

**PRESS RELEASE
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ARUNACHAL PRADESH**

**NEC Ignites Progress across Arunachal Pradesh's Dawn-Lit Valleys:
Completes Landmark Projects Worth ₹82.41 Crore and Releases Nearly
₹15 Crore for Rural and Frontier Empowerment**

Shillong, August 2026: High across the eastern Himalayan heights where India welcomes the first rays of the morning sun, the North Eastern Council (NEC), operating under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), has carved an inspiring chapter of human development and sustainable infrastructure. During July–August 2026, **NEC successfully completed transformative projects valued at ₹82.41 crore under the Scheme of NEC (SoNEC) and NESIDS–Roads**, while simultaneously releasing nearly ₹15 crore to nourish connectivity, healing, learning, sustainable agriculture, and linguistic heritage.

Sanctuaries of Healing and Learning Completed under SoNEC: Believing that human dignity flourishes through modern medical care, knowledge, and grassroots civic facilities, the NEC brought vital social infrastructure to fruition:

- **Modern Healing at Likabali:** The comprehensive upgradation of the 40-bedded Hospital at Likabali in Lower Siang District was completed at an approved outlay of ₹14.38 crore. Outfitted with advanced maternity and labour-care wards, a modern modular operation theatre, comprehensive emergency and diagnostic equipment, and a dedicated blood bank, this facility saves lives locally and frees remote populations from grueling journeys for specialised care.



Pic: Recently completed Upgradation of District Hospital, Likabali.

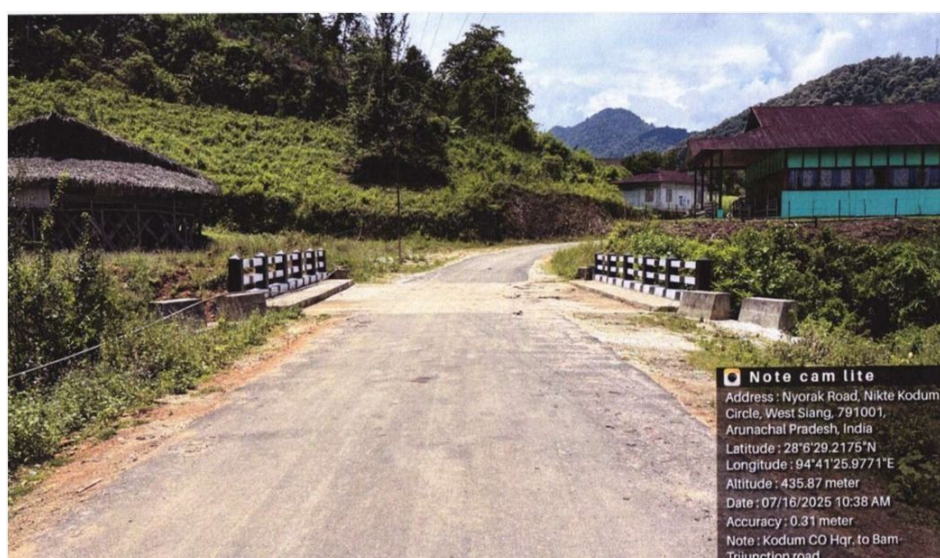
- **Nurturing Academic Hopes:** On 11 August 2026, the Council marked the formal closure of the Construction of Boys and Girls Hostel at Roing, Dibang Valley, sanctioned at ₹5.17 crore, sheltering youthful educational aspirations close to home.
- **Essential Rural Services & Scenic Vistas:** Delivering targeted public services, comprehensive community works were completed across the Hunli–Desali Block in Lower Dibang Valley (sanctioned at ₹4.74 crore) and the Taliha CD Block in Upper Subansiri District (sanctioned at ₹4.95 crore). In Tirap District, the Development of Tissa View Point near Tissa Camp (₹1.80 crore) was successfully closed, elevating local eco-tourism potential.

Sustainable Green Livelihoods and Agrarian Abundance: Guiding traditional practices toward ecological balance, the Council completed four agrarian milestones:

- **Green Wealth over Fallow Slopes:** In West Siang District, a 200-hectare bamboo plantation across jhum and fallow lands in the Hikam and Muro areas of Tadin village was completed on 16 July 2026 at a cost of ₹2.19 crore, offering sustainable, wage-earning alternatives to shifting cultivation.
- **Horticultural Blooms:** Nacho Circle saw the successful fruition of the Orange and Cardamom Plantation Project at Keojoring and Rava villages (approved cost: ₹1.98 crore).
- **Frontier Community Infrastructure:** Essential service frameworks were completed at Lemiking CD Block (₹3.64 crore) and Giba RD Block (₹4.27 crore) in Upper Subansiri District, establishing resilient community hubs.

