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Union Minister Jyotiraditya M Scindia Visits Ziro, Arunachal Pradesh

Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region and Communication Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia visited Ziro, Arunachal Pradesh, in September 2025, to attend the renowned Ziro Music Festival. He was accompanied by Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu and Deputy Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein during the visit. During his stay, Shri Scindia participated in a series of engagements showcasing the region's rich cultural heritage, natural beauty, and entrepreneurial spirit.

Ziro Music Festival

The Union Minister attended the Ziro Music Festival, celebrating the vibrant local culture, music, and creativity that have made the event one of the most iconic cultural gatherings in Northeast India.

Visits to Local Attractions:

Shri Scindia also visited key attractions in the Ziro Valley, including the Naara Aaba Kiwi Winery—India's first kiwi winery—the Aqua Museum, Hong Village, and Siikhe Lake. These visits highlighted the valley's innovation in agro-based industries and its unique blend of tradition and sustainability.

Interaction with the Apatani Community:

He was warmly received by members of the Apatani community, who performed a traditional welcome song. Shri Scindia interacted with community members and appreciated their efforts in preserving indigenous culture while embracing progress.



Engagement with Entrepreneurs:

At the Sikkim Pavilion of the festival, the Union Minister met local entrepreneurs and the founders of the Make in Sikkim brand. He commended their initiatives in promoting local enterprise, sustainability, and innovation within the region.

Culinary Experience:

Shri Scindia also experienced the rich culinary traditions of the Apatani people, sampling local dishes such as millet idlis, Pikey Pila, and bamboo shoot delicacies.

Reflecting on his visit, Shri Scindia shared his admiration on social media, describing the experience as both inspiring and heartwarming.

He expressed appreciation for the region's rapid development while maintaining its timeless cultural heritage.

The visit underscored the Government's commitment to promoting local talent, supporting cultural tourism, and fostering entrepreneurship in the Northeastern region, further strengthening the socio-economic fabric of Arunachal Pradesh.



Inauguration of the Construction of Cultural Infrastructures for 6 (Six) Sein Raij in East and West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya

The project titled "Construction of Cultural Infrastructure of 6 (Six) Sein Raij in East and West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya" was inaugurated on 31st August 2025 by Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Government of India, in the presence of Shri Sniawbhalang Dhar, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Meghalaya.

The inauguration ceremony was also graced by several distinguished dignitaries including Shri Comingone Ymbon, Hon'ble Minister, I/c Food, Civil Supplies, etc., Government of Meghalaya; Shri Kyrmen Shylla, Hon'ble Minister, I/c Excise Department, etc., Government of Meghalaya; Shri Lahkmen Rymbui, Member of Legislative Assembly; Shri Wailadmiki Shylla, Member of Legislative Assembly; Smt. Santa Mary Shylla, Member of Legislative Assembly; Shri Thombor Shiwat, CEM, JHADC; Shri B.M. Sylem, Executive Director, MIDFC; Shri Satinder Kumar Bhalla, ITS, Secretary, NEC; Shri Phraingki Pale, Convener, Behdeinkhlam Joint Committee; and Shri Sunil V. Deodhar, Social Worker.

Funded by the North Eastern Council (NEC) under the Ministry of DoNER, Government of India, the project aims to strengthen and promote the rich cultural heritage of the Jaintia Hills through the construction of vital cultural infrastructures across six significant locations — Tuber, Ialong, Mukhla, Muthlong, Sohkympkor, and Chyrmang Villages.

With a sanctioned amount of ₹1.93 Crore, the project encompasses the development of VIP galleries, approach roads, protective works, land development, and cultural halls, all aimed at supporting community gatherings and the annual Behdeinkhlam festivals — a cornerstone of Jaintia cultural and spiritual life.



This initiative reflects the Government of India's continued commitment to cultural preservation and regional development in the North Eastern region. The project also demonstrates the strong collaboration between the North Eastern Council, the Planning Department of Meghalaya, and the local communities, ensuring sustainable cultural promotion and the preservation of indigenous heritage for future generations.



Secretary, NEC Visited NEC-Funded Projects in Arunachal Pradesh

Shri S K Bhalla, Secretary of the North Eastern Council (NEC), visited a few cultural sites in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh in the month of July, which had been funded by NEC.

During his visit to the State Emporium and Artifact House, a project completed in 2018, Shri Bhalla praised Director, Textiles and Handicrafts, Shri Dorjee Phuntso and his team for the display of tribal products from various communities across Arunachal Pradesh. He expressed his happiness at NEC's role in supporting local artisans, handloom, and handicraft sectors, reaffirming the importance of promoting the rich cultural heritage of the state

1. State Emporium and Artifact House



The Secretary also visited the historic Itafort, where he reviewed the Protection of Archaeological Park at Itafort (Southern Gate) executed with NEC support. Team from the State's research department, led by Shri Bulton Dutta, Dy.

Director Archaeology explained the historical background and the activities planned for making the site more attractive to the visitors. Appreciating the progress of ongoing renovation and upgradation work by the State Government, Shri Bhalla emphasized the importance of preserving the heritage site.

Further, Shri Bhalla inspected the construction of the new Administrative Block at Dera Natung Government College being constructed at a cost of Rs 6.86 Crore. He directed the Executing Agency, Er. Tech Nabo, EE, PWD to complete the project by August as per standards outlined in the Detailed Project Report (DPR) so that the college administration can start operating from the new block, enhancing its efficiency and student experience.



