

National Rurban mission

- 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".

Outcomes

The larger outcomes envisaged under this Mission are:

- Bridging the rural-urban divide-viz: economic, technological and those related to facilities and services.
- Stimulating local economic development with emphasis on reduction of poverty and unemployment in rural areas.
- Spreading development in the region.
- Attracting investment in rural areas.

Selection of area

There will be two categories of clusters under NRuM: Non-Tribal and Tribal the process of selection will vary for each of these categories. While selecting the Rurban cluster the State may identify a large village/gram Panchayats that are growth centers with resources available in the area that could potentially lead the economic transformation of the region. These growth centers could also be block headquarter villages or census towns. The clusters could then be formed by identifying geographically contiguous villages/gram Panchayats within a radius of 5–10 km (or radius appropriate to the population density and geography of the region) around the identified growth center.

Non Tribal

For selection of Non- Tribal clusters, the Ministry would provide a list of leading sub districts to each State, within which the clusters could be identified. The selection of these sub districts by the Ministry would be based on parameters such as

- Decadal Growth in Rural Population
- Decadal Growth in Non-Farm work force participation

- Presence of Economic Clusters
- Presence of places of Tourism and Pilgrimage significance.
- Proximity to Transport Corridors.

Appropriate weightages have been given for each parameter. Thereafter, within these sub districts, so identified by the Ministry, the State Governments could select the clusters and while doing so, could include the following performance parameters:

- Decadal growth in Rural Population.
- Rise in Land Values.
- Decadal growth in Non- Farm Work force participation.
- Percentage Enrollment of girls in secondary schools.
- Percentage Households with Bank accounts under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana.
- Performance in Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen).
- Good Governance Initiatives by Gram Panchayats.

Any other factor which the States may consider relevant may also be included.

However, a total weightage of 80% would be given for the first 4 parameters and the States will have the flexibility to choose the last three parameters, subject to a total weightage of 20%.

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