

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

'National Digital Urban Mission' launch sets the path for better urban governance

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What is the Mission?

- This mission was launched in order to create a digital infrastructure for all the cities in country
- This mission will help in creating a shared digital infrastructure which in turn can be used to consolidate and cross-leverage the several digital initiatives of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- The mission will also enable the cities and towns to benefit from holistic and diverse forms of support with respect to the needs and local challenges of the towns and cities

Integration with Smart Cities Program

- It is an urban renewal and retrofitting program that seeks to develop smart cities across India so as to make cities citizen friendly and sustainable
- This mission is being implemented by Union Ministry of Urban Development in association with the respective state governments
- It initially included 100 cities that will be completed in between 2019 and 2023

Significance of the NUDM:

- The shared digital infrastructure will consolidate and cross-leverage the various digital initiatives of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, enabling cities and towns across India to benefit from holistic and diverse forms of support, in keeping with their needs and local challenges.
- NUDM has articulated a set of governing principles, and inherits the technology design principles of the National Urban Innovation Stack (NUIS).
- The principles in turn give rise to standards, specifications, and certifications, across the three pillars of people, process, and platforms.

- NUIS will strengthen the capacity of the urban ecosystem to solve complex programs at speed and scale by unlocking the power of urban data.

For Further Reading

1. <https://www.drishtiias.com/daily-updates/daily-news-analysis/national-urban-digital-mission>
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