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Dera Natung Government College



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The visits underscore NEC's ongoing commitment to strengthening infrastructure, cultural preservation, and economic development in Arunachal Pradesh and the North Eastern region as a whole. During the visits the secretary NEC was accompanied by Shri Bamin Tarang, Director (HRD&E) NEC and Shri Sanjay Kumar Phukan Joint Director (Project Coordination) Govt of Arunachal Pradesh.

Visit of Secretary, North Eastern Council (NEC) to Tripura

The Secretary, North Eastern Council (NEC), Shri Satinder Kumar Bhalla, visited the State of Tripura in September 2025 to review and discuss NEC-supported projects and development initiatives in the State.



During the visit, the Secretary held a meeting with officials of the State Planning Department and various line departments of Tripura, wherein discussions were held on the progress and implementation status of ongoing NEC-funded projects. The deliberations focused on enhancing coordination between NEC and State agencies to ensure timely execution and sustainability of developmental interventions across key sectors in the State.



As part of the field engagement, the Secretary visited the project site of “Establishment of Science Park at Vigyan Gram, Tripura,” which is being implemented by the Tripura State Council for Science & Technology (TSCST). The project aims to promote scientific awareness and public engagement with science and technology through an experiential and participatory approach.

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The key objectives of the project include:

1. Providing an activity-based learning environment, characterized by two interactive channels—Exhibits and Activities—to make learning participatory and engaging.
2. Offering non-formal learning facilities that complement formal education in schools and colleges, thereby strengthening science education at all levels.
3. Establishing five thematic galleries and an outdoor Science Park facility, covering themes such as Astronomy, Human Body and Machine, Climate Change, Mysteries of the Ocean, and the Information and Communication Revolution.

The Science Park at Vigyan Gram will serve as a cornerstone of Tripura’s efforts to popularize science, eradicate superstition, and build an informed and rational society in consonance with the vision of the North Eastern Council to foster inclusive regional development through innovation, education, and cultural advancement.

NEC Secretary Inaugurates University Hostels and Reviews Development Projects during Strategic Nagaland Visit

Shri Satinder Kumar Bhalla, Secretary of the North Eastern Council (NEC), conducted a comprehensive official visit to Nagaland in the month of August to review key NEC funded projects and inaugurate significant educational infrastructure across the state. The visit began with a courtesy call on Shri Sentiyanger Imchen, Chief Secretary of Nagaland, followed by an inspection of the Library-cum-Museum project at Ungma Village under the IPR sector, showcasing the NEC’s commitment to cultural preservation and educational development.



The highlight of the visit was the inauguration of the International Students Hostel and Research Scholars Hostel at Nagaland University, Lumami, conducted alongside Vice Chancellor Prof. Jagadish K. Patnaik. These state-of-the-art facilities mark a significant milestone in the university's journey toward academic excellence and global engagement, designed to provide conducive living and learning environments for international students and research scholars from diverse backgrounds.

The newly inaugurated hostels are strategically positioned to foster cross-cultural exchange, facilitate academic collaboration, and support advanced research initiatives, reflecting the university's growing stature in the academic landscape. The NEC's support in realizing this vision underscores the council's dedication to promoting higher education excellence and infrastructure development throughout the Northeast region.

The visit concluded at the Ungma Village Council Assembly Hall, where Secretary Bhalla engaged with local leaders to discuss grassroots development initiatives and the NEC's ongoing commitment to inclusive growth. The ceremony was attended by university officials, faculty members, students, and other dignitaries, making it a momentous occasion that demonstrates the collaborative approach between central agencies, state administration, and local communities in advancing regional development priorities.

Completed Projects (Statewise) during July- Sep 2025

Arunachal Pradesh

1. Construction of road from Kodum CO Hqr- Bam Tri-junction (L- 16.5 Km), West Siang in Arunachal Pradesh under NESIDS (Roads)

The Construction of road from Kodum CO Hqr- Bam Tri-junction in West Siang has been completed under NESIDS. This road, with a length of 16.5 Km and a Project Cost of ₹ 19.50 Crore, connects 4 villages with a population of 112,274.



This strategically important road shortens the distance between the State capital Itanagar and 10 administrative centers including Yomcha, Liromoba, Darak & Kamba of West Siang District, Kaying & Payum of Siang District, and Tato, Monigong, Puli & Mechukha of Shi Yomi District by 36.00 Km. It provides direct connectivity to four remote villages and other important link routes, leading to significant savings in time and resources. This project is expected to become an economic corridor, fostering commercial hubs and tourism hotspots. It will be instrumental in uplifting the economic and social status of the local population through employment generation, inter-circle marketing & trading, and boosting economic activity with neighboring states. Furthermore, it serves as an important alternate route to Aalo - Basar and is crucial for Indian defense movement to border areas.

2. Promotion of arecanut as alternative crops and alternate income source against illegal cultivation of cannabis and opium in various areas of Lekang, Namsai and Chongkham Circles of Namsai Aspirational District, Arunachal Pradesh

The project, titled "Promotion of arecanut as alternative crops and alternate income source against illegal cultivation of cannabis and opium in various areas of Lekang, Namsai and Chongkham Circles of Namsai Aspirational District, Arunachal Pradesh", with an amount of Rs. 5.23 crore under schemes of NEC has completed on 25th July, 2025. The project will increase the production of arecanut and turmeric to meet the demands of local, regional and national markets and it will double farmers income through cash crop farming arecanut and turmeric.

The project has been effectively implemented with essential inputs and direct transfer of cultivation charges to beneficiaries via DBT. All sites are geotagged and uploaded to the State monitoring Portal for transparency. As arecanut has a 6-7 year gestation period, financial returns are yet to begin.