Highways Carved Through Cloud and Mist (NESIDS–Roads): Carving all-weather lifelines across steep gorges, two vital arterial road corridors worth ₹39.29 crore reached completion:

- **Connecting Remote Settlements:** A 7.2-km double-lane highway connecting Pokriana SDO Headquarters, Lanrgh, and adjoining hamlets was delivered, transforming connectivity for over 16,185 people across 62 villages.
- **Bridging Four Districts:** The newly completed road link connecting Kodum Circle seamlessly ties West Siang, Lepa Rada, Siang, and Shi Yomi districts, unlocking regional commerce and benefiting more than 1.12 lakh citizens.



Pic- Kodum Road

Sustained Financial Infusions and Frontier Research: During this two-month span, the NEC disbursed nearly ₹15.00 crore—comprising ₹6.08 crore under SoNEC and ₹8.82 crore under NESIDS—Roads—to accelerate critical ongoing projects:

- Education, Voices, and Organic Harvests: Funding under SoNEC included ₹2.05 crore for a Boys’ Hostel at D.K. College, Tawang; ₹2.43 crore for an ongoing Boys' Hostel at Government Model College, Roing; ₹1.00 crore dedicated to the literary development and preservation of indigenous mother tongues; and ₹61.07 lakh to establish an Organic Turmeric Processing Unit-cum-Packaging Centre at New Lasum Patte in Pakke Kessang.
- Passes of Prosperity: Under NESIDS (Roads), ₹8.82 crore was released for the 21-km road from Amuli NH-313 to Athuni via Leyaka Pass at Anini (total project cost: ₹94.45 crore), forging winter-proof mobility for thousands across 8 border villages

Cutting-Edge Regional Research: Out of ₹16.22 crore released to premier North Eastern agencies, key projects anchored in Arunachal Pradesh included Rajiv Gandhi University’s studies on “Viksit Bharat @2047: Vibrant Villages Programme” and “Emerging AI technologies in biomechanics and drones”, as well as NERIST’s pioneering research synthesizing bamboo charcoal composites for radar-absorbent materials (RAMS).

These transformative steps ensure that as dawn breaks over Arunachal Pradesh, every border ridge, classroom, and clinic steps firmly into an era of balanced and self-reliant prosperity.

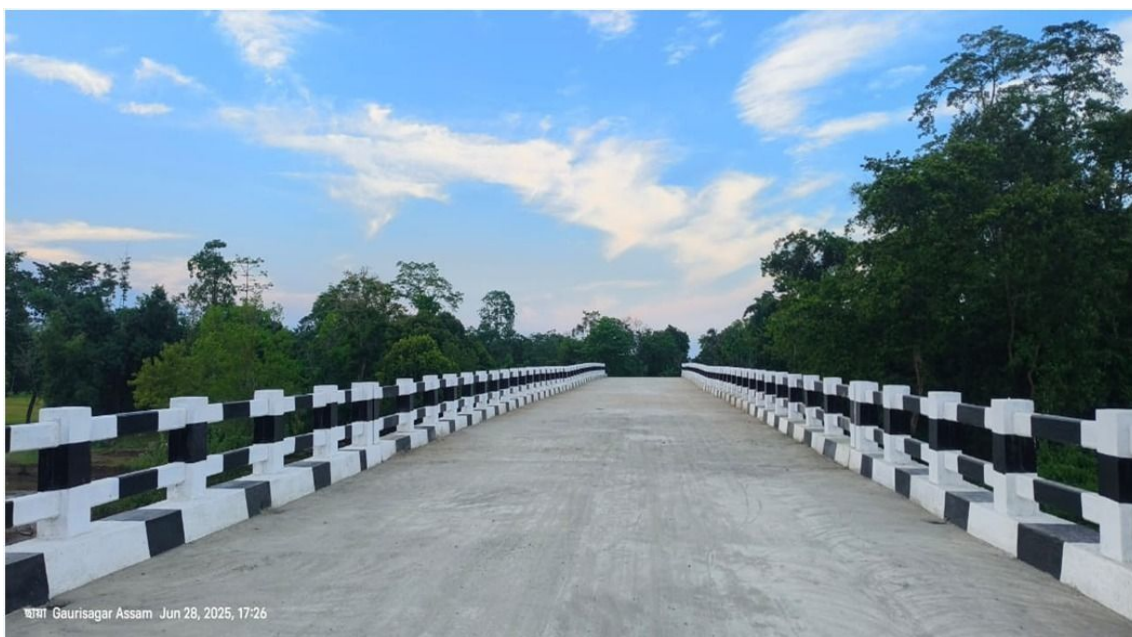
PRESS RELEASE
JULY-AUGUST
ASSAM

**NEC Strengthens Connectivity, Culture, and Classrooms in Assam:
Completes Projects Worth ₹40.23 Crore and Disburses Nearly
₹10 Crore to Empower Communities**

