



# NEC Newsletter

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## Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia assumes charge as Union Minister for Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region



Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia assumed charge as Union Minister in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region on 12th June, 2024 in New Delhi.

Dr. Majumdar, Minister of State in the Ministry of DoNER along with the senior officers of DoNER Ministry welcomed the Union Minister. After assuming the charge, Shri Scindia met the senior officials of the ministry and reviewed the schemes.

While interacting with the media, Shri Scindia said that the Prime Minister has always prioritized the North Eastern region, and we are committed to realizing the Prime Minister's vision. He said that it is our commitment to accelerate the development of this region and establish new benchmarks for modern development.

## Dr. Sukanta Majumdar assumes charge as Minister of State for Ministry of Development of North East Region

Dr. Sukanta Majumdar assumed charge as Minister of State in the Ministry of Development of North East Region on 11th June, 2024 in New Delhi.

Dr. Majumdar interacted with the media representatives and expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for his visionary leadership.

Dr. Majumdar interacted with the senior officers of DoNER ministry and talked about his vision for development of North East Region.





## MESSAGE

I am delighted to note that the North Eastern Council Secretariat in Shillong is restarting the publication of its NEC Newsletter in digital format (E-copy) starting July 2024. Previously, its printing was suspended in March 2019 due to administrative reasons and despite efforts to resume printing, the COVID-19 pandemic and financial prudence on printing activities delayed its revival.

While the austerity considerations remain in effect, we have decided to revive the Newsletter in digital form. We believe this decision will facilitate the dissemination of information regarding various developmental activities, policies, programs, and projects initiated by the Government of India in the North Eastern Region for the welfare outlook of its people.

Formerly published bi-annually, the NEC Newsletter will now be issued quarterly to enhance our outreach within the NER and across the country. It will cover updates on development projects spearheaded by NEC, as well as decisions and initiatives aimed at enhancing the welfare of the people in the NER.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to my entire team on the revival of the NEC Newsletter, and I am optimistic that its publication will proceed without any interruptions henceforth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized cursive letters.

**(Angshuman Dey)**  
Secretary, NEC



## Two-Day Workshop on NEC Vision Plan 2047

### Secretary, MDoNER Stresses on Capturing Aspirations of Northeastern People

An important two-day workshop focusing on the NEC Vision Plan 2047 took place on May 16-17, 2024, at the NEC Auditorium in Shillong. Senior NEC officers, representatives from NITI Aayog, NEDFi, ADB, and other regional stakeholders gathered to discuss and refine the strategic plan for the North Eastern Council (NEC), aiming to align the developmental goals of the North Eastern Region (NER) with the vision for 2047. (continue on page 15-17)



## NEC Displays Remarkable Commitment to Swachhata Pakhwada-2024

### From Pledges to Plantations: NEC Secretariat's Two-Week Initiative Garner Enthusiastic Participation and Results

Shillong, June 4th, 2024 – The North Eastern Council Secretariat, located in Shillong, has demonstrated exceptional dedication to cleanliness and hygiene during the Swachhata Pakhwada held from May 16th to May 31st, 2024. Under the dynamic leadership of the NEC Secretary, Shri Angshuman Dey, a series of impactful events and activities unfolded, reflecting the commitment of the entire NEC community towards a cleaner and greener environment. (continue on page 18-20)

## The Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) NEC Recreation Week:

### Celebrating Team Spirit & Wellness at NEC

The North Eastern Council Employees Welfare Association (NECSEWA) proudly organized the 3rd NEC Recreation Week from 15th April to 30th April, 2024. The event commenced with an opening ceremony led by Planning Advisor, NEC, Shri Som Kamei, in the presence of officers and staff at the NEC Secretariat, Shillong. (continue on page 21-23)



## NECSEWA: Enhancing Employee Welfare and Community Building

### A Summary of Activities from August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Established in 2004 with the objective of enhancing employee welfare and fostering a sense of community, NECSEWA (North Eastern Council Secretariat Employee Welfare Association) conducted various activities until 2006. (continue on page 24-25)

## Observation of 10<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga (IDY) on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2024 at NEC Complex, Nongrim Hills

The 10th International Day of Yoga (IDY) was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the Officers and Staff of NEC at the NEC Complex, Nongrim Hills, Shillong. The event commenced at 7:30 AM and the vibrant yoga session was led by the experienced yoga instructor, Shri. Ravi Ranjan Kumar, Senior Pay & Account Officer (PAO), NEC. (continue on page 26)



# NEC Vision Plan 2047

*Extract of the Address by*

**Shri Chanchal Kumar, Secretary, MDoNER**



## **Dear Participants and Stakeholders,**

I am delighted to address you today following the successful completion of our two-day interactive workshop, which has been instrumental in shaping the future course for Northeast India's development. This workshop has been a forum for robust discussions, enriched by diverse perspectives facilitated through the innovative framework of five different thinking hats.

Our primary objective throughout these deliberations has been to craft a visionary document that encapsulates the aspirations and addresses the concerns of Northeast India's diverse population. I commend all participants for their active engagement and contributions, which have ensured that the NEC Vision 2047 document will truly reflect the needs and aspirations of all stakeholders, including State Governments, Central Ministries, and community-based organizations.

Northeast India, comprising 4% of the country's population and covering less than 8% of its area, plays a crucial role in our national economic landscape, contributing approximately 2.5% to the GDP. Recent statistics indicate a commendable growth rate exceeding 10% at current prices and around 6% at constant prices, underscoring the region's vast potential. It is imperative that our strategic planning sustains and enhances this growth trajectory.

The update of the existing 2020 NEC Vision document is pivotal to aligning our development strategies with current aspirations and national priorities. Our focus remains on crafting actionable and feasible strategies that leverage technology, artificial intelligence, and machine learning. Institutions like NESAC provide invaluable data to inform our decisions, ensuring that our developmental solutions are both informed and effective.

Sector-specific plans in education, health, agriculture, and sports are essential to addressing regional challenges innovatively. Tailored strategies in each sector, bolstered by technological advancements, will enable us to overcome hurdles effectively.

The Government of India's steadfast commitment to the Northeast is evident through significant budget allocations and meticulous expenditure monitoring. It is incumbent upon us to ensure optimal utilization and impactful outcomes from these investments.

Efficient infrastructure management is crucial for project success and sustainability. We must plan meticulously for the maintenance and operational aspects of our infrastructure projects to secure their long-term benefits.

The bamboo industry holds immense promise for the regional economy, and we are committed to charting a clear roadmap for its maximal economic benefit. Organizations like NECBDC and BCDI will play a pivotal role in realizing this potential.

Outcome-based monitoring of projects, coupled with seamless coordination across Ministries and alignment with national schemes, remains paramount. This approach guarantees effective implementation, continuous improvement, and accountability.

Enhanced outreach and extension services are essential to ensure that local communities are well-informed about and can benefit from Government schemes. Consulting stakeholders at the grassroots level is vital to developing well-informed policies that address community needs effectively.

