

Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
North Eastern Council Secretariat, Shillong
Date: 10th November, 2025

Press Note for Arunachal Pradesh, October, 2025

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Out of total ₹11.56 crores released during the month, an amount of ₹ 4,21,28,475 is for the ongoing project, namely, Construction of Multi Stories College Building (G+2 Assam type) at Arya Vidyapith College, Guwahati-16, another ₹ 86,22,510 has been released for the project, namely, Up-gradation of Tourist Facilities at Kaziranga, then ₹ 78,39,073 has been released for the project, namely, Development of Sepoy Mutiny War Memorial Complex at Rontilla Mohanpur under Hailakandi District, Assam and an amount of ₹ 5,71,00,000 has been released for the project, namely, Establishment of North Eastern Science & Technology Cluster (NEST) for promoting Research, Innovation and Skill Development.

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1	Development and Improvement of Jagun Namchik Miao Road including Br No. 9/1 over river Namchik in Tinsukia district, Assam (Length 8.35 km)	₹. 95,00,000
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On October 30, 2025, in line with the commitment to ensure effective implementation and quality monitoring of developmental projects, NEC Officials conducted an on-site inspection of the ongoing Improvement/ Up-gradation of Road connecting Tadubi to Chowainamei Kunao and Maopung Dung (Length – 10.046 km), Senapati District, Manipur under NESIDS (Roads) Scheme. The cost of the project is Rs. 43.79 crores.

The project is being closely monitored to ensure adherence to quality standards, timely completion, and optimal utilization of resources. Such regular inspections demonstrate the proactive approach of the North Eastern Council in overseeing project execution and ensuring that developmental benefits reach the intended beneficiaries.

4. DETAILS OF SANCTIONED NON-PROJECT FOR MANIPUR DURING OCTOBER 2025

The “2 Days Hill District Level Honey Bee Festival cum Honey Product NEC, Ukhrul” was organized in Manipur under the Agri & Allied sector at a total cost of ₹0.10 crore. Sanctioned on October 3, 2025, the event was supported by SoNEC as a non-project initiative aimed at fostering entrepreneurship and self-reliance among tribal communities.

The festival served as a platform to promote alternative means of livelihood through honey production and value addition, while also encouraging unemployed tribal youth to engage in

entrepreneurship. It focused on expanding local markets and fostering innovation in food processing and related agro-based enterprises. The event facilitated direct linkages between beekeepers, producer groups, and potential buyers, thereby strengthening the supply chain and enhancing market access.

Additionally, the initiative emphasized training and certification for beekeepers to help them avail financial assistance from banks and other agencies, thereby promoting self-employment and sustainable income generation. It also aimed to boost honey and hive product production while contributing to improved agricultural and horticultural productivity through cross-pollination, ultimately fostering economic growth and rural development across the hill districts of Manipur.

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1	Integrated Farming for upliftment of Huishu Village, Ukhrul District, Manipur	₹ 1,00,00,000
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4	Promotion of Smallholder's value Chain System cultivation in Manipur	₹ 31,32,000
5	ADITYA PRABHA GRAM: Fostering Agricultural Harmony in Border Communities of Eastern Himalayas	₹ 1,24,38,000
6	Installation of water ATM IN Manipur (Imphal East, Imphal West, Bishnupur, Thoubal, Senapati, Kakching, Chandel, Kangpokpi) Manipur	₹ 68,52,000
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1	Construction of PSC Bridge (50M Span) over Leimakhong River in front of ISTT including Approach Road to proposed PSC Bridge (Length 2.4 Km and proposed Bridge to PHC Khurkhul (length 1.23 km), (Length- 0.05 Km)	₹. 2,36,00,000
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4.	Improvement of Road from Bishnupur Chingdong to Khuman via Pregba Village, Loukiopat, Bishnupur Awangleikai, Maning Leikai, and Makha Leikai(Length – 6.380 Km) in the state of Manipur	₹. 1,04,90,000
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The North Eastern Council Secretariat announces significant fund releases of for various developmental projects in Meghalaya during the month of October 2025, reinforcing the

government's commitment to accelerating growth and infrastructure development in the North Eastern Region.

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3	North East Student Program for Awareness, Reach and Knowledge on Space (NESPARKS)	₹ 1,15,12,000
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TOTAL		₹ 8,46,66,608

5. FUND RELEASES FOR MEGHALAYA DURING OCTOBER, 2025 UNDER NESIDS(ROADS)

To ensure smooth implementation of road connectivity works, NEC has released a total of ₹22.90 Cr under NESIDS (Road) during October, 2025, out of which an amount of ₹17.90 Cr is for Up-gradation/ Improvement of Borkhat-Sonapur road (L-39.59 Km) in the state of Meghalaya and an amount of ₹5.00Cr is for Construction of Major Bridge including immediate approaches over river Umngot on Jongksha-Kharang-Diengleng-Nongjrong- Moodymmai-Wahiajer road (Length- 0.11 Km).

