



## Smart Cities Mission

### Patna – The Distance between Dream and Reality

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**Abstract:** *There is no universally accepted definition of a smart city. It means different things to different people. There is no one way of defining a smart city.*

*The Government of India has started Smart Cities Mission, an urban renewal and retrofitting programme. The objective of this mission is to promote cities that provide core infrastructure and give a decent quality of life to its citizens, a clean and sustainable environment and application of smart solutions.*

*The study explains whether the Smart Cities Mission is anywhere near attaining its objectives in Patna or it is just on*

*papers. The research also gives insight into the works of the Patna Municipal Corporation, its efforts to achieve the Smart Cities Mission deadline by the year 2021, areas to be focused upon and deficiencies which have to be looked into.*

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#### Introduction:

Cities accommodate nearly 31% of India's current population and contribute 63% of the GDP (Census 2011). Urban areas are expected to house 40% of India's population and contribute 75% of India's GDP by 2030. This requires comprehensive development of physical, institutional, social and economic infrastructure. This is important for improving the quality of life and attracting people and investment, setting in motion a virtuous cycle of growth and development. Development of Smart Cities is a step in that direction.

The Smart Cities Mission is an innovative and new initiative by the Government of India to drive economic growth and improve the quality of life of people by enabling local development and harnessing technology as a means to create smart outcomes for citizens.

Patna is nominated in the 3rd list of smart cities along with other capital cities of India. Besides Patna, Muzaffarpur, Bihar Sharif and Bhagalpur from Bihar are also nominated for the Smart City Mission.

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