Shillong, August 2026: Across the sweeping floodplains and sacred river corridors of Assam, where the mighty Brahmaputra and its tributaries cradle centuries of heritage, the North Eastern Council (NEC), under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), has etched an inspiring chapter of regional transformation. Combining robust connectivity with deep-rooted cultural reverence, the Council successfully completed four major developmental landmarks valued at ₹40.23 crore during July–August 2026 and released ₹9.87 crore (NESIDS-Road: ₹9.00 crore; SoNEC: ₹87.90 lakh) to energize rural lifelines, heritage corridors, and modern learning spaces.

Bridging Rivers and Honoring Diverse Cultural Roots: Infrastructure achieves its truest purpose when it shortens physical divides while celebrating ancestral memory:

- **Spanning the Sacred Dikhow:** Overcoming water divides, the Council marked the completion of the RCC Bridge No. 3/1 over the River Dikhow at Chiripuria, an integral artery along the Gaurisagar Tiniali (NH-37)–Chiripuria–Ajan Peer Dargah Road. Sanctioned at ₹17.99 crore, the bridge links the Amguri and Sivasagar constituencies, transforming life for approximately 7 lakh people. It guarantees all-weather transit for agrarian harvests and smoothly connects pilgrims and nature lovers to sacred landmarks, including the historic Ajan Peer Dargah and the bio-diverse Panidihing Wildlife Sanctuary.



Pic- RCC Bridge No. 3/1 over the River Dikhow

- **World-Class Gateways to Wildlife:** In the realm of eco-tourism, the Upgradation of Tourist Facilities at Kaziranga, approved at ₹14.32 crore, reached completion, enriching the visitor experience amidst the legendary home of the one-horned rhinoceros.

- **Sanctuaries of Living Heritage:** Honoring the indigenous ethos of the state, the Tai Educational and Cultural Centre at Nizkadamoni, Dibrugarh was completed at an approved cost of ₹2.98 crore. Alongside this, the Establishment of Deori Tribal Cultural Complex at Narayanpur, Lakhimpur District, sanctioned at ₹4.94 crore under SoNEC, was completed and closed on 6 August 2024. These cultural spaces provide vibrant havens for preserving, teaching, and celebrating unique folk traditions, historical memories, and community customs.

Arteries of Hope: NESIDS-Roads and Heritage Preservation: Paving pathways toward inclusive prosperity, the NEC disbursed ₹9.87 crore across high-priority regional corridors and historic landmarks:

- **Unlocking Rural Frontiers:** Under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS-Roads), ₹9.00 crore was released to accelerate two pivotal rural arteries. The first—a 25.10-km road connecting Bogamati to Umananda via Naobantha and Khaagrabari Village—will bring smooth mobility to 25 villages. The second—a 24.72-km upgradation project from Rajagaon to Dalimbarai in West Karbi Anglong District—will uplift 38 remote villages by linking them to dynamic economic centers.
- **Remembering the Bravery of 1857:** Blending history with patriotic tourism, ₹87.91 lakh was released as the 2nd installment for developing the Sepoy Mutiny War Memorial Complex at Rontilla, Mohanpur, Hailakandi District, illuminating Assam's storied sacrifice during India's First War of Independence.

Fostering Higher Science and Academic Inquiry: Extending broad regional support, the NEC disbursed ₹16.22 crore across premier institutes, universities, and voluntary organizations during July. In Assam, this included funding the **establishment of a state-of-the-art Central Science Laboratory at Gargaon College, Sivasagar**, aligning scientific training with the progressive ideals of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Furthermore, academic investigations were supported through Assam University, including a **study on the socio-ecological sustainability of Son Beel** and a visionary **analysis titled “Role of Himalaya in Achieving the Vision of Viksit Bharat 2047”**.

These multi-dimensional achievements reaffirm the NEC’s dedicated resolve to build durable bridges, honour regional heritage, and equip youth with modern science—ensuring Assam’s steady march toward balanced and dignified progress.