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Press Note for Mizoram for October- 2025

1. SHRI LALDUHOMA, HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF MIZORAM VISITS NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL (NEC) SECRETARIAT:

Shri Lalduhoma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Mizoram made his first-ever visit to the North Eastern Council (NEC) Secretariat, Shillong on 30th October, 2025.



During his visit, he interacted with NEC officials and discussed the progress of ongoing and proposed development projects in Mizoram. The visit marks a significant step in strengthening collaboration between the State Government and the NEC towards advancing inclusive growth in the North Eastern Region.

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2. COMPLETED PROJECT(S) IN MIZORAM DURING OCTOBER, 2025

2.1. Establishment of Dialysis Unit at 50 Bedded Hospital Lawngtlai, Mizoram

The project titled “*Establishment of Dialysis unit at 50 Bedded Hospital Lawngtlai, Mizoram*” was successfully completed with the financial support of the North Eastern Council (NEC). The project was completed on the date of October 28, 2025. The total expenditure incurred amounted to **₹55.00 lakhs**.



The primary objective of the project was to set up a dedicated Dialysis Unit in Lawngtlai District, where no such facility previously existed, benefiting patients from the district and nearby areas. The project scope included the procurement of dialysis equipment and the construction of a dedicated room for the unit.

According to the Project Completion Report (PCR), the operation and maintenance (O&M) of the Dialysis Unit are being managed by the Directorate of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Mizoram. The Directorate will bear the recurring O&M expenses. Additionally, HLL Infra Tech Services Ltd., a Government of India enterprise, has been engaged for the routine maintenance and repair of the dialysis machines. Two trained technicians have also been appointed to operate the unit.



With the successful completion and operationalization of this project, patients from Lawngtlai District and adjoining southern districts of Mizoram will now have access to essential dialysis services locally. This initiative will significantly reduce the financial and physical burden associated with long-distance travel and accommodation, thereby providing much-needed healthcare support to the people of the region.

3.2. In addition, The North Eastern Council (NEC) has successfully completed two key infrastructure development projects in Mizoram aimed at strengthening essential public services and improving the quality of life in rural areas. The *“Proposal of Identified Block for Providing Key Identified Service at West Bungle Block, Lunglei District”* was sanctioned on March 31, 2022, under the 2021–22 financial year, with a total project cost of ₹4.92 crore. The project focused on holistic and sustainable development through the enhancement of healthcare, education, and connectivity. It promoted income-generating home and farm-based activities while addressing deeply felt livelihood needs in one of the comparatively backward areas of the state. The initiative has significantly improved healthcare accessibility, upgraded school infrastructure, and strengthened vocational training facilities in areas such as handicrafts, electric wiring, mushroom cultivation, and tailoring. These efforts have empowered local families with employable skills and stimulated economic growth at the grassroots level.

3.3. Similarly, the *“Proposal of Identified Block for Providing Key Identified Service at Marpara South Village, West Bungle Block, Lunglei District”* was completed on October 29, 2025, with a total cost of ₹1.87 crore. This project was designed to deliver essential services to the people of Marpara village, focusing on improved healthcare, enhanced education, livelihood creation, and community empowerment. The intervention has contributed to economic growth and increased resilience among the rural population, marking a significant milestone in NEC’s efforts toward inclusive regional development in Mizoram.

3. PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD IN NORTH EAST INDIA: THE CANE AND BAMBOO CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT:

The Cane and Bamboo (CAB) Project was implemented in two phases. The first phase, launched in August 2013, was executed by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in collaboration with the North Eastern Council (NEC), the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), and the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), with NECBDC providing technical support. Phase I established five clusters, while Phase II, initiated in 2017, added 11 new clusters—covering a total of 16 clusters (two in each of the eight Northeastern states). Some additional potential clusters were also adopted under the project. The total expenditure incurred amounted to ₹9.19 crore. The project was completed on October 8, 2025.

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Under the Scheme of NEC (SoNE), an amount of ₹. 4,50,93,000 was released for the ongoing project, namely, Establishment of State Veterinary Information & Resource Centre, Mizoram.

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3	Construction of Thenzawl-Sialsuk via Sathlur and Lau River 9 Length – 16.74 Km) in the state of Mizoram	₹. 8.18 Cr.
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The “*Setting up of Model Dairy Farm in Nagaland*” project, sanctioned on April 18, 2017, and completed on October 23, 2025, was implemented at a total cost of ₹3.64 crore. The initiative aimed to boost the productivity of liquid milk—particularly cow’s milk—in the state to reduce dependency on imports. It promoted the production of superior-quality heifers at affordable prices, encouraged feed and fodder cultivation, and facilitated the use of artificial insemination techniques to enhance milk yield. The project successfully established six model dairy units and introduced 60 milch cows during its operational phase. A conservative estimate indicates that approximately 37.5 tonnes of liquid milk is produced in one lactation cycle. The initiative also provided essential farm machinery and equipment to all units, creating direct employment opportunities for three entrepreneurs and indirect employment for six unskilled workers. Moreover, 36 heifers are expected to calve in the next gestation period, ensuring continued productivity. The project has substantially contributed to the growth of the dairy sector in Nagaland, promoting self-reliance and sustainable rural livelihoods.