However, once harvesting starts, it will generate employment, boost income, and promote commercial farming, reducing dependence on illicit crops like cannabis and opium. Farmers are also being encouraged to adopt organic practices, supporting sustainable agriculture and long-term ecological and economic benefits.

Assam

1. Improvement & Widening of the road from Chaygaon to Ukium, a 22.20 Km project under NESIDS (Roads)

Assam has seen substantial financial releases and project completions in its transport infrastructure. Approximately ₹11.78 Crore has been released for the Improvement & Widening of the road from Chaygaon to Ukium, a 22.20 Km project under NESIDS (Roads) that benefits 15 villages and a population of 50,000.

Additionally, a major infrastructure development was marked by the completion of the RCC Bridge No. 3/1 over River Dikhow at Chiripuria Ghat, along with the connecting road from Chiripuria via Ajanpeer Dorgah road to NH 37.

This project, with a span of 159.68 meters for the bridge and a road length of 0.16 Km, was completed at a cost of approximately ₹17.99 Crore. It serves as a direct communication link between Amguri and Sivasagar Constituency, significantly alleviating the socio-economic challenges for the poor residents of 20 villages and a substantial population of 700,000, effectively integrating them into the mainstream society.



Construction of RCC Bridge No. 3/1 over River Dikhow Chiripuria Ghat along with road from Chiripuria via Ajanpeer Dorgah road to NH 37 (Span 159.68 m) in Assam.

Additionally, an inspection was carried out on June, 2025, for the road from NH-515 at Lakhi Nepali to Junakareng via Raying Army Camp, an important 14.08 Km route under NESIDS (Roads) with a project cost of approximately ₹66.84 Crore, benefiting 50 villages and 50,000 people.

2. Anti-Erosion Measures at different reaches on both bank of river Pomra, Baksa district, Assam.

This project, titled "Anti-Erosion Measures at different reaches on both bank of river Pomra (Assam), Baksa district," was sanctioned with an approved cost of ₹2.2794 crore. The primary objective was to implement robust anti-erosion measures through the construction of continuous bank revetments with aprons at identified affected reaches, along with other necessary allied works.



The main component of the scheme involved boulder revetment in cages along the slope and a cage apron, extending for a length of 798.00 meters. These works were strategically located at different reaches of Rajabil and Paulbasti villages. Upon its completion on August 7, 2025, the project has successfully protected the entire location against erosion and reclaimed eroded areas. This has led to significant positive impacts, including:

- The creation of horticulture gardens and agricultural land, fostering economic development among villagers.
- The protection of public and private properties, such as road communications, school premises, houses, and household belongings.

Overall, the scheme has greatly benefited a population of 10,000 individuals and secured a total benefited area of 1,000 hectares.



Manipur

1. The upgradation of Moirang Sendra Road upto Sendra Hillock and Road from Moirang Sendra Road to Omba Hillock and Keina Bazar on Moirang Khunou to Thanga Keibul Road (length 4.30 Km) has been completed under NESIDS (Roads). The project, costing ₹20.32 Crore, benefits 7 villages and a population of 9,700.



This road project is critically important for promoting Tourism, anticipating an increase in domestic and foreign tourists from 2,00,000 to 3,00,000 per year. It aims to improve road networks, boost infrastructure for accessibility, attract more tourists, and stimulate economic activities, particularly creating job opportunities in the agrarian sector.

Meghalaya

1. Setting up of Bio-Curcumin Extraction Unit at Lashkein Block, West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya

The project, titled "Setting up of Bio-Curcumin Extraction Unit at Lashkein Block, West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya", with an amount of Rs. 1.50 crore under schemes of NEC has completed on 08th July, 2025.

The project will provide sustainable livelihood and income opportunities to lakadong turmeric farmers of West Jaintia Hills by targeting to meet the demand for value added product of Lakadong Turmeric in the domestic market and seeking to tap the export potential as well.

To establish a plant for conversion of 200 kgs dry turmeric per day to oleoresin, powder, curcumin and biocurcumin capsule. The project has created direct employment for 12 persons who are working in the Factory regularly. A total of 15 Collective Marketing Centres (CMC) have been aggregated having 600 members in total and supply raw/slice Lakadong Turmeric to the Processing Centre. Lakadong Trumeric Farmers annual income hav increased from Rs. 50000/- to Rs. 60000/- annually in the last two years. Annually more than 100MT of Raw Lakadong Turmeric has been processed as slice, powdered and oleoresin extraction.

Mizoram

1.Improvement/Up-gradation of Operational/ Non-Operational facilities of Lengpui Airport (SH: Elevated road with connected components" under NESIDS (Roads) in the State of Mizoram.

The Improvement/Up-gradation of Operational/ Non-Operational facilities of Lengpui Airport (SH: Elevated road with connected components) under NESIDS has been completed. The project, with a Cost of ₹ 19.59 Crore, benefitted 3,282 villages. Lengpui Airport has been operational for over 20 years, and with increasing flight requirements, this project is anticipated to facilitate and enhance opportunities for potential growth in air connectivity, proving highly beneficial for the people of Mizoram and contributing significantly to the socio-economic upliftment of the state.



