

**PRESS RELEASE
(MAY–JUNE 2026)
ARUNACHAL PRADESH**

NEC Releases Over ₹19.03 Crore to Strengthen Healthcare, Rural Development, Connectivity and Livelihoods in Arunachal Pradesh

Shillong, July 2026: The North Eastern Council (NEC), under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), released over **₹19.03 Crore** during **May–June 2026** under the Schemes of NEC (**₹16,03,49,393**) and under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (**₹3,00,00,000**) to support key development initiatives in Arunachal Pradesh covering healthcare, education, tourism, rural development, agriculture, livelihoods, community welfare & road connectivity.

Major projects supported include the construction of a **Nursing Hostel at Yingkiong District Hospital** to strengthen healthcare services in Upper Siang District, a **Girls' Hostel at Donyi Polo Government College** to improve access to higher education for female students, and the development of a **Tourism Complex at Sapparijo (Kicho)** and **Development of Pasighat-Yingkiong View Point on NH-513** to promote eco-tourism and generate local employment.

NEC also supported the establishment of a **Persimmon Processing Common Facility Centre at Dirang** to strengthen the horticulture value chain, reduce post-harvest losses and improve farmers' incomes. A **Supermarket-cum-Parking Facility at Kharsang** was also funded to improve market infrastructure, support local businesses and decongest the town.

To preserve indigenous heritage while creating sustainable livelihoods, NEC provided assistance for the **revival of the traditional Mon-Shugu handmade paper craft** and for strengthening **welfare infrastructure for the Meyor community**, particularly in border areas

The fund released under the NESIDS–Roads is for the continuation of the ongoing work, namely, the **Bana via Old Sopung–Chijang Kajing Road, NH-513**. This project will improve connectivity, enhance access to healthcare, education and markets, and promote balanced regional development. The fund release also covered the ongoing project, improvement of **Pakke-Seijosa-Itakhola Road** (Length 55 KM), an important connectivity in the foothill of the Himalayas.

During the period, the **Nacho Backward Block Development Project**, supported under SoNEC was also completed, providing improved infrastructure and essential public services in one of the State's most remote and geographically challenging areas.

During May-June, 2026, NEC also released ₹18.93 Crore to regional agencies including universities, technical institutes, NGOs, Societies, etc. for development and promotion of

NE region. Part of the fund released was for supporting the event **“Eagle Nest Bird Festival”** organized by Art & Culture, Eco-Tourism Society, Arunachal Pradesh.



Pic: **Eagle Nest Bird Festival supported by NEC**

These investments reaffirm NEC's commitment to accelerating inclusive and sustainable development in Arunachal Pradesh through improved infrastructure, enhanced public services, stronger livelihoods and better connectivity, ensuring that the benefits of development reach even the most remote communities.

PRESS RELEASE (MAY–JUNE 2026) ASSAM

Media Familiarization Tour to Assam conducted in June, 2026

Shillong, July 2026: The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), in collaboration with the North Eastern Council (NEC), is organizing a Media Familiarization Tour to Assam from 24th to 27th June, 2026 with the objective of providing media professionals first-hand exposure to key development projects supported by MDoNER and NEC. The media team, comprising journalists from DD News, Hindustan Samachar, Haribhoomi & Nav Gujarat Samay, accompanied by officials & media team of NEC visited infrastructure including Construction of RCC Bridge No. 3/1 on the Road from NH-39 near Silonijan to Dhansiri Par Ghat via Panika Basti under NESIDS (Roads), Construction of Road from Bogamati to Bheragaon via Naobandha Village, Udalguri District under NESIDS (Roads), Establishment of Dedicated Services for Management of Paediatric and Adult Haematolymphoid Cancers in North East India, Guwahati under PM-DevINE, and others.



The media team also interacted with state government officials and beneficiaries of the projects to witness the impact of MDoNER/NEC funded projects on the lives of the local people and the overall socio-economic development of the State. The initiative aims to enhance public awareness of the transformative interventions being implemented across the North Eastern Region through factual, field-based reporting and to highlight the Government of India's continued commitment to inclusive, sustainable, and balanced development in Assam.

