹2513.35 crore have been sanctioned under Vibrant Villages Programme-I to connect 135 unconnected villages in Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Uttarakhand. State-wise details are as under:

States	No of Roads and LSBs sanctioned	Road length (In Km)	Projects cost (₹in crore)	No ofvillages tobe connected
Arunachal Pradesh	105 roads+ 27 LSBs	1022	2361.82	125
Sikkim	3 roads+8 LSBs	19	96.33	3
Uttarakhand	4 roads	20.76	55.20	7

This was stated by the Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs Shri Nityanand Rai in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha.

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