**PRESS RELEASE
JULY-AUGUST 2026
NAGALAND**

**NEC Weaves Heritage, Ecology, And Enterprise In Nagaland:
Completes 9 Transformative Projects Worth Nearly ₹80 Crore
Across July-August 2026**

Shillong, August 2026: Across the emerald ridges and storied valleys of Nagaland, where tradition beats in rhythm with the land, the North Eastern Council (NEC), under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), has etched a profound chapter of inclusive transformation. Through the successful completion of 9 landmark projects valued at nearly ₹80 crore during July–August 2026—including five foundational initiatives completed in July worth ₹16.06 crore—the Council has harmonized ecological restoration, cultural pride, civic amenities, and rural entrepreneurship.

Healing the Green Canopies: Ecological Revival: Recognizing that mountains sustain life only when their soil is held firm, the NEC completed two significant conservation milestones under the Scheme of NEC (SoNEC) – 30% Focused Development Component:

- **Greening Phek and Peren:** Major scientific afforestation initiatives were completed across the denuded hills of Phek district (approved cost: ₹3.00 crore) and Peren district (approved cost: ₹3.00 crore). Beyond reviving degraded landscapes, arresting soil erosion, and nurturing biodiversity, these projects engaged Joint Forest Management Committees, infusing local hands with meaningful wage employment and kindling community-led stewardship over their ancestral groves.

Nurturing Health, Learning, and Agrarian Craft: Development finds its truest soul when it quenches basic thirst and fuels local industry:

- **A Spring of Pure Water:** On 2 July 2026, the operationalization of the *Clean and Safe Drinking Water Facility* at Nagaland University, Medziphema Campus was completed. Sanctioned at ₹4.43 crore and executed by Nagaland University under NEC schemes, this lifeline now serves students, scholars, and adjoining rural settlements alike.
- **Aroma of Prosperity:** Cultivating self-reliance, the Council brought the ₹4.00 crore project for value addition in Nagaland’s coffee sector to completion on 15 July 2026. By financing modern coffee-roasting machines and training budding entrepreneurs, the initiative helps local growers process their harvest at home, retaining prosperity within indigenous hills.

Honouring Heritage, Vistas, and Arteries of Travel: Culture and connectivity form the twin pillars of regional pride:

- **Sanctuaries of Naga Identity:** The cultural tapestry was enriched with the completion of the *Naga Indigenous Inn cum Learning Centre* at Kijulo, Phesama (₹1.66 crore), the *Museum Cum Library & Guest House* at Chungliyimti (₹3.11 crore), and the expansive *Konyak Heritage Complex* in Mon District, sanctioned at an impressive ₹22.78 crore to immortalize folk history.

- **Scenic Horizons:** In tourism, the *Development of Kohima View Point Aradura Hills, Kohima* (sanctioned at ₹4.50 crore) reached full fruition, offering travelers sweeping vistas of the capital's misty peaks.

Highways of Growth (NESIDS-Roads): Delivering smooth transit, the Council successfully completed the **8.4-km road and bridge project stretching from NH-29 (7th Mile Model Village) through Seithekiema C Tourist Destination up to Niuland Road** towards Governor's Camp, sanctioned at ₹32.89 crore.

Seed Funds for Traditional Arts and Livelihoods: Furthering its grassroots momentum during July–August, the NEC released ₹33.92 lakh under SoNEC toward the nearly complete *Tribal Artisans Resource Centre* at Chumukedima (sanctioned at ₹2.91 crore) to celebrate master craftspeople. Additionally, an allocation of ₹6 lakh supported an *Awareness Workshop on Cultivation and Trade of Agarwood*, opening sustainable trade frontiers for fragrant forest wealth.

These multifaceted completions reflect the NEC's enduring compact with Nagaland: honouring ancient roots while paving broad avenues toward an equitable and vibrant tomorrow.

**PRESS RELEASE
JULY-AUGUST
MANIPUR**

NEC Ignites Growth, Heritage, and Horizons in Manipur: Completes Projects Worth ₹18.37 Crore and Infuses Over ₹7 Crore in Grassroots Development

Shillong, August 2026: In the jewel-crowned valley and rolling highlands of Manipur, where storied traditions mirror the serene waters of pristine lakes, the North Eastern Council (NEC), under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), continues to cultivate harmony, progress, and inclusive empowerment. Across July and August 2026, the Council achieved significant developmental strides by completing high-impact projects valued at ₹18.37 crore and releasing ₹7.19 crore (comprising ₹4.00 crore under NESIDS-Roads and ₹3.19 crore under SoNEC) — to nurture water security, sports, rural livelihoods, road arteries, and ancestral craft.