Innovation remains a cornerstone of our approach towards sustainable development goals (SDGs). The Government of India welcomes substantial and content-rich ideas that harness technology to address regional challenges, fostering creativity and innovation. In closing, I extend my sincere appreciation to all workshop participants for their proactive involvement. I am confident that the NEC Vision 2047 document will profoundly influence Government policy for the Northeast, aligning with national priorities and effectively addressing regional challenges. Together, let us guide the region towards sustained growth and development.

**Thank you.**



# NEC Vision Plan 2047

*Extract of the Address by*  
**Shri Longki Phangcho**, Member, NEC



## **Dear Esteemed Participants,**

I am deeply honored to join you all at this workshop and extend my heartfelt gratitude for the invitation. In today's dynamic environment, the role of publicity and media is paramount for the North Eastern Council (NEC). It is through effective communication that we can amplify our efforts and garner support for our initiatives across the region.

As we embark on shaping the NEC Vision 2047, it is imperative that we evaluate the viability of projects with a strong emphasis on both socio-economic well-being and environmental sustainability. Our aim is to align with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision for the North East, envisioning our region as the 'Asthakshmi' of our nation.

One critical aspect that demands our attention is the upkeep and management of assets developed through NEC funding. Too often, infrastructure projects become non-functional within a few short years post-completion. It is therefore essential to integrate robust asset management strategies into our project proposals to ensure longevity and optimal utilization.

I commend the North Eastern Development Finance Corporation (NEDFi) for their insightful chapter on culture and heritage in the draft NEC Vision 2047 document. Preserving our rich traditions, customs, and languages is vital. Unique cultural landmarks like the Khasi Dorbar, the kingdom of the Kachari kings, and the KarengGhar must be safeguarded as they embody the essence of our diverse heritage. The chapter on music and culture is equally commendable, reflecting our region's vibrant artistic tapestry.

Turning to governance, the implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006, remains pivotal across various states. Notably, Tripura has issued over 1 lakh holding certificates to tribal communities residing in forests. Empowering local communities to manage and conserve these forests is crucial for sustainable development.

Addressing historical challenges, it is disheartening that nearly two decades of our post-independence history have been marred by inter-community conflicts in the North East. Efforts towards reconciliation and the rehabilitation of displaced communities must be prioritized to foster lasting peace and unity.

Furthermore, the revival and preservation of ethnic tribal languages are integral to preserving our cultural diversity. These languages are repositories of our collective wisdom and identity, deserving of concerted efforts for their revitalization.

With only 23 years left to commemorate 100 years of independence, it is incumbent upon us to ensure the timely and successful implementation of all NEC projects. I am optimistic that this two-day workshop will facilitate comprehensive discussions and refine the draft NEC Vision 2047 document further.

I look forward to our deliberations and collective efforts towards shaping a prosperous and inclusive future for the North East.

Thank you once again for your participation and dedication.



# NEC Vision Plan 2047

*Extract of the Address by*

**Shri Tenzing Norbu Thongdok, Member, NEC**



## **Dear Esteemed Colleagues,**

It is with great pleasure that I join you today at this workshop, and I extend my heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to contribute to our collective vision for the North Eastern Council (NEC).

As we delve into the NEC Vision 2047, amidst India's remarkable economic growth trajectory, it becomes imperative to define the purpose, content, and intent of our aspirations. I commend the North Eastern Development Finance Corporation (NEDFi) team for their diligent efforts in drafting the NEC Vision 2047 document, aimed at not only achieving self-sufficiency but also fostering comprehensive development across the Northeast Region (NER). Over the past five decades, with concerted efforts and increased resources from the Government of India, we have witnessed steady growth in all NER states. However, there remains a pressing need to accelerate our progress to align with the development levels of other states by the centenary of India's independence.

NER is blessed with abundant natural resources—from coal and oil to minerals like dolomite, lime, zinc, quartz, and lead. Harnessing these resources efficiently is crucial for our economic prosperity and job creation efforts.

The agricultural sector, including activities such as trout farming and the cultivation of cash crops like tomatoes, potatoes, and cabbages, holds significant market potential during off-seasons elsewhere in India. Similarly, our region's temperate and subtropical fruits—apples, kiwis, oranges, plums, and walnuts—present lucrative opportunities that require streamlined marketing channels to benefit local farmers. Enhancing resource mobilization and technology adoption will be pivotal in furthering the growth of these sectors.

Peace and stability are prerequisites for development. Youth unemployment has historically fueled unrest, underscoring the urgent need for viable economic activities like

agriculture to engage our youth meaningfully. Addressing the high school dropout rates and ensuring access to quality education are equally critical measures in mitigating vulnerability to insurgency groups. Financial incentives for educationally disadvantaged families can play a pivotal role in this regard.

While our transport connectivity has seen significant improvements, particularly in air travel, there remains a notable gap in waterway infrastructure. Developing waterways along the Brahmaputra and establishing an international waterway from Tripura to Bangladesh would not only boost regional trade but also foster bilateral relations. A comprehensive survey of our region's river systems is essential for proposing such developmental initiatives.

Tourism stands as a burgeoning sector in NER, yet it requires enhanced promotion to unlock its full potential as an employment generator. Improving communication, hospitality, and infrastructure are pivotal steps toward attracting more tourists to our region. The NEC's support in funding tourism initiatives will be instrumental in realizing this potential.

Environmental conservation is paramount, particularly in our Himalayan deciduous forests prone to wildfires. Initiatives like afforestation and empowering local village councils to manage and prevent forest fires are imperative. Equipping our youth with the necessary training and incentives to actively engage in forest management will ensure sustainable environmental practices for generations to come.

In conclusion, I am confident that through rigorous consultation and collaboration, the NEC Vision 2047 will emerge as a robust roadmap toward a developed and prosperous NER. Let us seize this opportunity to refine our vision and pave the way for a Viksit NER in the decades ahead.

Thank you once again for your participation and dedication to our collective future.

# NEC Vision Plan 2047

*Extract of the Address by*  
**Shri Angshuman Dey, Secretary, NEC**



## **Dear Participants,**

It is my honor to welcome each one of you to this crucial gathering focused on shaping the future of the North Eastern Council (NEC) through the NEC Vision Plan 2047. Today, we are privileged to have a diverse array of stakeholders gathered here, all dedicated to charting a transformative course for our region.

The term "in house" underscores our commitment to aligning the entire NEC team, especially our various sectors, with the ongoing development of the NEC Vision Plan. As we move forward, it is imperative that we enrich the initial draft through robust consultations, incorporating the perspectives of NEC sectors and the North Eastern Resource Centre's comprehensive Analysis and Action Plans across six sectors.

Our next crucial step involves extensive consultations with states, central ministries, esteemed organizations, and institutes of excellence. Our aim is to complete these consultations within six months, ensuring that the Vision Plan truly reflects the aspirations and needs of all stakeholders.