2. Improvement & Up gradation of Hnahlan-Hmunhlui-Tuimang-Singngei Road (Hnahlan to River Tiau: Mizoram Area, Length-12.00 Km) under NESIDS (Roads) in the State of Mizoram

The Improvement & Up gradation of Hnahlan-Hmunhlui-Tuimang-Singngei Road (Hnahlan to River Tiau: Mizoram Area) has also been completed under NESIDS. This road has a length of 12 Km and a Project Cost of ₹ 44.17 Crore, benefiting 8 villages and a population of 150,631. This improvement will enhance the functioning of government machinery in addressing critical issues like infiltration, smuggling of arms, ammunition, drugs, and fake Indian currency notes along the Indo-Myanmar Border within Mizoram. It is vital for improving socio-economic development in the border area due to its remoteness and for promoting border trade and employment generation. This road will connect strategic points along the international border.



3. Development of Backward Lai Community, Lawngtali District, Mizoram

The project, titled "Development of Backward Lai Community, Lawngtali District, Mizoram", with an amount of Rs 4.79 crore has completed on March, 2025. The project includes (A) Construction of Rural House (Building Portion): To provide Housing facilities to low income rural or urban dwellers. (B) Construction of LAHASH hostel: Due to unavailability of hostel many students from rural area could not pursue their higher studies. In view of the problem being faced by the student's construction of hostel is felt significant. (C) Livelihood Development: Under this sector, there are: Piggery Development, Goatery Development, Fishery Development, Floriculture Development: The objective of the sector is to generate income as well as generation of adequate supply of fresh flower, meat in an outside the district. (D) Sports infrastructure: In order to develop the players' skill and also impart a systematic and organised training module among the players of younger generation. (E) Cold Storage building: With the installation of cold storage facility, the farmers and near the villages will be able to store farm product like fruits, vegetable etc for long period.

4. Community Development Programme for Bru & Chakmas in Mamit District, C&RD Block, West Phaileng, Mizoram

The project, titled "Community Development Programme for Bru & Chakmas in Mamit District, C&RD Block, West Phaileng, Mizoram", with an amount of Rs 1.55 crore has completed on March, 2025. The Objective of the Community Development Programme for Bru & Chakmas is to empower the minor community members by enhancing their skills knowledge and confidence and also enable them to participate actively in decision-making process. To also strengthen local institution and organisation to promote economic growth and ensure that marginalized and vulnerable groups have access to resources, opportunities and service. To also provide education opportunities that enhances literacy, vocational skill and lifelong learning for all community members.

In addition, Mizoram has completed following projects aimed at community empowerment, adventure tourism, cultural promotion, and historical preservation:

1. Workshop on Community Based Tourism (CBT) Development at Aizawl, Langlei, and Saiha

With a project cost of ₹9.00 lakh, this workshop has completed on 14th August 2025. The initiative aims to empower and enable local communities to actively engage in tourism enterprises. It seeks to enhance income opportunities for diverse local groups including entrepreneurs, NGOs, youth clubs, women's self-help groups, artisans, farmers, musicians, and cultural clubs. The project also intends to increase the competitiveness of Mizoram's tourism market by offering unique and authentic local experiences, while identifying, promoting, and developing tourism products and services that are integrated into the value chain, ensuring benefits remain within the community.



Aizawl



Langlei



Saiha



2. Tour de Hmuifang 2024, Aizawl

This project, with a cost of ₹10.00 lakh and marked its completion on 14th August 2025, aimed to organize a high-quality cross-country marathon (XCM) race to attract both professional and amateur cyclists. It seeks to promote adventure tourism by showcasing the region's potential for outdoor sports and recreational activities. The project further focuses on enhancing physical fitness, encouraging participation across all levels, fostering community engagement, generating economic benefits, and facilitating cultural exchange. It emphasizes environmental sustainability through eco-friendly practices while also promoting cycling as a sport and leisure activity.



4. Champhai Hnahnsin Kut (COSMOS FESTIVAL), Champhai

Scheduled for completion on 18th August 2025, this festival is envisaged as a platform to showcase and market Champhai's tourist attractions. It aims to promote and develop tourism within Champhai district while generating livelihood opportunities for local communities. The initiative also seeks to enhance Mizoram's tourism competitiveness by meeting the diverse needs of visitors. It is expected to benefit local entrepreneurs, florists, farmers, winemakers, artisans, handloom and handicraft workers, artists, and musicians by providing them with venues for display and sales. The festival will include a range of activities such as flower exhibitions, cycle rallies, paragliding, cosplay events, and musical evenings, thereby promoting tourism and highlighting the district's cultural and natural beauty.



5. The project titled “Chapchar-Kut cum G-20 Summit 2023 in Mizoram” was successfully completed with the financial support of the North Eastern Council (NEC). The project was completed on the date of September 10, 2025. The total expenditure incurred amounted to ₹1.25 crore.



The primary objective of this initiative was to project the Chapchar-Kut festival onto an international platform. In doing so, the project sought to rediscover the cultural heritage of Mizoram, encourage and nurture traditional practices of Mizo life, and create awareness among the younger generation about the significance of safeguarding heritage. By blending cultural celebration with the global context of the G-20 Summit, the project successfully positioned Mizoram's traditions before a wider audience.

The outcomes of the project were manifold. It significantly enhanced cultural pride among the people of Mizoram and instilled a renewed sense of unity. The event also generated momentum for tourism development, attracting national and international attention. Local artisans, performers, and cultural practitioners benefitted greatly from the platform provided, as it enabled them to showcase

their craft and gain recognition. Importantly, the festival also created space for dialogue between the past and the present, allowing younger generations to connect with their heritage in meaningful ways.

