

NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL

Achievements in the last three years

(2014-15 to 2016-17)



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“If the western region of the country can develop, if other regions of the country can develop, I see no reason why the North East region of the country cannot develop. I am also convinced that India can move forward if all the regions develop including the North East region. The North East region is also very important to us for strategic reasons. And it is my conviction that we have to bring this region at par with the other developed regions of the country.”

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi while addressing the
65th Plenary Council meeting, May 2016

Introduction

The North Eastern Council (NEC) was constituted in the year 1971 by an act of Parliament and with it marked the beginning of a new chapter of concerted and planned efforts for rapid socio-economic development of the North eastern Region. Over the last 45 years, NEC has been instrumental in removing the basic bottlenecks of connectivity, capacities etc. that stood in the way of development of the region. NEC has funded various projects across all sectors of the economy of the North Eastern states. Construction of 10,500 kms of roads, installation of 694 MW of power generating capacity and 2540 kms of transmission and distribution lines have been carried out with NEC funding, apart from the improvement of infrastructure of airports in Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Imphal and Umroi in collaboration with the Airport Authority of India. Besides, NEC has also assisted and promoted many iconic institutes such as Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal, North East Police Academy, Shillong, North Eastern Electrical Power Corporation Ltd, Shillong, B Barooah Cancer Institute, Guwahati, North East India Regional Institute of Science and Technology, Itanagar, Regional Institute of Paramedical and Nursing Sciences, Aizawl etc.

GOALS OF THE NEC

- a) Preparation of integrated and holistic regional perspective plans to achieve specific short-term and long-term objectives, by taking into account the aspirations, needs and sensitivity of the people of the region.
- b) Identifying the strengths of the region and focusing on the opportunities for accelerating the pace of socio-economic development in the NER through participatory planning and implementation.
- c) Synergizing and building convergence in the efforts of Central/State Government/other stakeholders for balanced development of the region.
- d) Evolving a coordinated common approach for all agencies working for the development, public order and security in the region.
- e) Evolving and aiding in the formulation of innovative and appropriate policies and strategies suited for the region for its all-round rapid development.

Glimpses of NEC Plenary Sessions in the last Three Years

2017





2016





2015



Achievements and Major Initiatives during the last 3 years

- The NEC has been able to significantly improve its financial performance during the years 2014-15 to 2016-17. The Budget Allocation has increased from Rs 579 crores to Rs 969 crores during the three year period as tabulated below:

Table I - Budgetary Allocations for NEC (Rs. in crore)

Financial Year	Budget Estimates	Actual allocation	Actual Expenditure	Expenditure over Allocation (%)
2014-15	770	579	578.98	100.00%
2015-16	773	773	764.82	98.94%
2016-17	800	969	965.81	99.67%
Total	2343	2321	2309.61	99.51%

- The increase in resources has enabled the NEC to take up more projects. The number of projects increased from 56 in 2014-15 to 138 in 2016-17.
- For the first time, a roster has been prepared to ensure that eight Union Ministers visit North East every fortnight. This has ensured that all major projects in the NER are constantly reviewed at the highest level. Further, the feedback from the Ministers has led to improved quality of the projects of the respective ministries being implemented in the NER.
- DoNER at the Doorstep is an innovative step to ensure that a camp secretariat of the DoNER Ministry/NEC is held by rotation every month in each of the eight North Eastern States.
- North Eastern Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS): The NERSDS is a new Central Sector Scheme under which up-gradation of neglected Inter-State Roads has been undertaken. Three road projects have already been awarded and are under implementation under this scheme.
- “The APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis” has been set up by NEC at IIM, Shillong where Dr Kalam had breathed his last. A Tripartite MOU between RGIIM Shillong, Ministry of DoNER and NEC has been signed to establish the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Center for Policy Research and Analysis at RGIIM Shillong to provide strategic policy support for development of the sectors of Tourism, Business Process Outsourcing (BPO), Logistics Development in the North Eastern States and 3H Mission- Handloom, Handicraft & Horticulture.