NEC also continued releasing fund under the Schemes of NEC (SoNEC) during **May–June 2026** to ensure smooth implementation of various ongoing key development initiatives in **Assam** spanning various sectors. The fund released covered important projects like **Development of Socheng Backward**

Block in West Karbi Anglong District and a **Cluster-based rural development programme in Boko Block** to improve infrastructure, strengthen community assets, generate sustainable livelihoods and enhance the quality of life in rural areas.

NEC also extended assistance for the **promotion of handloom activities among the Deori tribe of Lakhimpur District** aimed at strengthening traditional weaving through better infrastructure, skill development and improved market access, while preserving the community's rich cultural heritage. In the education sector, NEC supported the **construction of classrooms and modern laboratories at Dibrugarh University** to enhance teaching, learning and research facilities.

During May-June, 2026, NEC also released ₹18.93 Crore to regional agencies including Universities, technical institutes, NGOs, Societies, etc. for development and promotion of NE region and much of the fund released was for supporting festivals, seminars, workshop, conclave, study projects, etc. held & conducted in Assam state, some of which are:

- Son Beel Utsav-2025 organized by Assam University.



Pic: Inauguration ceremony of the Son Beel Utsav 2.0 supported by NEC

- Study- strength enhancement of sub-grade soils in the NE region using sustainable materials under variant temperature conditions conducted by Central Institute of Technology, Assam
- State making in the NE Borderland- Land relations, indigenous mobility and governance conducted by NIT, Silchar
- Convergence of Nano-Bio-Artificial Intelligence (Nano-Bio-AI): Innovations for environmental sustainability and smart societal solutions by Jorhat Kendriya Mahavidyalaya, Kenduguri, Jorhat
- Artificial Intelligence-Based Smart Farming conducted by Assam University, Silchar.

- Establishment of national network of showrooms for NE region entrepreneurs, farmers & artisans by NEHHDC
- Workshop on fostering sustainable livelihood, trade & cultural tourism for indigenous communities at Hatisar, BTR, Assam organized by Bodoland University.

These investments reaffirm NEC's commitment to accelerating inclusive and sustainable development in Assam through stronger rural infrastructure, quality education, research and innovation, technology-driven agriculture and improved agricultural marketing, contributing to a resilient and self-reliant economy.

PRESS RELEASE

(MAY–JUNE 2026)

MANIPUR

NEC Releases Over ₹19.06 Crore to Strengthen Rural Development, Cultural Heritage, Education, Livelihoods and road connectivity in Manipur

Shillong, July 2026: The North Eastern Council (NEC), under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), released **₹19.06 Crore** for Manipur under the Schemes of NEC (**₹12.06 Crore**) and under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme- Roads (**₹7.00 Crore**) during **May–June 2026** to support key development initiatives covering cultural heritage, education, rural livelihoods, scientific research, public health, women's empowerment and infrastructure.

A major focus of NEC's support was the preservation of Manipur's rich cultural heritage through the **development of the Heritage Complex at Rajbari**, aimed at promoting heritage tourism and preserving the State's historical legacy. In higher education, assistance was provided to strengthen **Hindi sections in libraries of ten Government Colleges** and for **infrastructure development at Oriental College, Takyel**, creating better academic facilities for students.

To improve rural livelihoods, NEC supported **dairy farming among Scheduled Caste farmers, integrated farming at Huishu Village**, and **bamboo development initiatives** of the Central Agricultural University to promote value addition, sustainable agriculture and income generation.

Women's economic empowerment received a boost through the development of the **Women's Market at Tera Bazar**, while the **Tangkhul Headman's Guest House-cum-Administrative Building** was supported to strengthen community infrastructure and local governance. Public health infrastructure was strengthened through the installation of **Water ATMs across eight districts**, providing communities with access to safe drinking water and improving public hygiene.

Released fund under NESIDS–Roads during May-June, 2026 is for smooth continuation of the ongoing project, namely, **upgradation of the Henglep–Thingkhew–Tipaimukh Road**, to improve connectivity to remote areas of the state.

During May-June, 2026, NEC also released **₹18.93 Crore to regional agencies including universities, technical institutes, NGOs, Societies, etc. for development & promotion of NE region**. Part of the fund released was for supporting the various events, seminars, studies, etc. held in Manipur such as the **Honey Bee Festival at Ukhrul** for encouraging scientific beekeeping & biodiversity conservation and **Workshop on Strengthening Traditional Bamboo Artisans Cluster** organized by Central Agriculture University, Manipur, for promotion of livelihood.