The financial support of the NEC was instrumental in realizing these achievements. By enabling the successful organization of the event, the Council played a key role in preserving intangible cultural heritage while simultaneously fostering growth in local economies. The Chapchar-Kut cum G-20 Summit 2023 in Mizoram thus stands as a notable example of how cultural promotion, heritage preservation, and tourism development can be effectively integrated with broader developmental goals.

In conclusion, the project has left a lasting impact by elevating the visibility of Mizoram's cultural identity on the global stage. The NEC's support ensured that the festival not only preserved the traditions of

the past but also contributed to economic sustainability and youth engagement, thereby reinforcing the significance of cultural heritage in the state's development journey.

2. In addition, two substantial infrastructure proposals for identified blocks in Lawngtlai district, Mizoram—Chawngte Block and Bungtlang South Block—were completed on 10th September 2025. These projects shared the primary objective of enhancing overall development, improving health and educational infrastructure, and imparting essential skills and technical know-how for employment generation. The combined approved funding for these two initiatives is Rs 938.00 lakh.

The first completed project was the Proposal of identified block for providing key identified service at Chawngte Block, Lawngtlai district, Mizoram, which had an approved amount of Rs 455.00 lakh. The main goal was to improve the socio-economic condition of the people by enhancing overall income and improving health and educational infrastructure. The resulting infrastructure, specifically the construction of schools and Anganwadi centres, led to increased access to education and enhanced healthcare. This project successfully transformed rural communities and benefited over a thousand beneficiaries, including children, women, and families.

The second completed project, the Proposal of identified block for providing key identified service at Bungtlang South Block, Lawngtlai district, Mizoram, was approved for Rs 483.00 lakh. This initiative also focused on improving socio-economic conditions by enhancing overall income and educational services. This proposal successfully constructed school buildings, Anganwadi centres, and harvesting tanks. These infrastructure projects significantly enhanced access to quality education, healthcare, and reliable clean water, ultimately transforming the lives of rural communities and promoting sustainable livelihoods.

Nagaland

1. Dikhu Bridge to Amguri road project, spanning 17.155 Km in Mokokchung District, Nagaland

A significant milestone was reached with the completion of the Dikhu Bridge to

Amguri road project, spanning 17.155 Km in Mokokchung District. Completed under NESIDS (Roads) with a project cost of approximately ₹59.77 Crore, this road connects Naksen with NH-2 and is vital for improving internal connectivity between western and eastern districts of Nagaland with Mokokchung, fostering socio-economic development, and aiding security and defence agencies in border areas. This completed project serves four villages and a population of 13,340.

Photographs of Completed Projects

Dikhu Bridge to Amguri (Length 17.155 Km) in Mokokchung District in Nagaland under NESIDS (Roads)



2. Establishment of Chicken Rearing Farm & Satellite Farms at Siethékema-C, Dimapur
The project, titled "Establishment of Chicken Rearing Farm & Satellite Farms at Siethékema-C, Dimapur, Nagaland", with an amount of Rs. 3.26 crore under schemes of NEC has completed on 21st July, 2025. The project will increase productivity of meat particularly Chicken in the state with a view to reduce the gap of meat import into the State. Thereby, prevent drainage of State exchequer, Enhance production of quality LIT birds, so as to make it readily available at affordable prices for the poultry farmers and Create employment avenues & income generation, which at present the State is facing employment problem.

Benefits derived from the Project include – Increase availability of Low Input Technology (LIT) Birds in the State at an affordable rate (i.e. 7000 LIT Birds per cycle/batch), Enhance meat production in the State [16 tonnes of meat (chicken) per cycle, Creation of employment opportunities (6 nos of skilled labour & 15 nos of unskilled labour).

3. Proposal of identified block for providing key identified service at Lotsu village, Wokha Block, Mon district, Nagaland

The project, titled "Proposal of identified block for providing key identified service at Lotsu village, Wokha Block, Mon district, Nagaland", with an amount of Rs. 1.96 crore under schemes of NEC has completed on 16th July, 2025. The project will Put into place some key Infrastructure Development in Lotsu village, Provide holistic development to the people especially the youth of Lotsu village, (C) Promotes sustainable development by providing protection to environment, Organization of capacity building programs and training for growth and development of the block and For ensuring the economic activity to have a beneficial relationship the location to further develop the economy of the village.

4. Proposal of identified block for providing key identified service at Bhandari Block, Wokha district, Nagaland

The project, titled "Proposal of identified block for providing key identified service at Bhandari Block, Wokha district, Nagaland", with an amount of Rs. 4.65 crore under schemes of NEC has completed on 16th July, 2025. The project will make the block areas more productive and less vulnerable to natural hazards and produce beneficial relationship with the regional and national economy, Put into place some key infrastructure development in Sanis block, Provide holistic development to the people especially the youth under Sanis Block, Development of the block and make itself sustaining through mass participation, Ensure local autonomy and disruption of traditional customs, Promotes sustainable development by providing protection to environment and Organization of capacity building programs and training for growth and development of the block.

In addition, Nagaland has completed following projects aimed at enhancing accommodation, promoting sericulture, supporting festivals, and developing amenity centers:

1. Construction of Guest House at Longleng District Head Quarter, Longleng

The North Eastern Council has undertaken the construction of a guest house at Longleng District Head Quarter with a project cost of Rs. 316 lakhs, which was

completed on 8th August 2025. The project aims to provide temporary and convenient accommodation to travelers, tourists, and guests while creating a cozy, home-like atmosphere in a safe and secure environment. Additionally, the guest house supports local businesses, tourism initiatives, and community activities, thereby contributing to the local economy.