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3. FUND RELEASES FOR SIKKIM DURING OCTOBER 2025

The North Eastern Council Secretariat announces significant fund releases of amounting to Rs. 2.51 crore for various developmental projects in Sikkim during the month of October 2025, reinforcing the government's commitment to accelerating growth and infrastructure development in the North Eastern Region.

An amount of ₹ 1,66,94,000 has been released under Scheme of NEC for smooth implementation of the project, namely, Upgradation of District Veterinary hospital to polyclinics at Pakyong, Soreng, Mangan and Gyalshing District. Also, an amount of ₹ 85,00,000 has been released for the ongoing project, namely, Construction of High altitude Adventure Trekking route from Thamken to Shizam under lachung Azumsa in North Sikkim.

4. CENTRAL & REGIONAL AGENCIES: MULTI-STATE INITIATIVES

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3	Value addition of Naga Chilli and other spices crops for market readiness through vacuum drying technology in Assam and Nagaland, implemented by NERCORMS	₹.45,60,000
4	Organic Tropical Fruit Tamenglong, Manipur, implemented by NERCORMS	₹. 1,14,98,000
5	Establishment of High-Tech Horticulture Nursery with tissue Culture Facilities in NE India, implemented by NERCORMS	₹. 1,18,25,000
6	PADMA DOREE-Fusion between Eri-silk of North East & Chanderi Silk of Madhya Pradesh, implemented by NEHHDC	₹ 3,74,88,973
7	Tissue Culture Facility for production of Disease free planting material of citrus, implemented by NERCORMS	₹ 57,35,000
8	Multi Agriculture Horti Activities in Manipur and Meghalaya, implemented by NERCORMS	₹ 88,84,800
9	Investigation of Barriers associated with Bamboo Processing Industrial Sector on Mizoram and Proposal of Strategies using TOWS-AHP approached for its improvement, NIT Mizoram	₹ 11,14,500
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11	Ashtalakshmi Darshan - Youth Exchange Programme, all NER States	₹ 6,05,24,780
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13	Setting up of animal feed production units in the North East India, implemented by NERCORMS	₹ 50,00,000
14	An Information Repository of Products, Producers and Entrepreneurs of North East India, implemented by NEDFi	₹ 77,56,381
15	Investigation of Resource creation for Bengali to Meitei Mayek Script conversion for Manipuri Language Research, implemented by NIT Manipur	₹ 9,00,000
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6. VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK- 2025

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**Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
North Eastern Council Secretariat, Shillong
Date: 10th November, 2025**

Press Note for Tripura, October, 2025

1. NESPARKS: VISIT OF ISRO CENTRE BY 6TH BATCH OF NE STUDENTS

A group of 106 students from the eight North Eastern States visited the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Centre in Bengaluru on 30th and 31st October, 2025, as part of the North East Students' Programme for Awareness, Reach, and Knowledge on Space (NE-SPARKS), funded by the North Eastern Council & state governments.



The 6th Batch of Students comprising 106 students (out of selected 800 meritorious students) from 8 NE States with one State Coordinator each visited ISRO Centres, Bengaluru on 30th & 31st October, 2025. The delegates from NER were led by Sri Richard L Jongte, Deputy Adviser (IPR), NEC and officials from North East Space Application Centre (NESAC), Umiam.



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Under NESPARKS, 800 meritorious students from eight NE States are scheduled to visit ISRO Centre, Bengaluru to instill inspiration and motivation in young minds of the North East. The 7th & 8th batches are expected to visit ISRO Centre in November & December respectively.

2. COMPLETED PROJECT(S) DURING OCTOBER, 2025

2.1 Promoting Sustainable livelihood in North East India: the cane and Bamboo Cluster Development Project

The Cane and Bamboo (CAB) Project was implemented in two phases. The first phase, launched in August 2013, was executed by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in collaboration with the North Eastern Council (NEC), the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), and the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), with NECBDC providing technical support. Phase I established five clusters, while Phase II, initiated in 2017, added 11 new clusters—covering a total of 16 clusters (two in each of the eight Northeastern states). Some additional potential clusters were also adopted under the project. The total expenditure incurred amounted to ₹9.19 crore. The project was completed on October 8, 2025.

Project Objectives:

- Organize bamboo artisans and producers into Cane and Bamboo Associations.
- Promote a market-driven approach for domestic markets through product development, design standards, and quality certification.
- Facilitate appropriate technology transfer and skill development for the cane and bamboo industry.

Key Outcomes:

- 1,992 artisans from rural communities across the Northeast were trained and organized into 31 Cane and Bamboo groups, ensuring sustainable livelihoods.
- 107 training programmes were conducted to enhance market-oriented product development skills.
- Tools were uniformly distributed across all clusters, improving production capacity.
- Artisans participated in 15 trade fairs, achieving total sales of ₹5.54 lakh.
- 5–6 categories of products—such as furniture, baskets, and household items—were developed.
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