Nurturing Youth, Cultivating Soil, and Connecting Hamlets: Under the Scheme of NEC (SoNEC) and NESIDS-Roads, strategic resources were released to invigorate communities from the grassroots to scenic horizons:

- **Sporting Sanctuaries:** In celebration of youthful energy, an installment of ₹1.03 crore was disbursed toward the construction of a **Mini Stadium at Luangrang (Nungnang)**, sanctioned at ₹4.04 crore, providing budding rural athletes modern grounds to pursue excellence.
- **Agrarian Harmony:** To sow peace and abundance in vulnerable frontiers, ₹1.24 crore was released for the initiative “**Aditya Prabha Gram: Fostering Agricultural Harmony in Border Communities of Eastern Himalayas**”.
- **Scenic Eco-Gateways:** In Imphal East District, ₹69.74 lakh was infused into the ongoing development of the **Eco-Tourism Site at Mantripukhri Khongnang Makhong** (approved cost: ₹2.78 crore), cultivating eco-conscious tourist infrastructure and local livelihoods.
- **Lifelines of Commerce (NESIDS-Roads):** Delivering smoother transit across rugged terrain, ₹4.00 crore was released for the **improvement of the 6.38-km Bishnupur–Chingdong to Khuman road** (project cost: ₹11.01 crore). This corridor will bridge 10 villages and an estimated 2.5 lakh citizens directly to vital markets and life-saving services.

Completed Milestones: Sustenance, Markets, and Global Horizons: Transforming blueprints into reality, July witnessed the fruition of major welfare interventions:

- **Springs of Shared Brotherhood:** Addressing persistent drinking water distress, the **Composite Water Supply Scheme for Tumukhong, Moirangpurel** and adjoining areas was completed on 14 July 2026 with an NEC share of ₹5.33 crore. The facility quenches the thirst of 18,213 residents across Tumukhong, Moirangpurel, and Itham, weaving Meitei and tribal communities together in shared prosperity.

- **Harvests of Commerce:** On 16 July 2026, the **Modern Agro Market Complex at Kyamgei Village in Imphal East was completed** at an approved cost of ₹7.67 crore, gifting farmers modern trading spaces.
- **Wings of Global Skill:** The **Skill-cum-Rural Entrepreneurship Development Centre at ADC Senapati District was completed on 14 July 2026 at a cost of ₹3.97 crore.** Reaching beyond borders through the Specified Skilled Worker (SSW) Programme via NSDC (supported with ₹1.40 crore), 70 candidates were trained, 49 placed, and 48 have already embarked on international careers in Japan.

Reviving Culture, Craft, and Academic Discourse: Reinforcing regional vitality, the NEC released **₹16.22 crore to regional institutions, universities, and cultural bodies.** Interventions in Manipur included:

- Agrarian regeneration through *seminars on reviving orange and tree bean farming in Tamenglong and Noney* (₹3.83 lakh) and smallholder value-chain support (₹3.48 lakh).
- Cultural preservation via ₹11.00 lakh allocated to *revitalize terracotta art, handlooms, and creative economies, alongside a 5-day bamboo craft workshop at Namkaolong, Khoupum, Noney.*
- Fostering dialogues on Southeast Asian civilizational links at Manipur University, *tribal political representation at Indira Gandhi Tribal University*, and backing the *Youth Cultural Exchange Programme – 2026* and the *Manipur Folk Festival (Shillong Edition).*

These multi-dimensional interventions reaffirm the NEC’s abiding promise: honoring the deep cultural roots of Manipur while opening vibrant global doorways of opportunity and peace.

PRESS RELEASE
JULY-AUGUST 2026
MIZORAM

NEC Weaves Livelihoods, Heritage, and Holistic Wellness in Mizoram: Releases Fund to Empower Artisans, Tourism, and Culture In July-August.

Shillong, August 2026: Across the gentle blue hills of Mizoram, the North Eastern Council (NEC), functioning under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), continued its voyage of grassroots empowerment during July–August 2026. Channeling interventions amounting to nearly ₹4 crore under the Schemes of NEC (SoNEC), the Council has fostered traditional craftsmanship, cultural heritage, service sectors, and public well-being, ensuring that development touches both the hearth and the heart of the Mizo people.

Weaving Hope: Reviving Mara Handloom & Traditional Craft: At the very center of community self-reliance lies the handloom—an artistic heartbeat that turns threads into stories of resilience:

- **Sanctuary for Mara Artisans:** The NEC provided targeted financial impetus toward the Mara Handloom & Weaving Centre at Council Vaih, Saiha Town, Saiha District. On 30 July 2026, the Council released an installment of ₹1.09 crore (specifically ₹1,09,18,523) under the Industry Sector. An additional sum of ₹43,94,100 was also disbursed toward this vital intervention.
- **Preserving Craft and Empowering Women:** Sanctioned at an overall outlay of ₹4.91 crore, this dedicated centre will establish modern weaving infrastructure, fortify the regional handloom ecosystem, and safeguard timeless indigenous craftsmanship. The project opens up enduring livelihood avenues, empowering local weavers and master artisans with dignified economic self-sufficiency.