- A “Brahmaputra Studies Centre” is being set up at Guwahati University to undertake studies on the mighty Brahmaputra River in all of its aspects- Scientific, Technological and Environment through comprehensive study of Hydrology, Fluvial Dynamics and Biodiversity of the Brahmaputra river system. The Centre is expected to establish itself as a single window knowledge facility to serve policy makers, academicians and the general public.
- A “North Eastern Cultural and Information Center” is being set up at Dwarka, New Delhi for which the possession of land has been taken from Delhi Development Authority (DDA). The Centre is poised to act as a cultural and information hub for the people of North Eastern Region at Delhi. The Centre is expected to be completed in two years’ time.
- On the initiative of the NEC, the Union Cabinet has recently taken a landmark decision to transfer Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute, Guwahati to Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India under the administrative control of Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai. This will pave the way to develop Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute (RCC), Guwahati as a Centre of Excellence for cancer treatment, education & research for the benefit of the people of the North Eastern Region and the country in general.
- In order to facilitate the students of the Northeastern region studying in prominent metros of the country, NEC has begun construction of hostels across the country. On these lines foundation stones have already been laid for Construction of Girls’ Hostel (capacity of 269) at Bangalore University and for Construction of hostel (capacity 419) at JNU, New Delhi for students from the NER.
- “North East Hill Area Development Scheme”, a new initiative of the Ministry of Development for the North Eastern Region has been launched to ensure focused development of hill areas of the Northeastern region. The said scheme is also being endorsed and promoted by the NEC.

Sector-wise Achievements

The NEC has 11 sectors catering to different development needs of the Region as below:

Agriculture & Allied Sector

Major Projects:

2014-15:

- Expenditure in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 is Rs. 98.25 cr, Rs 105.68 cr and Rs 205.88 cr respectively.
- Establishment of Hi-Tech Garden of Mandarin Orange, Guava and Large Cardamom Garden under Tegiso, NayaHappa of Pech Village in Papumpare District, Arunachal Pradesh
- Organizing 11th State Level Orange Festival & Craft Exhibition Tamenglong District HQ, Manipur
- Implementation of NERCORMP-III in different states.

2015-16:

- Development of Sericulture in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Model Horticulture Centre at three locations: Ngarumphung, Tupul and Haipi, Manipur
- Establishment of poultry breeding farm-cum-hatchery at Phulbari, West Garo Hills, District, Meghalaya and Poultry breeding farm at Ningthoukhong, Manipur
- Establishment of Rootstock bank for Grapes at Mualkawi village, Champai district and Scion Bank and Rootstock Bank for Citrus at Maudarh, Lunglei district, Mizoram



Apple plantation at Zimthung, West Kameng

2016-17:

- Cultivation of Large cardamom in various districts of Arunachal Pradesh
- Establishment of Poultry, Goatery, Piggery, Dairy, Fisheries as a single component for the Community at Mai village, Lower Subansiri district, Arunachal Pradesh
- Watershed management for sustainable Agriculture production and improved livelihood, Nagaland.
- Livelihood project on Agriculture, Horticulture & allied activities under NERCORMP
- Piggery Breeding Units by NERCORMP in Assam & Meghalaya.
- As part of Prime Minister's Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Mission) on approved Tourist Circuit falling under NERCORMP Project Area.
- Integrated Agriculture and Horticulture Development Projects for the States of Manipur, Nagaland and Mizoram.



Poultry scheme in Arunachal Pradesh

Industries and Tourism Sector

Major Projects:**2014-15**

- Expenditure in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 is Rs. 9.23cr, 34.29cr, 52.22cr respectively.
- Use of Information Communication Technology in Tourism
- Setting up of a Manufacturing Unit of Quality Bakery Products (Mechanized) Industry at Lunglei, Mizoram



Production and Training Center for Soft Toys at Gangtok, Sikkim



Tourism project at WahRashi, Meghalaya

2015-16:

- Preparation of a Comprehensive Tourism Master Plan for North Eastern Region
- Organizing Williamnagar Winter Festival – 2012, Menggu Banggo Etor Festival, Monolith Festival – 2013 and Manipur Sangai Festival – 2014.
- Community based Eco-Tourism for the Mawphlang Sacred Groves at Mawphlang, East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya
- Creation of Wah Rashi Waterfall Complex-cum-Recreation Centre at Syntung Village, Mawkynrew Block, Meghalaya