The Executive Engineer, PWD (Housing) Tuensang Division, Government of Nagaland, serves as the implementing agency and ensures 24/7 service through its comprehensive organizational structure. The facility is managed by a General Manager and includes specialized departments such as the Front Desk, Housekeeping Department, Technical Support and Maintenance Department, and Security and Safety Department. The guest house provides more affordable accommodation options compared to hotels while maintaining a cozy ambience with all necessary facilities, ultimately generating revenue for the organization.

2. Seri – Tourism Model Farming Centre, in Mokokchung, Dimapur and Phek

The Seri – Tourism Model Farming Centre project has been established in Mokokchung, Dimapur, and Phek districts with a total project cost of Rs. 487 lakhs and was completed on 7th August 2025. The primary objective of this initiative is to uphold silk production in the region while disseminating the latest technology to local farmers and producers. The centre aims to attract at least 1,000 foreign tourists and

50,000 domestic tourists annually, offering them a unique opportunity to experience the traditional Muga silk production process firsthand.



3. Tourism Information Centre and Tourist Guide Management for the 25th Hornbill Festival 2024

A specialized Tourism Information Centre and Tourist Guide Management system was established for the 25th Hornbill Festival 2024 with a budget allocation of Rs. 20 lakhs, completed on 11th August 2025. The project ensures the smooth execution of the Hornbill Festival 2025 by providing accurate and detailed information to visitors throughout the event. The initiative includes comprehensive training programs for local guides to achieve minimum proficiency standards, enabling them to better serve tourists.



The centre provides tour operators with valuable opportunities to interact directly with visitors and showcase their products and services. Furthermore, the project enables local community members to generate alternate sources of revenue through tourism-related activities during the festival period.

4. Tourist Amenity Centre at Dzu River, District Kohima

The Tourist Amenity Centre at Dzu River in Kohima District represents a significant investment in tourism infrastructure with a project cost of Rs. 484 lakhs, completed on 11th August 2025. The facility aims to promote tourism activities while meeting the growing demand for quality hospitality services in the region. The project focuses on generating employment opportunities for local youth and creating sustainable revenue streams for the community.

The Technical wing, headed by the Executive Engineer (NPWD) under the Directorate of Tourism, Kohima, successfully oversaw all construction work for this comprehensive facility.

The centre prioritizes local community engagement by outsourcing raw material supply and services from nearby residents and businesses.

The Tourist Amenity Centre offers excellent prospects for various tourism activities while generating significant employment opportunities and increasing farmers' income through direct sourcing of goods from local farms. The facility features a fully operational restaurant that serves both local Naga cuisine and popular Indian dishes, complemented by a commissioned dining hall and a separate kitchen facility, all of which are currently operational and serving visitors.

5. Rutsa Multipurpose Irrigation Project Completed in Kohima District, Nagaland

The Rutsa Multipurpose Irrigation Project in Kohima District, Nagaland, has been successfully completed, marking a significant step towards enhancing agricultural productivity and improving the livelihood of local farming communities. The project was sanctioned with an original approved amount of ₹700.00 lakhs on 23rd March 2016, later revised to ₹694.85 lakhs on 16th September 2020.

3) Construction of Main gate



1) Multipurpose building



1) Resting Shed and over head water tank.



2) Construction of Railing Fence



The project aims to ensure a regulated and timely supply of water to the fields of small and marginal farmers, thereby enabling the cultivation of multiple high-yielding crop varieties through modern agricultural practices. It is designed to generate self-employment opportunities for both skilled and unskilled workers while also providing drinking water to nearby villages.

With the development of an assured irrigation facility, the project is expected to significantly increase agricultural production and productivity, contributing to the overall socio-economic improvement of the beneficiary communities. The availability of a permanent water source will enhance crop returns, encourage vegetative growth, and help reduce the practice of shifting (Jhum) cultivation in the catchment areas. Additionally, the project will help minimize riverbank erosion, reduce flooding, and promote eco-tourism in the region.

The Rutsa Multipurpose Irrigation Project will directly benefit around 320 households from T-Khel and Jotsoma villages. Covering a Gross Command Area of 350 hectares with a Culturable Command Area of 230 hectares, the project includes a 1.65 km main channel providing irrigation to approximately 130 hectares of farmland.

The successful completion of this project represents a crucial step in strengthening agricultural infrastructure and promoting sustainable rural development in Nagaland.

Sikkim

Sikkim Completes Three Major Infrastructure Projects to Boost Eco-Tourism and Aviation

1. Development of Eco-friendly Tourist Complex at Tangu near Chopta Valley, Lachen, North Sikkim

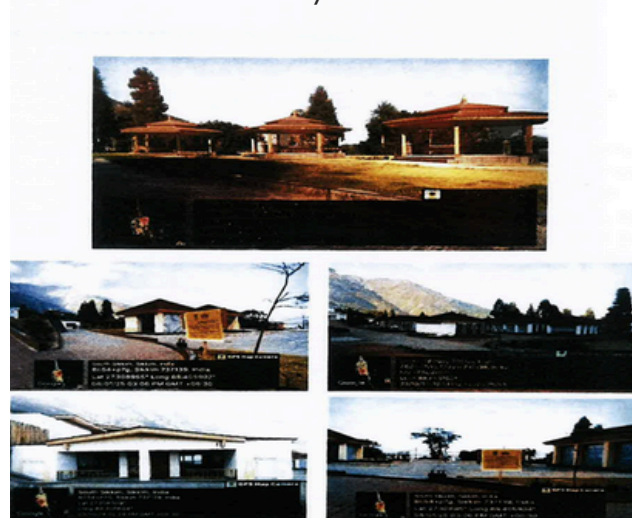
The state completed the Development of Eco-friendly Tourist Complex at Tangu near Chopta Valley in Lachen, North Sikkim on August 6th, 2025. This project focuses on creating a sustainable and self-sufficient tourism industry while protecting local cultural and natural heritage. The initiative aims to stimulate local engagement in eco-friendly development, encouraging the use of local resources for economic opportunities and community well-being.