The NEC Vision Plan 2047 will serve as a pivotal guide for project initiatives, facilitating streamlined processes for both NEC and the states of the North East to propose and implement essential projects. By fostering ownership among stakeholders, we anticipate faster approvals and outcomes aligned with our collective vision for 2047.

Furthermore, all developmental schemes, including those under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), will be intricately woven into this Vision Plan. This integration will optimize planning, execution, and monitoring across crucial sectors such as power, irrigation, roads, and communications, leveraging the full potential of our allocations.

It is notable that while allocations are made, there exists a gap in optimal utilization due to capacity constraints. Addressing such gaps, especially in sectors like agriculture, will be a priority area within our Vision document.

Established by an Act of Parliament in 1971 and amended in 2002, the NEC's mandate as a regional planning body underscores our responsibility to enhance regional coordination and recommend improvements for effective scheme implementation. We must continuously reflect on our legislative mandate and strive for greater alignment between NEC and the Government of India's DoNER Ministry.

The NEC's role in the region has been reinforced through initiatives like the revitalization committee and our annual plenary meetings, which provide critical platforms for dialogue on regional aspirations and concerns. These forums are instrumental in prioritizing sector-specific projects and providing strategic guidance.

Reflecting on the Hon'ble Prime Minister's address during the NEC's 50th-anniversary celebrations, we are reminded of our region's strategic importance as a gateway to Southeast Asia. Emphasizing "Act East, Act Fast, Act First," the Prime Minister highlighted the imperative of enhancing connectivity and leveraging sectors like 5G technology, agriculture, tourism, and sustainable development.

Recent developments, including the Agricultural Task Force recommendations and initiatives like the North East Economic Corridor (NEEC), underscore our commitment to strategic growth. Furthermore, collaborations with international bodies and initiatives like the UNNATI scheme are testament to our proactive approach in fostering economic resilience and sustainability.

In conclusion, the NEC Yearbook 2024 and the seven promises encapsulated by A, B, C, D, E, F, G – from Agri & Allied Sectors to Growth that is inclusive, equitable, and sustainable – embody our holistic vision for the region's development.

I urge each of you to actively participate in today's deliberations, contributing your expertise and insights towards shaping a future that is prosperous and inclusive for all in the North East.

Thank you once again for your presence and commitment.



## NEC Secretariat Welcomes New Members & Officers

### Shri Longki Phangcho Member, NEC



Shri Longki Phangcho's appointment as a Member of the North Eastern Council in Shillong, by notification from the Government of India, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region dated February 23, 2024, underscores his continued dedication to serving the region. He assumed office at the NEC Secretariat on February 21, 2024, with a tenure of three years, subject to further orders.

A retired IAS officer from Diphu, Karbi Anglong, Assam, Shri Longki Phangcho is renowned as a distinguished social worker and farmer. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to public service and community development.

Presently, he serves as an advisor to the Purbottar Janajatiya Siksha Samiti under the guidance of Vidya Bharati, Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Sansthan, and Purbottar Janajatiya Siksha Samiti. He is also associated with Akhil Bharatiya Vanavasi Kalyan Ashram.

During his illustrious career, he has held pivotal roles including Deputy Commissioner in Karimganj,

Lakhimpur, and Karbi Anglong Districts in Assam. He has served as Director of the Tribal Research Institute for SC and ST, Assam, and Director of Welfare of Plain Tribes and Backward Classes, Assam. Additionally, he has been Commissioner of Excise, Assam, Commissioner and Secretary of Welfare of Plain Tribes and Backward Classes, Assam, and the Mines and Mineral Department. He has also served as Principal Secretary of the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, Diphu, and Secretary to the Government of Assam in the Labour and Employment Department.

Shri Longki Phangcho has been instrumental in drafting Bills related to the Constitutional Protections of Backward Communities, Preservation and Protection of Traditional Customary Laws, Language and Literature of Ethnic Tribes of the North East India Region, and has conducted National Seminars on the preparation of Vision Documents for Scheduled Tribes of the North East India Region.

He has undertaken official tours to England, France, Switzerland, Holland, Thailand, and Singapore.



### Shri Tenzing Norbu Thongdok Member, NEC

Shri Tenzing Norbu Thongdok, the incumbent Member of the North Eastern Council (NEC), hails from Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, and boasts a distinguished career in both civil engineering and politics. Graduating from Jorhat Engineering College, Assam, in 1973 with a degree in Civil Engineering, he is also an alumnus of Rashtriya Military School, Bangalore, and was honored with the Fellowship of The Institute of Engineering India (FIE) for his significant contributions to the engineering field.

Over the span of his illustrious career, Shri Thongdok has served in various capacities within the Government of Arunachal Pradesh. Notably, he held positions such as Chief Engineer – PWD and Chief Engineer – Power from April 1989 to April 2004, eventually retiring as Secretary to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh in February 2009.

Transitioning into politics post-retirement, Shri Thongdok was elected to the Arunachal State Assembly in 2009, representing the Kalaktang Assembly Constituency. Throughout his tenure, he

has occupied key roles, including Chairman of the Pollution Control Board in 2010, Parliamentary Secretary (PWD), and Advisor to the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh. Additionally, he served as Deputy Speaker, Cabinet Minister (Minister of Power), and Speaker of the State Assembly from July 2016 to May 2019.

Shri Tenzing Norbu Thongdok's political journey has taken him to numerous national and international platforms, where he represented India in conferences across the UK, Bangladesh, Germany, Switzerland, South Korea, and Japan. These conferences addressed a wide array of topics, ranging from parliamentary affairs to environmental conservation and infrastructure development.

Appointed as a Member of the North Eastern Council, Shillong, through a notification from the Government of India, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, dated 14th February 2024, Shri Thongdok officially assumed office on 4th March 2024. His tenure spans three years, subject to further orders.



## NEC Secretariat Welcomes New Members & Officers

**Shri Angshuman Dey**  
*Secretary, NEC*



Shri Angshuman Dey is an Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer of 1997 Batch of Tripura cadre presently working as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), New Delhi. He is also holding the charge of Secretary (North Eastern Council), Shillong. He oversees the Primary Livelihood Wing of the Ministry, which addresses matters related to the North Eastern Council and a central PSU, the North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd (NERAMAC). Additionally, he manages schemes of NEC, NESIDS (Roads), and sectors including MSME, water resources, forestry, agriculture and allied sectors, etc.

Shri Dey has worked extensively on applications of satellite data in

prioritization of land-based interventions in the field and executed them in the field while heading an externally aided project in Tripura dealing with sustainable catchment forest management. He has also been responsible for programme management in the field of agro and rural industries especially khadi and village industries, setting up rural industrial clusters and urban development. He has been instrumental in submission of report of inter-ministerial task force on agricultural growth and currently heads the inter-ministerial task force on promotion of agarwood in NER. As Secretary (NEC), he guides the team working on developing the NEC Vision Plan for 2047.