Plastic Waste Management Centre – CIPET, Assam

2016-17:

- Participation of Cane & Bamboo Technology Centre (CBTC) at the event titled “Destination North East – 2016” held in New Delhi.
- Second Edition of Indigenous Terra Madre (Mother Earth) for promotion of Eco-Tourism, Culture and Traditional Food in North east India from 3rd to 7th November, 2015
- Organizing the Majuli Festival.
- Infrastructure Development of Existing Industrial Estates at Shillong and Tura by the Govt. of Meghalaya.
- Construction of Regional Handloom & Handicraft Marketing Complex, Rehabari, Guwahati
- ISO Certification for CBTC



Inside view of Brahmakunda Tea Processing Factory, Tripura



Exhibition stall of CBTC at Home Expo India 2016

Evaluation & Monitoring Sector

NEC funded projects are monitored and evaluated at different stages of implementation. NEC officials carry out from time to time their mandatory inspections of the different projects which, as already stated, are at various stages of implementation throughout the NE Region and then submit their inspection reports including their advice on the next course of action that is required to be taken.

In order to strengthen the monitoring and inspection mechanism in the NEC Secretariat, the engagement of Consultants in the fields of Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Managerial Economics on contractual basis was resorted to on the pattern of the National Level Quality Monitors for PMGSY under the Ministry of Rural Development.

Human Resources Development and Employment Sector

Major Projects:



One year training in hospitality & retail sector at World class skill centre, Delhi

- Expenditure in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 is Rs. 42.69cr, 81.96 cr and 151.27 cr respectively.
- Infrastructure development of CIPET, Imphal, Manipur
- Construction of Multi Dispensary outdoor sports complex New District, HQ Peren District, Nagaland



Upgradation of Khuman Lampak Stadium, Imphal

- Construction of Departmental Building of B.Ed College at Soreng, West Sikkim
- Foundation stone laid for Construction of Girls' Hostel (capacity of 269) for Students of NER at Bangalore University.



Covered Gallery at IG stadium, Kohima, Nagaland

- Upgradation of Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research (CNERPR) in Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi was approved at a cost of Rs. 294.00 Lakhs
- Construction of Margaret Shishak School of Music Building at Patkai Christian College, Chumukedima funded by North Eastern Council

- Construction of Lamphei Tennis Complex, Imphal, Manipur funded by North Eastern Council implemented by the Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs, Government of Manipur
- Foundation stone laid for Construction of hostel (capacity 419) for North East Students at JNU, New Delhi.



Margaret Shishak School of Music Building at Patkai Christian College, Nagaland

Irrigation Flood Control and Watershed Management

Major Projects:

2014-15:

- Expenditure in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 is Rs. 30 cr, Rs 46.19 cr and Rs 37.5 cr respectively.
- Anti-erosion measures at different reaches on both bank of river Pomra (Assam)
- Composite Water Supply Scheme at Oklong in Manipur



Improvement & Upgradation of water supply scheme for Churachandpur Town, Manipur

2015-16:

- Water Supply Scheme at Laisoipat, Yenapat and Awangsoi Bishnupur, Manipur
- Construction of Buffer Water Reservoir at Shirui village for Ukhrul town, Ukhrul District
- Rutsa multipurpose irrigation project, Kohima, Nagaland
- Rain Water Harvesting Project at Pughoboto Ghatashe and Asukiqa area under Pughoboto Sub-division, Kohima District, Nagaland



Anti-erosion work at Brokentang and adjoining area in Tawang district, Arunachal Pradesh

2016-17:

- Chathe Minor Irrigation Project at SochunomaVillaGe, Dimapur District, Govt. of Nagaland.
- Construction of Pick up weir a/c Loklai river at Pengjang, Churachanpur in Manipur
- Water arrangement in rural areas of Khowai District of Tripura/ sinking & development of Deep Tube Well (DTW) schemes including construction of pump house, installation of pump set laying distribution pipeline, etc.