Nurturing Regional Enterprise and Service Ecosystems: Beyond artisanal craft, economic resilience demands a balanced palette of enterprise. To stimulate grassroots economic activity, the **NEC released an amount of ₹1.50 crore** aimed directly at strengthening service-oriented sectors and expanding regional development opportunities. This financial infusion is designed to catalyze local commerce, foster diversified livelihoods, and generate meaningful employment for the state's vibrant youth.

Scenic Gateways and Timeless Cultural Tapestries: Mizoram's serene horizons and living heritage represent an enduring cultural treasure:

- **Horizons of Eco-Tourism:** Under the joint initiative for the **Promotion of Tourism in Manipur & Mizoram, an installment of ₹53.59 lakh was released.** Slated for completion within the current year, this project strengthens tourist infrastructure across

scenic locales including **Ailawng** and **North Vanlaiphai**, elevating tourist amenities and opening remote valleys to mindful travelers.

- **Chronicles of Ancestral Memory:** With a view to preserving oral traditions, timeless rituals, and indigenous knowledge systems, the Council sanctioned ₹8.00 lakh for the cultural initiative **“Exploring Culture of Mizoram”**. The initiative seeks to systematically document, promote, and showcase the multifaceted tapestry of Mizo heritage.

Milestone Completion: Sanctuary of Traditional Healing: Reflecting the government's commitment to holistic health, July–August 2026 witnessed the successful completion and closure of a major health-sector milestone. The **“Construction of Mizoram Ayush Development Centre at New Capital Complex (MINECO), Aizawl”**, sanctioned at ₹264.16 lakh (₹2.64 crore) under SoNEC, achieved complete operational readiness. Standing amidst the state capital, the facility brings traditional medicine and integrative wellness closer to the public.

These concerted interventions underline the NEC’s unyielding commitment to harmonious, sustainable progress—honoring the rhythmic clatter of indigenous looms, preserving the dignity of folk culture, and erecting durable pillars of wellness across Mizoram.

**PRESS RELEASE
JULY-AUGUST 2026
MEGHALAYA**

NEC Strengthens Meghalaya's Abode of Clouds: Delivers ₹28.08 Crore in Completed Projects and Disburses Nearly ₹8.00 Crore to Nurture Health, Classrooms, and Livelihoods

Shillong, August 2026: In Meghalaya, the North Eastern Council (NEC), operating under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), has reaffirmed its commitment to holistic, inclusive transformation. Across July and August 2026, the Council demonstrated remarkable momentum by **completing developmental projects valued at ₹28.08 crore and releasing ₹7.86 crore** toward ongoing grassroots initiatives spanning education, advanced healthcare, enterprise, tourism, and community ecology.

Nurturing Young Minds and Rural Enterprise: Education and enterprise form the quiet spring from which self-reliance flows:

- **Sanctuaries of Learning:** To kindle the light of knowledge in remote hamlets, an installment of ₹4.90 crore was released for **the construction of modern school buildings across eight Ramakrishna Mission (RKM) schools**. These sacred halls of learning are located at Laidiengsai, Nongkynrih, Mawrah, Pomsahmen, Laitryngew, Wahlong, Nongjri Pynursla, and Nongjri Nartiang, ensuring children in rural Meghalaya thrive in safe, inspiring classrooms.
- **Fostering Grassroots Enterprise:** Dedicated to the dreams of tribal youth, women entrepreneurs, and rural cultivators, ₹2.50 crore was released toward the ongoing **Integrated Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Centre (sanctioned at ₹10.00 crore)**, opening doors to specialized skill creation and sustainable enterprise.
- **Igniting Startup Ecosystems:** Catalyzing commercial energy, the Council released ₹1.17 crore for the **upgradation of seven PRIME HUBS across the State**, providing aspiring innovators with incubation and mentoring support.
- **Scenic Gateways:** In East Khasi Hills, an allocation of ₹46.50 lakh was dedicated to **tourism infrastructure at Laitlynkot (Lamlyer)**, creating new avenues of community-driven eco-tourism amidst the rolling hills.