Others includes the Three Days Medical Camp for Vulnerable Groups in Churachandpur, Manipur organized by NERCORMS, Seminar on Advance in Multi-Disciplinary Science & Engineering (ICAMSE) – 2026 conducted by Manipur Technical University, Study on democratic decentralization conducted by Presidency College, Manipur, etc.

These investments reaffirm NEC's commitment to fostering inclusive and sustainable development in Manipur by preserving cultural heritage, strengthening education and research, promoting sustainable livelihoods, improving public health, empowering communities and expanding infrastructure for balanced socio-economic growth.

**PRESS RELEASE
(MAY–JUNE 2026)
MEGHALAYA**

NEC Releases Over ₹13.58 Crore to Strengthen Healthcare, Connectivity, Energy and Community Infrastructure in Meghalaya

Shillong, July 2026: The North Eastern Council (NEC), under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), released over **₹13.58 crore** under the Schemes of NEC (SoNEC) during **May–June 2026** to support key development initiatives in Meghalaya covering healthcare, education, renewable energy, research, culture, connectivity and community infrastructure.

A major intervention was the installation of a **1.5 Tesla MRI System at Tura Civil Hospital**, which will significantly improve diagnostic services for patients in Garo Hills and adjoining areas. In the education sector, NEC supported **infrastructure development at Shillong Polytechnic** and Development of Multi-Disciplinary Training-cum-Resource Centre, Shillong organized by NERCORMS to strengthen technical education, innovation and academic excellence. To preserve Meghalaya's rich cultural heritage, NEC provided assistance for the **Seng Khasi Cultural Complex** and the **Seinrai Jowai Community Hall**, creating modern spaces for cultural, educational and community activities.

NEC also supported infrastructure upgradation at **Iewduh Market**, improving facilities for traders, farmers and consumers while strengthening one of the region's largest traditional marketplaces. In the renewable energy sector, NEC supported surveys and investigations for the **Mawblei, Myntdu Leshka Stage-II** and **Selim Hydroelectric Projects**, laying the groundwork for future clean energy development in the State.

During May-June, 2026, NEC also released **₹18.93 Crore to regional agencies including universities, technical institutes, NGOs, Societies, etc. for promotion of NE region**. Part of the fund released was for supporting the various events and study projects held in Meghalaya such as *Industry Academia Research Conclave-2025 organized by NIT-Meghalaya*, *Miss & Mister Beauty Pageant – 2026 at NEIGRIHMS, Shillong, et. al.*

Completion of the NEC funded project, improvement of the **Shillong–Umroi Airport Road** in June, 2026 is a major boost to enhancing access to the airport and facilitating tourism, trade and regional connectivity.

These investments reaffirm NEC's commitment to accelerating inclusive and sustainable development in Meghalaya by strengthening healthcare, education, research, renewable energy, cultural preservation, connectivity and community infrastructure, thereby improving public services and enhancing the quality of life across the State.



Pic: Shillong-Umroi Airport Road



Pic: Shillong-Umroi Airport Road

**PRESS RELEASE
(MAY–JUNE 2026)
MIZORAM**

NEC Releases Over ₹20.17 Crore to Strengthen Infrastructure, Connectivity, Healthcare and Sustainable Development in Mizoram

Shillong, July 2026: The North Eastern Council (NEC), under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), released over **₹20.17 crore** during **May–June 2026** to support key development initiatives in Mizoram. Of this, **₹13.68 crore** was released under the **Schemes of NEC (SoNEC)** and **₹6.50 crore** under the **North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS–Roads)**.

Under SoNEC, NEC supported a wide range of projects aimed at strengthening healthcare, agriculture, culture, scientific research, environmental conservation and community development. To provide services to patients from Mizoram in Shillong, NEC provided assistance for the **construction of Patient Lodging and Staff Quarters near the North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS)** and the **establishment of a Central Medical Warehouse in Aizawl**, enhancing patient care, healthcare logistics and the availability of essential medical supplies across the State & its people.