Dam across HeirolLitanMakhong, Thoubal Dist. Manipur

Information and Public Relations

2014-15

- Expenditure in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 is Rs. 5.29cr, Rs 12.29 cr and Rs 20.13 cr respectively.
- Establishment of Centre for North Eastern Culture at CCRT, Dwarka, Delhi



2015-16:

- Organization of the event “Songs & Dances of the North East” at New Delhi.
- Participation in National level events **Vibrant India**, 2015, **Meri Delhi Utsav**, 2015 and **Destination North East** at New Delhi.



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi releasing NEC Coffee Table Book in the presence of Dr. Jitendra Singh, Chairman, NEC and Shri Ram Muivah, Secy., NEC

2016-17:

- Assistance for “National Conference on Promotion of National Languages & Nagri Script,” held at Shillong

- Publication of NEC Coffee Table Book “North Eastern Council: A Story of Sagacity and Success”
- Organization of the event “Songs & Dances of the North East” at Mumbai
- Sponsorship for Mizo Women’s Media Festival at Aizawl, Mizoram.
- Sponsored Delegation of Writers and Artists from North Eastern Region at Goa Arts and Literature Festival.
- “NAMASTE NEPAL” at 10 different places in Nepal.



‘Days of North-East Cultural Festival-Namaste Nepal’

Medical & Health Sector

- Expenditure in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 is Rs. 29.82 cr, Rs 17.05 cr and Rs 26.12 cr respectively.
- Establishment of Community Ophthalmology Department and Phase-I Extension of Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya, Guwahati, Assam for procurement of equipment of Vitrectomy and OCT
- Support to District Hospital, Churachandpur, Manipur
- Support for Development & Implementation of Hospital Management Information System (HMIS), Phase - I at Civil Hospital, Aizawl, Mizoram



ICU Equipment at Tura Civil Hospital, Meghalaya



Advanced Medical Devices and Equipment at Sky Hospital, Imphal, Manipur

2014-15:

- Fund released to Dr. B. Barooah Cancer Institute RPP-IV - 2012-13 - 2016-17

2015-16:

- Construction of Hiya Primary Health Centre under ADC Hq Nyapin, Arunachal Pradesh
- Infrastructure Development of Sagalee CHC, Papumpare District, Arunachal Pradesh

2016-17:

- Construction of Infrastructure Development at PHC at Dadam, CO HQ in Tirap, Arunachal Pradesh
- Bio-Medical Waste Management Incinerators System for District Hospital, Lawngtlai, Champhai, Mamit & Serchhip in Mizoram
- Purchase of CT Scan Machine at Civil Hospital, Lunglei, Mizoram

Power Sector

Major Projects:

2014-15:

- Expenditure in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 is Rs. 40.43cr, Rs 70 cr and Rs 62 cr respectively.
- Construction of 132/33 KV, 2X20 MVA S/s at Umiam in Meghalaya.
- Construction of 132 KV S/c Transmission line on D/C tower from Agia (Assam) to Nangalbibra (Megh), (110 KM).
- Construction of 132KV Khumtung-I & II Bay at Melriat, Mizoram.



2X20 MVA, 132 KV S/s along with Associated 132 KV lines at Thoubal

2015-16:

- Installation of Solar power plant -25kW capacity each at all offices of Deputy Commissioner of 9 Districts, Manipur
- 25kWp SPV Power Plant at tribal Market Complex, New Lambulance, Imphal, Manipur.
- Installation of 6680 Sq M of solar thermal (Solar Water Heaters) collector area at various institutions, hospitals and individual households, Manipur.
- Renovation & modernization of 132KV S/s at Bukpuii, Serchhip, Mizoram