Milestones Completed: Healing, Stewardship, and Craft: Transforming vision into tangible reality, several high-impact projects reached fruition during this period:

- **Ecological Harmony in Ri-Bhoi:** On 6 July 2026, the **Community Development Programme for Tiwa (Lalung) Communities in Ri-Bhoi District was completed** at a sanctioned cost of ₹2.94 crore. Implemented by the Deputy Commissioner, Ri-Bhoi, this project safeguards fragile landscapes, promotes soil conservation, protects natural spring-water catchments, and preserves forest biodiversity through local stewardship.
- **Diagnostic Healing in Garo Hills:** Healing touched the Western horizons as the NEC completed the installation of an **advanced 1.5 Tesla MRI Machine at Tura Civil Hospital** with an allocation of ₹6.69 crore. The state-of-the-art diagnostic facility brings crucial medical imaging to the doorstep of citizens, saving precious lives and reducing long journeys for treatment.



Pic: Advanced 1.5 Tesla MRI Machine at Tura Civil Hospital

- **Green Artistry from Water Hyacinth:** Turning an invasive weed into an emblem of economic grace, the livelihood centre and design, innovation, and training workshops on the water hyacinth craft cluster (valued at ₹368.69 lakh) was successfully closed on 25 August 2026.
- **Empowering Deprived Classrooms:** Reinforcing foundational literacy, the Council marked the successful closure of projects upgrading RKM Schools in Jalapet, Laitlynkot, Laitlyndop, Myllem, Umphoh, and Mawkyrniew, executed at a combined sanctioned cost of ₹13.14 crore under the Focused Development of Deprived Areas program.

Regional Institutional Impetus: Extending its gaze beyond borders, the **NEC disbursed ₹16.22 crore across regional agencies, universities, and technical bodies.** Crucial initiatives include overseas placement programs in Japan for North Eastern youth and Functional Hindi courses implemented by IIM Shillong, an impact study of post-2014 road connectivity, and a publication honoring the illustrious life and legacy of Padma Shri Major Bob Khathing.

These multifaceted milestones ensure that as Meghalaya's pine-clad hills greet the clouds, its people stride confidently forward into an era of dignified health, knowledge, and shared prosperity.

PRESS RELEASE
JULY-AUGUST 2026
SIKKIM

**NEC Dedicates Infrastructure Milestones Worth ₹32.54 Crore to Sikkim:
Blending Environmental Harmony, Urban Ease, and Educational Elevation**

Shillong, August 2026: In Sikkim, where fragile mountain ecology demands thoughtful stewardship, the North Eastern Council (NEC), under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), has brought **three major transformative infrastructure projects to completion during July-August 2026**. Totalling **₹32.54 crore**, these finished initiatives reflect a harmonious union of public welfare, modern civic infrastructure, and environmental care, touching the lives of thousands nestled across the Himalayan state.

Guarding Vulnerable Slopes:

- **Integrated Drainage at Lower Rangpo:**

Where steep hills meet heavy monsoon torrents, water must be guided with care so life below can flourish. On 30 July 2026, the NEC marked the formal completion of the vital engineering project titled **“Drainage Works for Community Assets under Integrated Development of Lower Rangpo, including the IBM area in East Sikkim”**. Completed at a final re-revised sanctioned cost of ₹816.66131 lakh (approximately ₹8.17 crore), the scheme evolved through rigorous technical oversight—originally sanctioned at ₹778.44 lakh on 2 March 2022, revised to ₹818.97 lakh on 30 October 2023, and finalized on 30 July 2026.

Shielding Hamlets and Homes: Lower Rangpo rests in a low-lying zone naturally vulnerable to descending surface runoff and household wastewater. The systematically engineered drainage network channels these flows safely toward the river, curbing waterlogging, averting catastrophic landslides, and shielding community infrastructure as well as private homesteads.

Ecological and Public Health Safeguards: Benefiting more than 10,000 citizens, the project establishes planned surface runoff management. The line department is actively planning the systematic treatment of wastewater and surface runoff before its ultimate river discharge, fostering cleaner aquatic health and safeguarding local well-being.

- **Creating Breathing Space**

Underground Parking Facility at Namchi: In the bustling mountain hub of Namchi, where narrow ridge roads often bow beneath vehicular strain, the NEC has carved out a modern urban solution. The **Underground Parking Space Project at Namchi, sanctioned at ₹14.77 crore, has achieved 100% completion** during this period.

Model Financial Discipline: Demonstrating meticulous execution, the entire sanctioned outlay of ₹14.77 crore was fully disbursed and effectively utilized, attaining complete operational readiness with zero cost overrun.

Unlocking Urban Mobility: By shifting parked vehicles safely underground, this civic asset plays a pivotal role in de-congesting Namchi Bazar, freeing streetscapes for pedestrian life, and restoring swift mobility across South Sikkim's commercial heart.