**Shri Som Kamei**  
*Indian Postal Service (IPoS)*

Shri Som Kamei, an esteemed member of the Indian Postal Service (IPoS) batch of 1998, has made significant contributions across various capacities within the Postal Department, Government of India. Previously, he served as the Post Master General (NE Region-II) in Dibrugarh, Assam Circle, before assuming the role of Planning Adviser at NEC.

Before his current position, he held the esteemed title of Director of the North East Zone Centre under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. Notably, in 2007, Shri Kamei lent his expertise to the UPU (United Nations) as a Consultant on Money Transfer in Africa. His pioneering efforts in implementing technological advancements in the NE Postal Circle earned him

the prestigious "Dak Sewa" award from the Government of India in 2006. Additionally, he played a crucial role in conceptualizing the India Post Payments System in the North East Region as a member of the Consultative Committee.

Beyond his official duties, Shri Kamei is a distinguished author and writer, with his latest publication titled "Rani Gaidinliu: Great Freedom Fighter from NE India," released in 2022.

Shri Som Kamei assumed the role of Planning Adviser (Joint Secretary level) at the North Eastern Council Secretariat, Shillong, on deputation for a term of five years or until further notice, effective from December 15th, 2023.



## NEC Secretariat Welcomes New Members & Officers

### Shri Thanglemlian *Central Secretariat Service (CSS)*



Shri Thanglemlian, a reputed officer from the Central Secretariat Service (CSS) cadre of the 1994 batch, has been appointed as the Financial Advisor at the North Eastern Council (NEC) Secretariat in Shillong on central deputation. He commenced his tenure with the organization on April 19, 2024, for a period of five years.

Prior to his assignment at the NEC, Shri Thanglemlian served as the Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Finance (Expenditure), Government of India, New Delhi, for over five years. His extensive administrative experience and expertise in financial management have been instrumental throughout his distinguished career.

While fulfilling his role as a regular Director in the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Government of India, Shri Thanglemlian concurrently held significant additional responsibilities. He served as the Chief Vigilance Officer for the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and as the Programme Advisor for the National Service Scheme (NSS). Additionally, he assumed the position of Director at the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), an Institute of National Importance, where he made noteworthy contributions to youth development initiatives.

Shri Thanglemlian's exemplary leadership and profound expertise in financial administration are poised to greatly enhance strategic financial planning and development initiatives at the NEC.



**The Tharakkhunji Chyamadi (Community Hall)**  
A picture from an iconic NEC Project: Indigenous Habitat



# ADIEU

## Shri K. Moses Chalai *Indian Administrative Service (IAS)*



Shri K. Moses Chalai, an esteemed Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer from the Manipur cadre of the 1990 batch, held the position of Secretary at the North Eastern Council (NEC) Secretariat in Shillong from November 5, 2019, until February 16, 2024. His tenure marked a period of remarkable achievements and significant contributions to the socio-economic development of the North East.

During his tenure, Shri Chalai led NEC through several notable events and initiatives. Among these were the organization of three NEC Plenary Sessions, two Destination North East events, and the AKAM celebrations across the North East, attended by dignitaries, including the Honorable President of India on the Valedictory day. Another milestone event orchestrated under his leadership was the extensive celebration of the NEC Golden Jubilee, commemorating 50 years of NEC's journey, which saw the participation of dignitaries, including the Honorable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi.

Shri Chalai's tenure exemplified a steadfast commitment to innovation, collaboration, and long-term planning, leaving a lasting impact on the region's socio-economic landscape.

Under his stewardship, groundbreaking projects such as the 5G Application Initiative, Digital Designing in Animation, and Digital Tourism were implemented. Initiatives like NETMOS, NESAC Projects, 3D Printing Technology, and the 5G Deepening Project significantly contributed to the region's technological advancement and economic growth. He played a pivotal role in establishing key

institutions such as the APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis at IIM Shillong. Additionally, initiatives like the development of the Mtarbari Deep Sea Port in Bangladesh, the Akhura-Agartala rail line, Dawki ICP, and advancements in Waterways infrastructure have been instrumental in enhancing connectivity and trade opportunities between India and Bangladesh through North East.

Under his visionary leadership, a forward-looking vision for the NEC/NER region up to 2047 was formulated, paving the way for comprehensive development strategies.

As the head of NEC, Shri Chalai oversaw the development and functioning of crucial organizations under its purview, including the North East Resource Centre (NERCEN), North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Society (NERCORMS), and North East Cane and Bamboo Development Council (NECBDC).

Shri K. Moses Chalai's tenure at NEC has left an indelible mark on the organization and the region, setting the stage for continued growth and development in the North East.

The farewell ceremony held on February 16, 2024, at the NEC Secretariat Auditorium was a poignant moment for the NEC family. Senior officers fondly recalled Shri Chalai's dedicated service and invaluable contributions to the Council and the North East. As he embarks on a new chapter as the Secretary, Inter-State Council Secretariat, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, the NEC family extends its warmest wishes for his continued success and prosperity.



# ADIEU

## **Shri C. H. Kharshiing** *Indian Audit & Accounts Service (IA&AS)*



Shri C. H. Kharshiing, a distinguished officer from the Indian Audit & Accounts Service (IA&AS) cadre of 1991 hailing from Meghalaya, served as the Planning Advisor at the North Eastern Council (NEC). His tenure was characterized by significant contributions to the planning and development of the North East region.

Throughout his service, Shri Kharshiing efficiently managed and coordinated numerous critical tasks and initiatives. He ensured the timely submission of various monthly reports and updates to the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), including updated state profiles and specific action points for major infrastructure projects. His efforts were pivotal in clarifying action points related to the Prime Minister's announcements concerning the North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Society (NERCEN).

Under his adept guidance, new scheme guidelines for NEC and the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) were formulated and submitted for approval. He played a key role in framing and approving the Backward Blocks Development Guidelines and the Standard Operating Procedures for supporting projects by non-government organizations.

Shri Kharshiing actively participated in the preparation for the 2023-24 fiscal year, including the allocation and prioritization of projects for various

North Eastern states. He oversaw the creation of a project shelf for both state and central components, ensuring a systematic approach to project planning and implementation.

His tenure also saw focused attention on ongoing projects, with an emphasis on closing 32 projects sanctioned up to March 31, 2013, with an approved cost of Rs 1265.15 crores. He spearheaded initiatives such as the establishment of a Centre of Excellence for Agriculture with Japanese assistance and the restoration of the Barak River catchment areas with support from KFW Bank, Germany.

Shri Kharshiing's remarkable efforts in the development and operationalization of NERCEN were noteworthy. He established six Centers of Excellence under NERCEN, aimed at technological acceleration, skills and competency development, policy and planning insights, data analytics, research and monitoring, and regional documentation. These initiatives are poised to significantly enhance the socio-economic landscape of the North East.

