

**REVITALIZATION OF VILLAGES TO SMART VILLAGES —  
A MARCH TOWARDS A GREEN ECONOMY**

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*Abstract*

Smart villages represent the new engines of growth in the global development of green economy. In India, there are 6,00,000 villages. Among them, 1, 25,000 villages are backward. The need of the hour is to concept and engender those villages as smart villages. India could become a developing country by focusing on smart villages. Thus, India could become an imperial nation. The concept of smart villages which was developed by Smart Village Initiatives (SVI) provides access to modern facilities like education, health, food security, environment and democracy. Smart villages stand in need of the development of both urban and rural areas. The aim of designing smart villages is to focus on sustainable growth and development of villages through productive enterprises as well as providing basic infrastructures such as road, water, power, education and health care facilities. In terms of a green economy, to create smart villages is to bring interconnected service providers and users to a single point.

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**Introduction**

In India, there are 6,00,000 villages but 1,25,000 villages are backward. Migration from rural to urban is increasing day by day due to its backwardness. In the world today, 1.3 billion people remain without access to electricity. In addition, 3 billion are still cooking on dangerous and inefficient stoves. Many of them live in remote rural village communities. Until such communities have access to modern energy services, little progress can be made to develop their economies and improve their lives. It necessitates the revitalization of villages to smart. The vision of a smart village is the modern energy access, live healthy life, potential earnings, good

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education, clean water attained through sustainable development. The vision of the smart village leads to accelerate the green economy. Thus, it is the need of the hour to focus on smart villages.

**Smart Villages**

The basic concept of smart village is the sustainable energy access for the development of villages along with good education, health care, access to clean water, sanitation and connecting