In the agriculture and allied sectors, NEC supported the **development of arecanut plantations in Kolasib and Mamit districts** to improve farmers' incomes, and the **establishment of a Fish Farmer Training Centre at Lengpui** to promote scientific aquaculture and strengthen livelihood opportunities.

To preserve and promote Mizoram's rich cultural heritage, NEC extended assistance for the **construction of an Auditorium at Bethel Veng, Champhai**, the **development of a Cultural Heritage Centre at Kawlri**, support to the **Aizawl Institute of Arts & Music**.

NEC also supported **biotechnology infrastructure development, afforestation activities in Champhai District**, and initiatives on **women's health and maternal care**, contributing to scientific innovation, environmental sustainability and improved public health.

Under **NESIDS (Roads)**, NEC released fund for the **upgradation of the 32.70-km Oil Palm Link Road** connecting Kolasib, Mamit, Lunglei and Lawngtlai districts. The project is expected to improve connectivity for nearly **60,000 people across 19 villages**, facilitate transportation of agricultural produce, improve access to healthcare, education and markets, and support the growth of the oil palm sector.

During May-June, 2026, NEC also released **₹18.93 Crore to regional agencies including universities, technical institutes, NGOs, Societies, etc. for development & promotion of NE region**. Part of the fund released was for supporting the various events held in Mizoram including the organisation of the cultural **Sikpui Ruoi Festival-2025**,

Mizoram Challenge – 2025, Anti-Drug Campaign implemented through the Foundation for Drug-Free Mizoram among others to promote substance abuse prevention, career guidance and youth empowerment.



Pic: Sikpui Ruoi-2025



Pic: One of the Anti-Drug Campaign locations in Mizoram.

These investments reaffirm NEC's commitment to fostering inclusive and sustainable development in Mizoram by strengthening infrastructure, healthcare, connectivity, agriculture, scientific research, environmental conservation and cultural development, thereby improving livelihoods and enhancing the quality of life across the State.

PRESS RELEASE
(MAY–JUNE 2026)
NAGALAND

**NEC Strengthens Connectivity, Rural Development, Tourism, Skill Development
and Community Infrastructure in Nagaland with over ₹58.96 Crore Released
during May–June 2026**

Shillong July 2026: The North Eastern Council (NEC) released over **₹58.96 crore** in May-June 2026 to support various development initiatives in **Nagaland** out of which **₹48.02 crore** was allocated under **NESIDS (Roads)** and remaining fund released was under the Scheme of NEC (**SoNEC**). These funds were directed towards improving infrastructure, road connections, tourism, rural development, and skills training, as well as community facilities.

₹48.02 crore allocated under **NESIDS (Roads)** was for seven road projects: -

- *Upgradation of Road from Thizema via Kohima By-Pass road to proposed Chiethu Airport via Nehre Model Village*
- *Improvement of Road from Phomching Hq. (Nagaland) to Longding Hq. (Arunachal Pradesh) via Weting Longjang & Phuka Village*
- *Improvement of Road from Coco Road Anglomi Old British Bungalow to Ghukiye Junction via Kilki Road*
- *Construction of Road from Old Peren to New Peren (DC office) Via Chalkot Junction*
- *Construction of Road from Jalukie to New DO Complex Model Township at Peren*
- *Upgradation of Road from Tuensang to Longleng*
- *Upgradation of Road from Khonoma Village to NH-29 via Tzudza River.*

