

## **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. 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. Shruti Mala Rajbongsha, 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.

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, 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.

The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks by Smt. Leisang 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.

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 Lathangzo, 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.

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

Shri NG Yiryamai, 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.

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.

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.

Smt. Sherry Lalthangzo, Economic Adviser (E&M) & I/c Director (HRD&E) delivered a comprehensive presentation on the HRD & E Sector, covering both education and sports.

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 the Sh. Omi Ningshen, MD of NECBDC, outlining the sector's potential and necessary strategies to overcome challenges.

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.

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.