Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP)

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Why in News?

Recently, the Home Minister launched VVP-II, covering 1,954 strategic villages along borders.

- It is ***a central sector scheme*** (100% Centre funding).
- **Launched in –** VVP Phase I in 2023.
- VVP Phase II cleared by the Union Cabinet in April 2025.
- **Nodal Ministry –** The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
- **Implementation –** In select strategic villages of States/UTs.
- **Objectives – Growth –** Holistic development of border villages through improved infrastructure, livelihoods, and social well-being.
- **Unity –** Integration of border communities with the nation, promoting national cohesion and cultural assimilation.
- **Security** – Curb trans-border crimes by involving *residents as "eyes and ears" of the border guarding forces (BGFs).*
- **Mechanism –** Strengthen infrastructure and livelihood opportunities by leveraging existing government schemes.
- Conduct culturally sensitive outreach to build trust and encourage community participation in security efforts.
- **Coverage –**
  - VVP Phase I for the China border.
  - VVP Phase II will also cover villages along ***Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Myanmar.***
- **Strategic States –** Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.
  - **Allocation –** It is proposed that ***Rs. 3 crore will be spent in each village.***
- **Duration –** For financial years 2024-25 to 2028-29.
- **Significance –** VVP-II, along with VVP-I, is a transformative initiative to make the *border villages self-reliant and vibrant*.

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