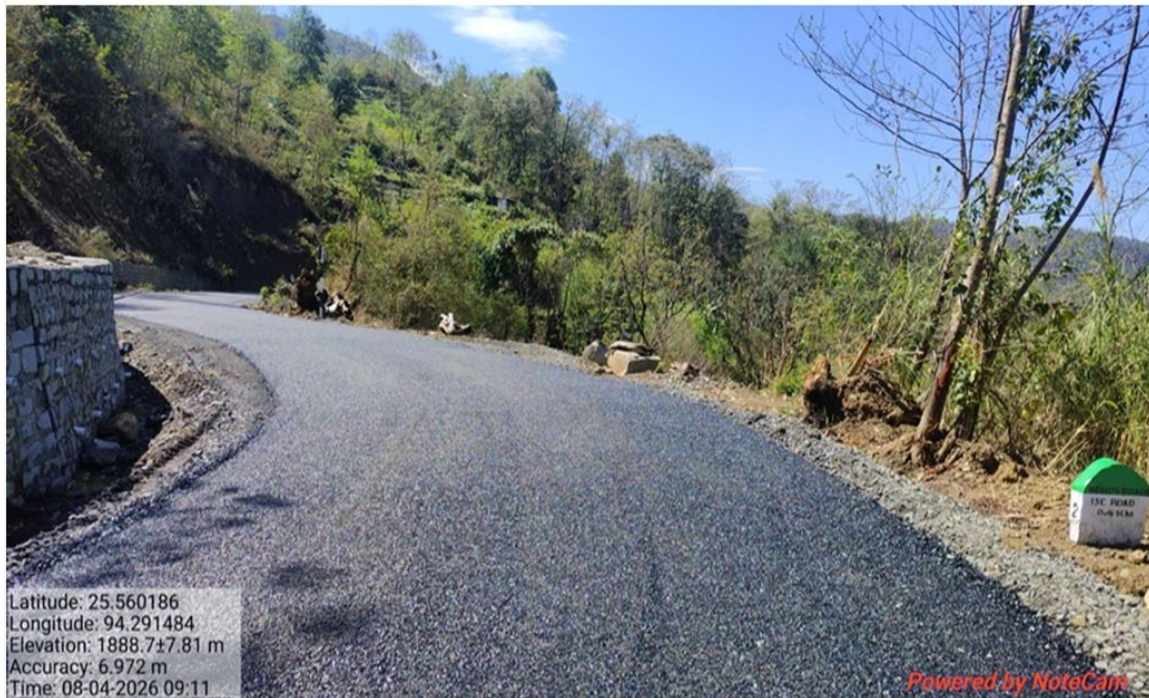
These roads are intended to improve travel between states, districts, and to airports. The goal is to better connect remote villages, boost the economy, and make it easier for people to access essential services.

Through **SoNEC**, NEC released fund for various community and skill development projects. This includes setting up a **Skill Development Centre-cum-Garo Community Centre** in **Dimapur** and a **Rongmei Multi-Purpose Complex** in **Jalukie**. Funding also went to the project, **Tribal Artisans Resource Centre** in **Chumukedima**.

NEC released during the months include the first instalment for an **Integrated Development Project** in the backward **Phomching Assembly Constituency** in **Mon** district. The total project cost for this project is **₹6.26 crore**. The other fund released in

May-June are for projects related to **tourism, coffee processing, trade facilities, technical education, and public amenities.**

It is also worth mentioning that the **9.60 km Glory Peak Tourist Road** in **Phek** district has been completed during May-June. This project, costing **₹32.50 crore**, improves access to popular spots like **Glory Peak, Kapamodzu Forest, and Japan Cave**. The road is expected to benefit around **28,387** people living in **11** nearby villages.



Pic: Glory Peak Tourist Road

During May-June, 2026, NEC also released **₹18.93 Crore to regional agencies including universities, technical institutes, NGOs, Societies, etc. for promotion of NE Region**, of which Nagaland is one of the biggest recipients as various events were held & study projects were conducted in Nagaland, such as the (i) Two Day State Level Workshop on Empowering Communities through Eco-Tourism: Conservation, Livelihood & Sustainable Development organized by NEPED, (ii) Study on Physics Academy of the NE India conducted Nagaland University, (iii) Training Capacity Building & Sensitization Programme for PM-Gati Shakti Geospatial Operations NGISRSC, Kohima, among others.

These investments show NEC's comprehensive strategy to enhance connectivity, tourism, education, tribal welfare, and food processing in Nagaland, aiming for balanced growth across the state.

**PRESS RELEASE
(MAY–JUNE 2026)
SIKKIM**

NEC Strengthens Connectivity, Public Safety, Rural Livelihoods and Bamboo-Based Industries in Sikkim with Over ₹16.36 Crore Released Under SoNEC & NESIDS (Roads) During May–June 2026

Shillong, July 2026: The North Eastern Council (NEC) under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), released **₹16.36 Crore** for the stake of Sikkim during May-June, 2025 out of which **₹4.95 crore** is released under the Schemes of NEC (**SoNEC**) and **₹11.41 crore** is released under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme-Roads (**NESIDS-Roads**). These fund releases are made to support ongoing key development initiatives in Sikkim covering public safety, bamboo-based industries, rural livelihoods and transport connectivity.