The NEC bid farewell to Shri Kharshiing on July 17, 2023, extending its deepest gratitude for his dedicated service and invaluable contributions. His leadership and commitment have left a lasting impact, and he is fondly remembered for advancing the development of the North East.

# ADIEU

## Shri Gaigongdin Panmei *Indian Revenue Service (IRS)*



Shri Gaigongdin Panmei, an Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer of the 1989 batch, assumed the role of Financial Adviser at the North Eastern Council (NEC) Secretariat in Shillong from October 1, 2018, until March 31, 2024. Prior to his tenure at NEC, he held the position of Commissioner, Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) & Central Excise (CX), and was subsequently elevated to the rank of Chief Commissioner/Director General of Customs and Indirect Taxes (C&IT) on August 16, 2022.

During his tenure at NEC, Shri Panmei's meticulous financial planning left an indelible mark on the council's operations, facilitating socio-economic development in the North East region. His strategic guidance was pivotal in appraising and approving numerous projects, encompassing 138 projects valued at ₹1448.29 crore under NEC schemes and 12 projects amounting to ₹778.85 crore under the North Eastern Region Special Development Scheme (NERSDS). Notably, his detailed approach ensured comprehensive scrutiny and proper appraisal of medium-value projects ranging from ₹5 to ₹15 crore. Moreover, starting from the fiscal year 2021-22, he streamlined the approval process for small-value projects, meticulously reviewing 173 projects totaling ₹495.81 crore and 174 projects worth ₹433.53 crore.

As a key member of the Sectoral Empowered Committee (SEC), Shri Panmei's insights were instrumental in prioritizing projects exceeding ₹5 crore, as well as smaller projects up to ₹5 crore. He represented NEC in various State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC) meetings,

particularly during the 2019-20 period, where he conducted reviews of projects sanctioned by the Project Implementation Committee (PIC). Additionally, his active participation in Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) meetings ensured the thorough preparation and submission of NEC's budgetary allocations, managing an outlay of ₹3500 crore under the 14th Finance Commission and ₹3843.24 crore for the 15th Finance Commission period.

He also spearheaded the successful implementation of the PFMS EAT module for online fund release, onboarding 350 implementing agencies and ensuring full implementation by FY 2017-18. Shri Panmei's efforts in recovering and depositing ₹90.72 crore of unspent balances and ₹20 crore of accrued interest to the Consolidated Fund of India (CFI) significantly bolstered financial accountability. Additionally, his proactive measures in revitalizing the Audit Wing and Audit Committee, coupled with the resolution of all outstanding audit issues, ensured the effective functioning of these critical oversight mechanisms.

On March 28, 2024, officers and staff organized a farewell ceremony for Shri G. Panmei at the NEC Secretariat Auditorium. Colleagues expressed their gratitude for his unwavering dedication and exemplary service to the NEC and the North Eastern Region.

Shri Panmei's tenure as the Financial Adviser at NEC spanned five years and six months on Central Deputation, leaving a lasting legacy of fiscal prudence and strategic foresight.

# Unlocking the Potential: Industry 4.0 Paves the Way for Northeast India's Economic Renaissance

**Shri Gaigongdin Panmei**

*Former Financial Adviser, North Eastern Council, MDoNER.*



The dawn of Industry 4.0, also known as the 4th Industrial Revolution, is reshaping the landscape of global commerce, offering unprecedented opportunities for development and growth. Northeast India (NER), long challenged by physical constraints in traditional industries, now stands at the threshold of a digital transformation that promises to revolutionize its economic prospects.

With Industry 4.0, companies are redefining how they conceive, produce, and distribute goods, leveraging advanced technologies to overcome traditional barriers. The advent of this new era offers a level playing field, minimizing the need for extensive physical infrastructure and opening doors to innovation.

NER, encompassing diverse sectors like manufacturing, distribution, education, healthcare, agriculture, and mining, is embracing the disruptive technologies of Industry 4.0. Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, 5G Telecommunication, Internet of Things (IoT), 3D Printing, AR/VR, Blockchain, Robotics, cloud computing, and analytics are becoming integral components of the region's economic fabric.

The synergy between these technologies is propelling NER into a realm of boundless possibilities. As IoT proliferates, job opportunities and economic growth are poised to soar to unprecedented heights, heralding a paradigm shift in the region's economic trajectory.

The ascent of Artificial Intelligence is particularly remarkable, with its applications permeating every facet of life, from research and healthcare to manufacturing and entertainment. As companies embrace AI, business processes will undergo profound transformations, potentially reshaping the job market while catalyzing economic expansion.

Projections suggest that by 2035, AI could inject nearly a trillion dollars into the Indian economy. NER, boasting a pool of talented and educated youth, is primed to capitalize on this burgeoning field, potentially capturing a significant share of the economic pie.

3D Printing, a cornerstone of Industry 4.0, holds immense promise for NER's 'Make in India' aspirations. With applications spanning healthcare, industrial design, aerospace, and consumer goods, this technology empowers the region to produce world-class products through digital innovation, fostering economic competitiveness on a global scale.

Furthermore, the advent of 5G technology promises to be a game-changer for NER's economy, with projections suggesting a substantial contribution to global output by 2035. Initiatives such as the "5G Applications in NER" project are laying the groundwork for harnessing this transformative technology, driving innovation and economic growth across the region.

The Internet of Things (IoT) is another key enabler, poised to revolutionize various sectors, from homes and industries to healthcare and agriculture. With an estimated 22 billion connected IoT devices by 2025, NER stands to benefit immensely from this interconnected ecosystem, bolstered by the seamless integration of AI and Machine Learning.

In conclusion, NER stands on the cusp of a historic opportunity to leverage Industry 4.0 for its economic resurgence. By embracing these transformative technologies and fostering a supportive ecosystem, the region can realize its vision of a \$30 trillion economy by 2047. With strategic investments and concerted efforts, NER can carve out a significant share of this ambitious goal, propelling itself into a future defined by innovation, prosperity, and inclusive growth.



# Two-Day Workshop on NEC Vision Plan 2047

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The workshop featured presentations, discussions, and collaborative sessions, providing a platform for stakeholders to contribute to the vision plan.

## Day 1: May 16, 2024

The workshop commenced with a ceremonial welcome by Ms. Shrutimala Rajbongshi, Under Secretary (Planning) NEC, followed by the felicitation of dignitaries. The lamp lighting ceremony was conducted by Shri T.N. Thongdok and Shri L. Phangcho, Members of NEC, along with Secretary NEC, Shri Angshuman Dey, Prof. Mahendra Lama of JNU, and Economic Advisor NEC & CEO NERCEN, Smt. Sherry Lathangzo.