- **Temples of Knowledge**

Sikkim State University at Temi Tarku: Education remains the quiet dawn of human progress. Marking another crowning achievement in regional institutional empowerment, the **“Construction of Sikkim State University at Temi Tarku, South Sikkim” was completed** and officially closed on 28 August 2026. Sanctioned under the Scheme of NEC (SoNEC) at **₹9.6196 crore**, the project delivers modern academic spaces in the tranquil shadow of Sikkim's renowned tea gardens, equipping the youth of the state with higher educational opportunities close to home.

These tri-fold milestones reaffirm the NEC's enduring pledge to nurture the North Eastern Region through sustainable engineering, planned urban development, and accessible higher education. By weaving safety into slopes, space into towns, and knowledge into communities, the Council ensures that development walks hand-in-hand with Sikkim's pristine mountain heritage.

PRESS RELEASE
JULY-AUGUST
TRIPURA

**NEC Bridges Distances and Nurtures Dreams in Tripura:
Disburses Nearly ₹12 Crore to Empower Classrooms, Villages, and Highways**

Shillong, August 2026: In Tripura, the North Eastern Council (NEC), functioning under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), continues to weave a tapestry of inclusive development and enduring progress. Reflecting the Government's dedicated vision to touch the lives of remote and underserved communities, the Council released funds amounting to ₹11.99 crore in July 2026 alone. Encompassing institutional learning, tribal welfare, essential grassroots amenities, and all-weather connectivity, these initiatives translate public policy into beacons of opportunity.

Strengthening Education and Community Life (SoNEC): Where learning lights the torch of self-reliance, the Scheme of NEC (SoNEC) has stepped forward to foster technical education and rural equity:

- **Technical Horizons at Khumulwng:** To ensure technical talent finds modern sanctuaries, an installment of ₹1.00 crore was released during July 2026 for **enhancing institutional infrastructure at the TTAADC Polytechnic Institute, Khumulwng**, West Tripura. Sanctioned at ₹4.72 crore, the initiative elevates the learning environment, enabling youthful ambitions to flourish with technical mastery.
- **Essential Services for Remote Hamlets:** In Dhalai district's forested contours, NEC disbursed ₹8.73 lakh toward an approved ₹1.88 crore project at **Ultacherra Village, Dumburnagar Block**. The intervention secures fundamental amenities, ensuring that prosperity reaches the quietest corners.
- **Reaching the Final Mile:** The final installment was released for the overarching **key services project at Dumburnagar Block**, sanctioned at ₹4.74 crore. Set for imminent completion, it will fortify local civic resilience.
- **Rural Upliftment at Ganganagar:** Reinforcing community support, ₹17.07 lakh was released for ongoing developmental works to provide **key identified services across the Ganganagar R.D. Block** in Dhalai District.

Arteries of Hope- NESIDS-Road: Under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme – Road (NESIDS-Road), the Council infused **₹10.91 crore** toward the ongoing construction of the **15.86 km Burighat to Serhmun-II corridor (approved at ₹43.65 crore)**. Roads are the quiet poetry of progress, carving lifelines through rugged terrain:

- **All-Weather Mobility:** The project converts a vulnerable route into a resilient, all-weather highway, withstanding harsh monsoons and cutting travel times.
- **Lifelines to Growth:** Bridging isolated settlements directly to regional arteries like NH-08, the corridor accelerates trade, stimulates rural enterprise, and provides thousands of villagers' swift access to vital healthcare and social services.

Completed Milestones: Sanctuaries of Learning:

July and August 2026 witnessed the fruition of major infrastructural milestones crafted to uplift tribal youth:

- **Hospitality and Skill-Building:** On 21st August 2026, the infrastructure development of the **State Institute of Hotel Management (SIHM) Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition at Anadanagar**—sanctioned at **₹3.75 crore**—was formally completed and closed, preparing youth to meet new vocational horizons.



Pic: State Institute of Hotel Management (SIHM) Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition, Anadanagar

- **Nurturing Young Aspirations:** On 6th July 2026, the Council saw the completion and operationalization of two dedicated student sanctuaries—a **50-bed ST Boys' Hostel at Madhab Chandra HS School, LT Valley Sub-Division**, and a **50-bed ST Girls' Hostel at BC Manu SSVM, Santirbazar, South Tripura**. Executed by the Rural Development Department, Government of Tripura, at a fully disbursed sanctioned cost of **₹4.00 crore**, the project includes Superintendent's Quarters and boundary walls. These safe residential quarters ensure that poverty does not dim the lamp of education, stemming dropouts and fostering tribal empowerment.

These concerted interventions reaffirm the Council's enduring commitment to equitable, sustainable, and humane governance across Tripura's heartland.