Fund released under SoNEC covered a project to strengthen public safety and urban security- the installation of **Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) surveillance systems** across major towns and tourist destinations. The project will enhance public safety, improve traffic management, support law enforcement and create a safer environment for residents and visitors.

The **Bamboo Industrial Park and Innovation Product Cultural Craft Centre at Tirkutam**, which will strengthen bamboo-based enterprises through product innovation, skill development, processing facilities and improved market access, while generating employment, promoting entrepreneurship and encouraging eco-friendly industries is also one of the projects for which fund has been released during the month.

The fund released is also to support a **dairying-based livelihood development programme for the Gurung farming community in Soreng District** which aims to improve dairy production through scientific livestock management, capacity building and modern dairy practices, thereby enhancing household incomes and livelihood resilience.

₹11.41 crore, released under NESIDS-Roads covered connectivity projects such as **construction of bridges over the Rongrong River, construction of bridges over the Rangpo Khola and construction of a bridge and approach road connecting NH-10 Mayfair Fatak to IBP Road via Adampool and Bhanjhakri Falls**. These projects will improve the connectivity between key urban centres and tourist destinations.

These investments reaffirm NEC's commitment to promoting inclusive and sustainable development in Sikkim through targeted interventions in public safety, strategic infrastructure, eco-friendly industries and rural livelihoods, contributing to improved connectivity, economic growth and better quality of life across the State.

PRESS RELEASE
(MAY–JUNE 2026)
TRIPURA

NEC Strengthens Rural Connectivity, Agriculture, Tribal Welfare and Cultural Preservation in Tripura with Nearly ₹16.82 Crore Released Under SoNEC & NESIDS (Roads) During May–June 2026

Shillong, July 2026: The North Eastern Council (NEC), under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), released **₹16.82 Crore under which ₹3.95 crore** was released under the **Schemes of NEC (SoNEC)** and **₹12.87 crore** under the **North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS–Roads)** during **May–June 2026** to support key development initiatives in **Tripura** covering agriculture, tribal welfare, healthcare, rural livelihoods, education, cultural preservation & rural connectivity in remote and underserved areas of the State.

Fund released under the SoNEC covered diverse sectors, one is for promotion of biodiversity conservation and traditional healthcare, **conservation of medicinal plants and indigenous knowledge systems**, encouraging sustainable utilization of herbal resources while preserving traditional knowledge and creating livelihood opportunities for local communities.

For the welfare of tribal students in Shillong, NEC provided assistance for the **construction of transit accommodation facility** pursuing higher education and patients seeking specialised medical treatment, ensuring safe and affordable accommodation during their stay.

In the agriculture sector, NEC supported the **establishment of six Integrated Seed Processing Plants** across the State to improve the availability of quality certified seeds, enhance agricultural productivity and increase farmers' incomes. Assistance was also provided for the **establishment of goat rearing units** to promote scientific livestock farming, generate self-employment and strengthen sustainable rural livelihoods.

In the education and animal health sector, NEC supported the **strengthening of laboratory infrastructure at the College of Veterinary Sciences, Agartala**, enhancing teaching, research and diagnostic facilities for improved veterinary education and livestock healthcare.

Fund released under **NESIDS (Roads)**, NEC supported the improvement of the **Kowaifung Panijirai–Karbook Road** and the **Jampui Hill–Kangrai Road**, to improve connectivity in geographically challenging areas and facilitating better access to healthcare, education, markets and government services while promoting trade, tourism and regional development.

During May-June, 2026, NEC also released **₹18.93 Crore to regional agencies including universities, technical institutes, NGOs, Societies, etc. for development & promotion of NE region.** Part of the fund released was for supporting the event held in Tripura- the Tharlak Kut (Festival) of the Darlong Community to preserve Tripura's rich tribal heritage and other events, among others.



Pic: Darlong Tharlak Kut in Tripura.

These investments reaffirm NEC's commitment to fostering inclusive and sustainable development in Tripura through targeted interventions in agriculture, tribal welfare, education, healthcare, rural livelihoods, cultural preservation and strategic infrastructure, thereby improving the quality of life and creating sustainable development opportunities across the State.