Secretary, NEC Sh. Angshuman Dey lighting the lamp during NEC Vision Workshop

Shri Som Kamei, Planning Adviser NEC, warmly welcomed the dignitaries, setting the stage for the day's proceedings. Secretary NEC, Shri Angshuman Dey, delivered the keynote address, emphasizing the significance of the Draft NEC Vision Plan 2047 and its potential impact on the NER. He outlined strategic initiatives and opportunities for the region, stressing the need for proper alignment of resources in critical sectors to enrich the NEC Vision Plan 2047 document.

Member NEC, Shri Longki Phangcho, addressed the workshop, highlighting the importance of a collaborative approach and critical sectors essential for the vision's success.



Member, NEC Sh. Longki Phangcho is being welcomed by Secretary, NEC Sh. Angshuman Dey

Member NEC, Shri T.N. Thongdok, remarked that the draft NEC Vision Plan 2047 aims to make the North East self-sufficient and progressive, providing a roadmap for a developed and vibrant region.



Member, NEC Sh. Tenzing Norbu Thongdok is being welcomed by Secretary, NEC Sh. Angshuman Dey

The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks by Smt. Laysang Lama, Jt. Director (Planning) NEC, and expressing gratitude to all participants and dignitaries for their invaluable insights.

Prof. Mahendra Lama, JNU, Chairman of the drafting committee for the NEC Vision Plan 2047, presented an overview of the "North East Region Vision 2047" framework, methodology, and Zero Draft Report, highlighting the region's potentials and strategic moves required to achieve the vision targets.



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*Prof. (Dr.) Mahendra Lamba during his key note address during the NEC Vision Workshop*

The afternoon session began with a presentation on the "North East Economic Corridor" by Shri Saumya Chattopadhyay from ADB, followed by an open discussion exploring the implications and necessary actions for NEEC.

NEDFi presented the draft NEC Vision 2047, outlining proposed initiatives and strategies, followed by an open discussion session for participants to provide feedback and suggestions.

The day's discussions continued with a focus on refining and prioritizing elements of the NEC Vision Plan 2047. Secretary NEC, Shri Angshuman Dey, summarized the day's key takeaways and encouraged participants to update the document based on the feedback received.

## Day 2: May 17, 2024

The second day began with a welcome address by Smt. Sherry Lalthangzo, Economic Advisor NEC & CEO NERCEN, who outlined the agenda and presented topics on investment policies, Industry 4.0, logistics policy, inter-regional trade, and self-sufficiency in various sectors shaping the NEC Vision Plan 2047. She also delivered a comprehensive presentation on the HRD & E Sector, covering both education and sports.



*Smt. Sherry Lalthangzo, Economic Advisor NEC during her presentation on the second day of NEC Vision Workshop*

Subsequent sessions included detailed presentations on the 'As-is' analysis and action plans for various sectors, each accompanied by open discussions.

Shri NG Yirmayai, Director of Tourism & Industries, NEC, presented on the tourism sector in the North Eastern Region, highlighting the status, major gaps, and the way forward.

Smt. I.J. Kharshiing, Executive Engineer (Power) NEC, discussed the role of irrigation, flood control, and water management, outlining key implementation challenges and strategies for Vision 2047.



*A view of the participants engrossed in the proceedings of NEC Vision Workshop*

Shri Ajay Parashar, Director of IPR, presented an "As-Is Analysis Action Plan" for the IPR sector, proposing strategies for collaboration and socio-economic empowerment through art, culture, and natural heritage.

Shri Saumitra Mishra presented a working paper on empowering industrial growth in NER, highlighting the current status and challenges in the industrial and handloom sectors, and providing policy recommendations.



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*Shri Som Kamei, Planning Advisor, during the NEC Vision Workshop event*

Dr. P.K. Ghosh delivered a captivating presentation, delving into the healthcare landscape of the North Eastern Region (NER) while addressing both challenges and opportunities on the horizon. Emphasizing the imperative for sustained investment in healthcare infrastructure, manpower development, and technology integration, the presentation underscored efforts to elevate health literacy, advocate for preventive healthcare measures, and integrate traditional medicine systems.



*Secretary, MDoNER Sh. Chanchal Kumar is being welcomed by Secretary, NEC Sh. Angshuman Dey on the second day of the NEC Vision Workshop*

Shri Tanung Jamoh, Director of Science and Technology, discussed the status of science and technology in the region, including the use of 5G applications and youth skill development, identifying gaps and presenting an action plan for the future.

Shri M. Iboyaima Meitei, Adviser (Horti) NEC, presented an analysis of the agriculture and allied sector, highlighting its prospects and presenting an action plan for 2024-2047.

A comprehensive action plan for the cane and bamboo sector was presented by Shri Omi Ningshen, MD of NECBDC, outlining the sector's potential and necessary strategies to overcome challenges.



*Secretary, MDoNER Sh. Chanchal Kumar during his address in the final session of the NEC Vision Workshop*

The workshop concluded with closing remarks by Shri Chanchal Kumar, Secretary MoDoNER, who reflected on the workshop's outcomes and future steps, emphasizing the importance of capturing the aspirations of the North Eastern people and addressing stakeholder concerns in the final Vision Document.



*A group photograph of participants of NEC Vision Workshop*

Shri Som Kamei, Planning Adviser NEC, delivered a vote of thanks, appreciating the contributions of all dignitaries and participants, reaffirming the collective commitment to achieving the NEC Vision Plan 2047 and fostering sustainable development and prosperity in the North Eastern Region.



# NEC Displays Remarkable Commitment to Swachhata Pakhwada-2024

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## From Pledges to Plantations: NEC Secretariat's Two-Week Initiative Gathers Enthusiastic Participation and Results

Shillong, June 4th, 2024 – The North Eastern Council Secretariat, located in Shillong, has demonstrated exceptional dedication to cleanliness and hygiene during the Swachhata Pakhwada held from May 16th to May 31st, 2024. Under the dynamic leadership of the NEC Secretary, Shri Angshuman Dey, a series of impactful events and activities unfolded, reflecting the commitment of the entire NEC community towards a cleaner and greener environment.

The Pakhwada commenced with fervor as the Secretary, NEC administered the Swachhata Pledge on May 16th, 2024, embraced wholeheartedly by all officers and staff. This marked the beginning of a fortnight filled with constructive endeavors.



NEC Secretary, Shri Angshuman Dey administering Swachhata Pledge to NEC Officers and Staff



Members Shri L Phangcho and Shri TN Thongdok taking oath on the eve of the beginning of Swachhata Pakhwada

Cleaning and sanitization drives were conducted on May 17th and May 20th, 2024, covering both the NEC Secretariat Complex at Nongrim Hills and the residential areas at Nongrim Hills and Motinagar. The enthusiastic participation of officers, staff, and residents underscored the collective commitment towards maintaining cleanliness.



Assistant Secretary Sh. Bamin Tarang planting a sapling of ornamental flowers in NEC Campus

Intellectual engagement was fostered through competitions like essay writing and speech delivery on May 22nd, 2024. These contests, conducted bilingually, showcased innovative ideas and insights on tackling issues such as e-waste accumulation and fostering community participation in sustainable development.