The project seeks to transform village life into a self-sufficient corporation while promoting a pollution-free environment and nature preservation.



2. Tourism Infrastructure as Support Facility for Passenger Ropeway Project at Upper Dhaper, Yangang in South Sikkim

Additionally, Sikkim finished the Tourism Infrastructure as Support Facility for Passenger Ropeway Project at Upper Dhaper, Yangang in South Sikkim on August 5th, 2025, with an investment of Rs. 13.59 crores. The project is designed to transform Burtuk Heliport into a modern, efficient, and secure aviation facility.



It aims to accommodate larger helicopters and enhance operational capacity through an expanded helipad ground. In addition, it provides supporting infrastructure such as an administration block, staff quarters, and service areas to improve staff efficiency. The project also emphasizes maintaining high safety standards, along with beautification and landscaping measures, to create a welcoming environment for passengers, staff, and visitors.

3. Remodelling & Upgradation of Burtuk Heliport (Gangtok) in East Sikkim

The third project involved the Remodelling & Upgradation of Burtuk Heliport in Gangtok, East Sikkim, completed on August 6th, 2025, at a cost of Rs. 10.83 crores. This upgrade significantly transforms the heliport into a modern, efficient, and secure aviation facility capable of accommodating larger helicopters with enhanced operational capacity. The project includes an expanded helipad ground, administration block, staff quarters, and service areas to improve operational efficiency while ensuring high safety standards, beautification, and landscaping for passengers, staff, and visitors.



Tripura

1. Musical Garden in Agartala, Tripura

The North Eastern Council funded the development of a Musical Garden in Agartala, Tripura at a project cost of ₹150 lakh, which was successfully completed on 11th August 2025. This innovative project aims to enhance recreational offerings and boost tourism in Agartala by providing visitors with a visually captivating and entertaining experience. The centerpiece of this development is the creation of a new attraction at Cumantila lake featuring the installation of a state-of-the-art musical fountain.

The Musical Garden project is designed to foster community engagement while contributing significantly to the city's cultural and economic development. The facility combines natural beauty with modern entertainment technology, creating a unique destination that appeals to both local residents and tourists visiting the region.



Event/ Workshop Report

NEC under it's promoting NER scheme funded many events in the North East Region

Arunachal Pradesh

State level workshop on GI products and its user authorization for farmers of Arunachal Pradesh

A State-level workshop on GI products and their user authorization for farmers of Arunachal Pradesh was organized by NERAMAC with a funding of ₹9.12 lakhs, and successfully completed on 19th August 2025.

Assam

1. State level workshop on GI products and its user authorization for farmers of Assam

A State-level workshop on GI products and their user authorization for farmers of Assam was organized by NERAMAC with a funding of ₹8.91 lakhs, and successfully completed on 19th August 2025.

2. International Conference on Recent Advances in Glycoscience and Glycotechnology at Gauhati University, Assam

An International Conference on Recent Advances in Glycoscience and Glycotechnology at Gauhati University, Assam was organized by NERAMAC with a funding of ₹4.95 lakhs, and successfully completed on 19th August 2025.

Manipur

1. Exhibition cum Mela for promotion of Indigenous & Organic products on Agriculture and Horticulture in Noney district of Manipur

A State-level Exhibition cum Mela for promotion of Indigenous & Organic products on Agriculture and Horticulture in Noney district of Manipur was organized by NERCORMS with a funding of ₹8.00 lakhs, and successfully completed on 19th August 2025.

2. Capacity building training on rural livelihood development in Kangpokpi District, Manipur

A Capacity building training on rural livelihood development in Kangpokpi District, Manipur was organized by NERCORMS with a funding of ₹9.51 lakhs, and successfully completed on 19th August 2025.

3. Capacity building training on rural livelihood development in Churachandpur District, Manipur

A Capacity building training on rural livelihood development in Churachandpur District, Manipur was organized by NERCORMS with a funding of ₹9.51 lakhs, and successfully completed on 19th August 2025.

4. Exhibition cum Sale 2023 of Ukhrul & Kamjong District, Manipur

An Exhibition cum Sale 2023 of Ukhrul & Kamjong District, Manipur was organized by NERCORMS with a funding of ₹8.00 lakhs, and successfully completed on 19th August 2025.

5. State level workshop on GI products and its user authorization for farmers of Manipur
A State-level workshop on GI products and their user authorization for farmers of Manipur was organized by NERAMAC with a funding of ₹8.61 lakhs, and successfully completed on 19th August 2025.

Meghalaya

1. Workshop for Students on Conservation Awareness of Indigenous Fruit and Vegetables Crop including Medicinal and Aromatic Plant in East Khasi Hill district, Meghalaya

A State-level Workshop for Students on Conservation Awareness of Indigenous Fruit and Vegetables Crop including Medicinal and Aromatic Plant in East Khasi Hill district, Meghalaya was organized by NERCORMS with a funding of ₹8.00 lakhs, and successfully completed on 19th August 2025.