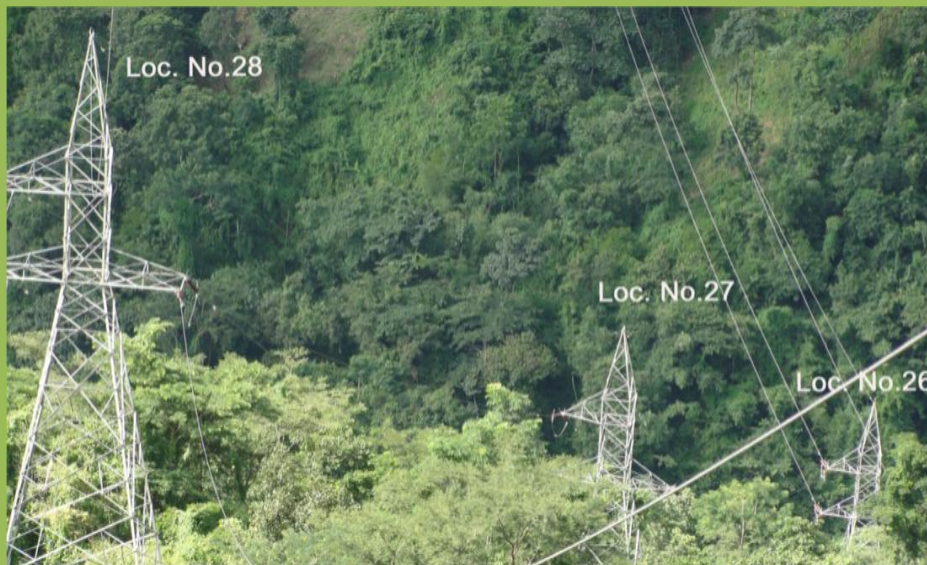


Design, Supply, Erection, Testing, Commissioning of 66 KV S/C Transmission line from 3.3/66 KV S/s of Rongli-I HEP at Sysney in East Sikkim

2016-17:

- Augmentation by addition of 132/11kV, 1x12.5 MVA, transformer along with associated equipment at 132kV Udaipur Substation, South tripura.
- Construction of 132 KV S/C transmission line from Melriat Substation (14.5 Ckm) to Luangmual and 132 KV Bay at Luangmual, Aizawl, Mizoram.

- Upgradation of 66KV to 132KV S/C Kiphire-Tuensang-Mokokchung transmission line, Nagaland.
- Renovation and Modernization of 132/33 Kv Sub- Station at Yurembam in Manipur



Construction of 132 KV S/C transmission line from Melriat substation (14.5 Ckm) to Luangmual and 132 KV Bay at Luangmual, Aizawl

Science & Technology Sector

Major Projects:

2014-15:

- Expenditure in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 is Rs. 23.29cr, 26.37 cr and 25.09 cr respectively.
- Development of E-Gov Infrastructure Meghalaya

2015-16:

- Online Connectivity of Schools & Process Information Management Systems for Department of School Education, Arunachal Pradesh
- On-line Connectivity of Schools with NBoSE (2nd Phase), Nagaland
- Remote Sensing Applications, Nagaland
- Mizoram Infrastructure information and monitoring system(Mizoram Remote sensing application center)

2016-17:

- Upgradation of Nagaland GIS and remote sensing Centre's infrastructure and development of training and capacity building division



The North Eastern Council (NEC) in collaboration with the Dorbar Shnong, Nongrim Hills was holding the NEC-Pink Cancer Chain Conclave from April 23-29 2016 at the NEC auditorium and at different educational institutions, NEHU and HQ, 101 Area.

2015-16:

- IT infrastructure development in schools of Arunachal Pradesh
- Digital 3D Terrain Mapping and Monitoring of Eight Districts of Mizoram using Geospatial Techniques, Mizoram
- Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Analysis for Eight District Headquarters of Mizoram using Remote Sensing and GIS.
- Research & Development on Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Technology and Application for funding under NEC (Grant-in-aid), Nagaland

2016-17:

- Project proposal for Internet Connectivity to all Government Offices at District Level, Mizoram
- Modern Equipment (IT Infrastructure) at all customary court in all 11 districts of Nagaland
- Computerization Networking & Modernization of Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Nagaland

Transport & Communication Sector

Major Projects:

2014-15:

- Expenditure in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 is Rs. 292.53 cr, Rs 341.05 cr and Rs 344.39 cr respectively.
- Silchar-Dwarband-Gaglacherra-Phaisen-Buchang road