## NEC Displays Remarkable Commitment to Swachhata Pakhwada-2024



*NEC Staff in action during the painting competition*



*NEC Staff taking part in slogan writing competition*

A poster-making and slogan-writing competition ensued on May 24th, 2024, focusing on community participation in environmental protection. Simultaneously, an inter-section cleanliness competition added a spirit of healthy competition among various sections, sectors, cells, and branches of the NEC.



*NEC Staff taking part in slogan writing competition*

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*Official and private vehicles being checked for pollution*

A workshop on May 28th, 2024, delved into the role of government organizations in fostering societal change towards sustainable development and environmental protection, fostering dialogue and collaboration.

Concluding the Pakhwada on May 31st, 2024, a prize distribution ceremony will honor the winners of the various competitions, celebrating their contributions to the cause of cleanliness and sustainability.

Moreover, the commitment extended beyond Shillong, as cleanup activities were conducted in the basement of the NEC House, New Delhi, and surrounding areas. Additionally, voluntary blood donations were made during a camp organized by NERCORMS, emphasizing the holistic approach towards societal well-being.



*Group photo of NEC Officers and Staff on the last day of the Swachhta Pakhwara.*



# NEC Displays Remarkable Commitment to Swachhata Pakhwada-2024

The North Eastern Council Secretariat, Shillong, through its active participation and innovative initiatives, sets a commendable precedent in promoting cleanliness and environmental consciousness, embodying the spirit of Swachhata Pakhwada.

The Swachhata Pakhwada, 2024 witnessed an array of competitions aimed at fostering awareness and participation in cleanliness initiatives. From thought-provoking essays to creative poster-making, the NEC community showcased their talent and commitment to the cause.

## Competition Winners:

### Essay-writing Competition:

#### Hindi Category:

- 1st Prize: Shri Aryan Singh, JSA
- 2nd Prize: Shri Shivkumar Meena, Steno. III
- 3rd Prize: Shri Ajay Kumar, JSA

#### English Category:

- 1st Prize: Smti Niangzahat, JSA
- 2nd Prize: Miss Aarti Khyriemmujaat, Consultant
- 3rd Prize: Shri Suraj Kumar, JSA

### Short Speech Competition:

- 1st Prize: Shri Aryan Singh, JSA
- 2nd Prize: Shri Lamphang Kharbangar, JSA
- 3rd Prize: Smti Niangzahat, JSA

### Poster-making-cum-Slogan-writing Competition:

- 1st Prize: Shri Ravi Kr. Singh, Social Media Team
- 2nd Prize: Miss Neha Kushwaha, Steno. III
- 3rd Prize: (i) Smti I.J. Kharshiing, E.E. (Power) & (ii) Shri W. Ibohanbi Singh, JSA

### Inter-Section Cleanliness Competition:

- 1st Prize:
  - (i) Director (Admin.) Cell
  - (ii) Administration Section
- 2nd Prize:
  - (i) Planning Section
  - (ii) IPR Sector
- 3rd Prize:
  - (i) Planning Adviser's Cell

The North Eastern Council Secretariat extends hearty congratulations to all the winners for their outstanding contributions. Their dedication and creativity serve as inspiration for a cleaner and greener future.



Winners of Cleanliness Drive being awarded by Sh. Ajay Parashar, DIPR



# The Third (3rd) NEC Recreation Week:

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## Celebrating Team Spirit & Wellness at NEC

The North Eastern Council Employees Welfare Association (NECSEWA) proudly organized the 3rd NEC Recreation Week from 15th April to 30th April, 2024. The event commenced with an opening ceremony led by Planning Advisor, NEC, Shri Som Kamei, in the presence of officers and staff at the NEC Secretariat, Shillong.



*NEC Officers and Staff on the eve of the opening ceremony of the 3rd Recreation Week*

For this year's Recreation Week, participants were divided into four teams: White, Green, Yellow, and Blue. The event featured a diverse range of competitions in various disciplines, including Football, Cricket, Badminton, Table Tennis, Carom, and Chess, a 100-meter race for men, a 50-meter race for women, and an Elocution contest. These activities fostered a sense of teamwork, camaraderie, and healthy competition among all involved.



*A batsman going to hit a ball during a cricket match*

The tradition of the NEC Recreation Week began with its inaugural event held from December

14th to 19th, 2020, under the theme 'Fit India, Healthy India.' This inaugural event featured games such as Badminton, Table Tennis, Carom, and Chess, promoting physical fitness and wellness among NEC employees.



*Football players in action*

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the NEC Golden Jubilee Celebrations, Recreation Week was suspended in 2021 and 2022. The second Recreation Week resumed from April 19th to 28th, 2023, with the theme 'Healthy Mind Dwells in a Healthy Body.' This edition expanded its activities to include Football, Cricket, Badminton, Table Tennis, Carom, Chess, Tug-of-war, and 100/50-meter races, further enhancing the engagement and enjoyment of all participants.



*Players during a match in a chess tournament*

In addition to the main events, a trekking activity was organized on October 27th, 2023, at the Rhododendron Trek in Shillong, which saw enthusiastic participation from officials of all ages.



## The Third (3rd) NEC Recreation Week:



Players in action during a Table Tennis match

The 3rd NEC Recreation Week in 2024 continued the tradition of promoting wellness and camaraderie among NEC employees, with a successful and enjoyable series of events that highlighted the importance of recreational activities in fostering a healthy and motivated workforce.



NEC Women Staff in action during a carrom match



Players posing for a group photo before the match



Winners posing for a group photograph

### RESULTS

#### A. 50 M RACE (WOMEN)

1. Miss. Larisha Ryntong
2. Miss. Anisha Wahlang
3. Miss. Ibakordor Thangkhiew

#### B. 100 M RACE (MEN)

1. Shri. LariKupar Lyngdoh
2. Shri. Nusiblang Bthuh
3. Shri. Mohit

#### C. BADMINTON MEN'S DOUBLES

1. Shri. B.T.S. Dong & Shri. Joseph Syiem
2. Shri. L.S. Gangte & Shri. Paul F. Wahlang
3. Shri. Carrymore Mawniuh & Shri. LariKuparLyngdoh

#### D. BADMINTON MEN'S (SINGLE)

1. Shri. Carrymore Mawniuh
2. Shri. Joseph Syiem
3. Shri. R.K.P. Sana

#### E. BADMINTON MIXED DOUBLE

1. Shri. Joseph Syiem & Smti. Olivia Ranglang
2. Shri. LariKupar Lyngdoh & Miss. Nisha Diengdoh
3. Shri. Carrymore Mawniuh & Miss. Ibakordor Thangkhiew



# The Third (3rd) NEC Recreation Week:

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## F. BADMINTON WOMEN'S (DOUBLES)

1. Smti. Donna Christie Lyngdoh & Smti. Olivia Rangslang
2. Miss. Ibakordor Thangkhiew & Miss. Nisha Diengdoh
3. Miss. Anisha Wahlang & Miss. Divalyne Nengnong