2. State level workshop on GI products and its user authorization for farmers of Meghalaya

A State-level workshop on GI products and their user authorization for farmers of Meghalaya was organized by NERAMAC with a funding of ₹8.85 lakhs, and successfully completed on 19th August 2025.

completed on 8th August 2025. The project aims to provide temporary and convenient accommodation to travelers, tourists, and guests while creating a cozy, home-like atmosphere in a safe and secure environment. Additionally, the guest house supports local businesses, tourism initiatives, and community activities, thereby contributing to the local economy.

Mizoram

State level workshop on GI products and its user authorization for farmers of Mizoram:

A State-level workshop on GI products and their user authorization for farmers of Mizoram was organized by NERAMAC with a funding of ₹8.21 lakhs, and successfully completed on 19th August 2025.

Nagaland

1. Organizing 5th Edition of Nagaland Honeybee Day 2023

The 5th Edition of Nagaland Honeybee Day 2023 with a funding of ₹6.00 lakhs, successfully completed on 19th August 2025.

2. Workshop on awareness on conservation of Indigenous fruit and Vegetables Crop including Medicinal and Aromatic Plant in Kohima, Nagaland

A State-level Workshop on awareness on conservation of Indigenous fruit and Vegetables Crop including Medicinal and Aromatic Plant in Kohima, Nagaland was organized by NERCORMS with a funding of ₹10.00 lakhs, and successfully completed on 19th August 2025.

3. State level workshop on GI products and its user authorization for farmers of Nagaland

A State-level workshop on GI products and their user authorization for farmers of Nagaland was organized by NERAMAC with a funding of ₹8.61 lakhs, and successfully completed on 19th August 2025.

Sikkim**State level workshop on GI products and its user authorization for farmers of Sikkim**

A State-level workshop on GI products and their user authorization for farmers of Sikkim was organized by NERAMAC with a funding of ₹9.23 lakhs, and successfully completed on 19th August 2025.

Tripura**1. State level workshop on GI products and its user authorization for farmers of Tripura**

A State-level workshop on GI products and their user authorization for farmers of Tripura was organized by NERAMAC with a funding of ₹8.66 lakhs, and successfully completed on 19th August 2025.

NEC Project Fund Release: July-September 2025

Project Funding Summary (State wise)

State/ Region	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Total
Arunachal Pradesh	37,300,000	26,069,500	34,943,500	98,313,000
Assam	51,100,000	11,950,000	65,250,503	128,300,503
Manipur	38,490,000	66,755,000	35,895,550	141,140,550
Meghalaya	32,126,000	95,886,765	10,000,000	138,012,765
Mizoram	32,386,628	17,214,000	67,623,291	117,223,919
Nagaland	369,700,000	16,928,000	25,363,000	411,991,000
Sikkim	148,500,000	51,496,000		199,996,000
Tripura	74,792,400	79,766,000	88,065,539	242,623,939
NEC Regional/Other	117,566,052	121,878,000	133,401,284	372,845,336
TOTAL	901,961,080	487,943,265	460,542,667	1,850,447,012

North East Students' Programme for Awareness, Reach, and Knowledge on Space (NE-SPARKS)

Building on the continued success of the NE-SPARKS initiative conceptualized by the Hon'ble Home Minister, successive batches of bright science students from the eight North Eastern States continued their educational visits to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Bengaluru

Batch 3 (July 2025), Batch 4 (August 2025), and Batch 5 (September 2025) witnessed enthusiastic participation from 100 students each, representing all eight states of the North East. The visits were organized to nurture scientific curiosity and inspire the next generation of innovators in the field of space science and technology.

During the two-day visits, students explored premier ISRO facilities such as the **ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC)**, the **U R Rao Satellite Centre (URSC)**, and the **ISRO Satellite Integration and Test Establishment (ISITE)**. They also engaged with scientists, viewed exhibits on India's landmark space missions—including Chandrayaan-3—and gained insights into satellite systems, launch technologies, and India's achievements in space exploration.

This hands-on exposure continues to strengthen scientific temper among the region's youth and aligns with the vision of integrating the North East's bright minds into India's expanding space ecosystem.

The initiative is a collaborative effort between the **Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER)**, the **North Eastern Council (NEC)**, **ISRO**, the **North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC)**, and the **State Governments of the North Eastern States**



Celebration of Hindi Pakhwada at North Eastern Council (NEC), Shillong

The North Eastern Council (NEC), Shillong, observed Hindi Pakhwada in the month of September with great enthusiasm and participation from officers and staff. The celebration aimed to promote the use of Hindi as the official language and to encourage linguistic pride and cultural unity within the organization.

As part of the fortnight-long celebration, a series of engaging competitions were organized, including Hindi Essay Writing, Noting and Drafting in Hindi, Poetry Recitation, Quiz Competitions, and Extempore Speech Contests. The events witnessed active involvement from employees across all sections of the NEC Secretariat, showcasing their creativity and proficiency in Hindi.





Swachhata Pakhwada Observed at North Eastern Council (NEC), Shillong

Theme: “Swachhata Hi Seva”

The North Eastern Council (NEC), Shillong, observed Swachhata Pakhwada with the theme “Swachhata Hi Seva”, reaffirming its commitment to the national vision of cleanliness, hygiene, and community responsibility.

During the fortnight-long observance, various cleanliness drives and awareness activities were organized within the NEC premises and surrounding areas. Officers and staff actively participated in initiatives such as office and campus cleaning, segregation of waste, plantation drives, and awareness sessions on sustainable waste management and plastic reduction.



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