- Chakung-Khaniserbong road in Sikkim
- Construction of Inter State Truck Terminus at Kohima, Nagaland.
- Air Connectivity in North Eastern Region by Alliance Air: (i) Shillong - Kolkata & back (ii) Kolkata-Guwahati-Lilabari& vice versa, (iii) Kolkata-Silchar-Tezpur& Vice versa



Kangpokpi-Tamei Road 0 – 70.25 km



Mairang-Ranigodown-Azra road in Assam

2015-16:

- Sonapur-Umden road, Meghalaya
- Agia-Medhipara-Phulbari-Tura, Meghalaya
- Tlabung-Kawrpuchhuah road, Mizoram
- Extension of Apron at Jorhat Airport

2016-17:

- Laimekuri-Nari-Talem road in Arunachal Pradesh
- Makachar-Mahendraganj road in Assam
- Construction of RCC Bridge over river Bark at Fulertal in Assam
- Jowai-Nartiang-Khanduli-Baithalangso road in Meghalaya
- Agia-Medhipara-Phulbari-Tura road in Meghalaya
- Longding-Nokjan in Nagaland

- Construction of Boundary Wall surrounding the newly acquired land at Imphal Airport
- Construction of Hangars and Apron at LGBI Airport, Guwahati
- Construction of 26 Nos. of Rural foot bridges in Sikkim



Bridge over river Barak at Fulertal in Assam

North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project for Upland Areas (NERCORMP)

The North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project for Upland Areas (NERCORMP) was established as a joint livelihood project of the North Eastern Council, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Government of India (GoI) and the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD), a specialized agency of the United Nations headquartered in Rome.

The overall objective of the project is *“To improve the livelihood of vulnerable groups in a sustainable manner through improved management of their resource base in a way that contributes to preservation and restoration of the environment”*.

The project aims to synergize the best strengths of the Government, International Organizations, a dedicated Project Management Team, local NGOs and inherent potential and genius of local communities. This approach has paid off and today NERCORMP is gradually being recognized as sound Developmental Model for the North East. The project adopts a holistic approach of development with two broad focus areas:

- Social Mobilization and capacity building to tap and realize great latent potential of communities by employing time tested traditional value systems and culture,
- Intervene with economic and social activities and infrastructure with predominant thrust on income generating activities to achieve economic transformation.



Potato farming in Ukhrul district, Manipur.

NERCORMP operates in four (4) States covering ten (10) Districts viz: Assam (KarbiAnglong and Dima Hasao), Manipur (Ukhrul, Senapati, Chaurachandpur and Chandel), Meghalaya (West Garo Hills and West Khasi Hills) and Arunachal Pradesh (undivided Tirap including Longding and Changlang).

The project has been able to cover a total 2640 villages of in these four states benefitting 1,18,843 households (in the three phases). The Project has also supported formation of 8326 Self Help Groups (SHGs) and 2,960 Natural Resource Management Groups (NaRMGs).

Other achievements

Mobile App:

- The NEC's Online Approvals and Sanctions Information System (OASIS) - Mobile Version was awarded the Winner for the year 2016 in the Mobile for Social Services Category at the eNorth East Award Summit held in Shillong in February 2016.
- **E-office** launched in the NEC in December 2016
- **Full e-payment compliant**
- **Direct Benefit Transfers started for** NEC Chairman's Sportspersons Award whereby cash award to the sportspersons were transferred directly to their bank accounts.
- **Monitoring of NEC projects through Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)**
- **Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) GOLD award** to the NEC Secretariat, Shillong.

NEC Events and Other Important Activities



Launch of e-office in the NEC by Shri Jitendra Singh, Chairman, NEC



DoNER Minister Shri Jitendra Singh Laid Foundation Stone of Barak Hostel at JNU on 24th July 2017



In a meeting on 6 April, 2017, NEC discussed the Regional Plan with various Representatives of Central Ministries



Union Minister of State for Home Affairs of India, Shri Kiren Rijiju attended the Festival of Songs & Dances of Northeast at Vashi, Navi Mumbai held on 27.08.2016



Hon'ble Union Minister of State, Finance & Corporate Affairs Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal visited NEC on 14 November, 2016



Workshop on Book Publishing by National Book Trust in collaboration with NEC, Shillong held from 15th -22th November 2016