## G. BADMINTON WOMEN (SINGLE)

1. Smti. Olivia Rangslang
2. Smti. Donna Christie Lyngdoh
3. Miss. Nisha Diengdoh

## H. CARROM BOARD (MEN DOUBLES)

1. Shri. Raju Biswa Karma & Shri. E. Lapang
2. Shri. Don Sohphoh & Shri. Ibohanbi Singh
3. Shri. Shekhar Nag & Shri. Paul F. Wahlang

## I. CARROM BOARD (MEN SINGLES)

1. Shri. Raju Biswa Karma
2. Shri. E. Lapang
3. Shri. Don Sohphoh

## J. CARROM BOARD (WOMEN DOUBLES)

1. Smti. Ibakordor Thangkhiew & Smti. Olivia Kharumnuid
2. Smti. Anamika Lama & Smti. Lakyntiew Kharkongor
3. Smti. Olivia Rangslang & Smti. Donna Christie Lyngdoh

## K. CARROM BOARD (WOMEN SINGLES)

1. Smti. Olivia Rangslang
2. Smti. Lakyntiew Kharkongor
3. Smti. Ibakordor Thangkhiew

## L. CHESS COMPETITION

1. Shri. B.T.S. Dong
2. Shri. W. Ibohanbi Singh
3. Shri. Paul F. Wahlang

## M. ELOCUTION COMPETITION

1. Dr. Saumitra Mishra
2. Shri. Sujeet Kumar
3. Smt. Susmita Kar

## N. TABLE TENNIS (MEN'S DOUBLES)

1. Shri. Carrymore Mawnih & Shri. Lari Kupar Lyngdoh
2. Shri. Benjongwati & Shri. Lamphang Kharbangar
3. Shri. L.S. Gangte & Shri. N. Kishan Singh

## O. TABLE TENNIS (MEN'S SINGLES)

1. Shri. Benjongwati
2. Shri. L.S. Gangte
3. Shri. N. Kishan Singh

## P. TABLE TENNIS (WOMEN'S SINGLES)

1. Smti. Laysang Angmu Lama
2. Miss. Ibakordor Thangkhiew
3. Smti. Donna Christie Lyngdoh



Group photograph of NEC Officers and Staff after the prize distribution ceremony

# NECSEWA:

## Enhancing Employee Welfare & Community Building

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### A Summary of Activities from August 1st, 2018, to April 30th, 2024

Established in 2004 with the objective of enhancing employee welfare and fostering a sense of community, NECSEWA (North Eastern Council Secretariat Employee Welfare Association) conducted various activities until 2006. Following a period of inactivity, the association was revitalized in 2018, with the new Executive Committee assuming responsibility on August 1st, 2018. This marked the beginning of a renewed commitment to supporting employees and strengthening intra-organizational bonds.

### Welfare Initiatives:

During the reporting period, NECSEWA initiated several welfare programs:

- Farewell Gifts: Thirty (30) officials who retired, superannuated, or were repatriated during the period received farewell gifts valued at approximately ₹15,000 each.
- Ex-gratia Relief: Two members received ₹10,000.00 each, while one member (according to revised bye-laws) received ₹25,000.00 on the demise of their dependant family members.
- Medical Assistance: Financial aid of ₹10,000 each was provided to two members for medical expenses.
- Covid-19 Relief: NECSEWA contributed ₹3,00,000 to the Dorbar Shnong, Nongrim Hills, for a Covid Care Centre during the pandemic.
- NEC Gym & Badminton Courts: A fully equipped gym and two synthetic badminton courts were installed in the NEC Guesthouse, Nongrim Hills, Shillong. These facilities are maintained by the Association from revenue generated through monthly fees from outside members who have availed membership for badminton courts.

Farewell gifts, ex-gratia relief, and medical relief were funded from the monthly contributions of members. Separate contributions for farewell, ex-gratia, and medical relief were discontinued following the commencement of monthly subscriptions.

### Cultural Events:

NECSEWA organized various cultural events:

- Pre-Christmas and New Year Celebrations: Held on December 19th, 2018, these events brought together employees and their families for festive cheer.
- Picnic: An outing at Mawphanlur on February 9th, 2019, provided an opportunity for relaxation and camaraderie.
- NEC Golden Jubilee: A grand in-house celebration on November 7th, 2022, marked by cultural activities and a Golden Jubilee Quiz Competition.
- NEC Golden Jubilee Invitation Football Tournament: Held from August 5th to 11th, 2023, with participation from nine (9) teams representing different Central Government offices in Shillong. Prizes were awarded to the winning teams.
- Walk at historic place: Conducted successfully on October 28th, 2023, with officials and staff visiting the Ing Sad of Hima Khyrim located at Smit town.
- Freedom Run 4.0: Successfully conducted on October 31st, 2023, with about 100 students from 5 schools participating.
- Pre-New Year Celebration: Themed 'One Day to Children' and celebrated on December 22nd, 2023, with aid materials distributed to 6 orphanages in Shillong.
- Swachh Bharat Program: Conducted two activities in support of cleanliness initiatives during October 2023.



# NECSEWA: Enhancing Employee Welfare & Community Building

## *Sports & Recreational Activities:*

- Promoting physical fitness and recreational activities was a priority for NECSEWA:
- NEC Recreation Weeks: The association organized three such weeks, featuring various games and competitions.
- Trekking Event: Organized at Rhododendron Trek, Shillong, on October 27th, 2023, with enthusiastic participation from employees across age groups.

Recreational activities were suspended during 2021 & 2022 due to the Covid-19 pandemic and activities related to NEC Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

Through these initiatives, NECSEWA has not only enhanced employee welfare but also strengthened the sense of community within the organization, fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for all its members.



Former Secretary NEC & Chief Patron, NECSEWA Shri K. Moses Chalai at the inauguration of NEC Sports Week 2023



NECSEWA organized a heartwarming Pre-New Year event themed 'One Day to Children' at the NEC campus on 22nd December 2023



Students participated in the 'Fit India Swachhata Freedom Run 4.0' held in Shillong on October 31, 2023



Players pose before match in the 2023 Invitational Football Tournament



# Observation of 10th International Day of Yoga (IDY) on 21st June, 2024 at NEC Complex, Nongrim Hills

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Officials and staff members from NEC actively participated in the event, engaging in a series of asanas and Pranayamas. The session emphasized the physical, mental, and spiritual benefits of yoga, fostering a sense of unity and well-being among the participants. The celebration underscored the importance of

incorporating yoga into daily life for a healthier and more harmonious existence.



This year's IDY theme, 'Yoga For Self and Society,' highlighted the role of yoga in promoting physical well-being, reducing stress, and improving mental clarity. The regular practice of yoga has been shown to enhance productivity, better focus, and foster a more positive work environment, ultimately contributing to greater overall output.



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