

REPORT ON THE MEDIA FAMILIARIZATION TOUR

Sl. No.	Phase	Date of Tour	State	Media Team	Projects Visited	Publications
1	I	11 th to 14 th June	Tripura	1. Shri. Jatin Anand (Indian Express) 2. Shri. Arun Kumar (Hindustan) 3. Shri. Mayur Anil Bhave (Sakal Media Group) 4. Shri. Pratik Awasthi (Navbharat Times)	I. Projects Visited on 12 June 2026 1. State Institute of Hotel Management (SIHM) Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition at Anandanagar, Agartala funded by Scheme of NEC. 2. Strengthening of Laboratories at College of Veterinary Sciences & A.H.R.K. Nagar, Agartala funded by Scheme of NEC. 3. Establishment of Veterinary Clinical Complex (VCC), R.K. Nagar, Agartala funded by Scheme of NEC. 4. Strengthening of Hindi Sections in Libraries of Maharaja Bir Bikram College and Women's College, Agartala funded by Scheme of NEC. 5. G+3 Building for Education & Sports Departments, Agartala funded by NESIDS-OTRI. 6. Tourism and Cultural Promotion Hub, Gandhighat, Agartala funded by NESIDS-OTRI. 7. Tripura Institute of Technology (TIT), West Tripura funded by NESIDS-OTRI. 8. Establishment of Science Park at Vigyan Gram, Tripura funded by Scheme of NEC.	1. Shri. Jatin Anand (Indian Express) = 1 (one) Publication dated 14th June, 2026 @ Indian Express newspaper. 2. Shri. Arun Kumar (Hindustan) = 1 (one) Publication dated 14th June, 2026 @ Hindustan newspaper. 3. Shri. Mayur Anil Bhave (Sakal Media Group) = 2 (two) publications dated 21th June, 2026 & 28th June, 2026 @ Sakal Media Group newspaper. 4. Shri. Pratik Awasthi (Navbharat Times) = 1 (one) Publication dated 17th June, 2026 Navbharat Times newspaper.

					II. Projects Visited on 13th June 2026 1. Development of Tourist Amenities at Sepahijala Zoological Park, Tripura 2. Setting up of Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Drug Addicted at Bishramganj, Sepahijala District, Tripura funded by PM DevINE under MDoNER. 3. Setting up of 7 Agri Development Research-cum-Training Centres with IT Facilities at Tepania/Udaipur, Tripura funded by Scheme of NEC. 4. Queen Pineapple Post- Harvest Management (USP) Project, Killa, Gomati District, Tripura funded by MDoNER & Scheme of NEC. 5. Under the project “Matabari Tourism Circuit in Tripura” funded by MDoNER, the following sites were pre-visited: • Multi-level Parking Area at Matabari.	
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Make way for the 'Queen': Tripura eyes global status for state fruit

Jatin Anand
Agartala, June 14

FOR GENERATIONS, the family of this farmer in Tripura's Killa region has been growing pineapples.

As the state gears up to organise the Tripura Global Pineapple Festival at New Delhi later this month, it has given farmers like him the hope that the GI-tagged fruit of their labour will finally get its global moment under the sun. "We are happy with the government's push for both varieties (the Queen and Kew Pineapple), especially with the supply chain, which was an issue due to limited road connectivity," said the farmer who did not wish to be named.

As the fruit seeks to make its presence officially felt in the national capital, the state govern-

ment says it has already decided on the next big steps in its bid to make 'Tripura Pineapple' a global brand.

The Queen Pineapple was declared the state fruit in 2018, four years after it attained the GI tag for its golden-yellow hue and a distinct aroma besides its flesh laden with vitamins, calcium, magnesium, potassium and iron. The fruit is at the core of the three-year-long 'Mission Queen Pineapple of Tripura', one such Centrally-funded farm-to-plate programme worth Rs 236 crore launched on May 27. The state is currently witnessing execution of a slew of developmental projects assisted by various Central bodies, including the Jyotiraditya Scindia-led Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER).

Pineapple is cultivated in



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more than half of the state's eight districts and especially by its significant tribal population which constitutes over 30% of Tripura.

Besides the fruit, its ancillary products such as thread derived from its leaves, besides chocolates, jams and jellies will also

make their debut at the three-day festival which will kick off at Major Dhyani Chand National Stadium on June 27 – the International Pineapple Day. According to Tripura government sources, PM Narendra Modi will likely attend the event.

"Our state is emerging as a significant player in North East's agro-marketing and export landscape by producing export-led agricultural commodities such as pineapple, jackfruit, banana, scented lemon, organic produce like scented rice, bird's eye chili... and other bamboo products," Tripura Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Ratan Lal Nath said.

"Tripura's unique agro climatic condition makes it one of India's leading pineapple-producing regions where Queen and Kew varieties are mostly cul-

tivated by tribal growers in four to five of our eight districts. At present, we have about 11,698 hectares of pineapple area with a production of 1.71 lakh MT per annum. Approximately 23,000 MT Pineapple remains as marketable surplus per annum," he added.

The Queen and Kew varieties of pineapple flourish alongside paddy and sugarcane in Tripura's remote hills, especially in Gomati district's Killa region. A key USP of the fruit is the zero to minimal utilisation of chemicals in its cultivation almost year-round. "The only issue we face is the cleaning of the fields for replantation..." said the farmer quoted above.

Minister Nath said the government is working to establish strong market linkages for the produce. "Since 2018-19, we have

exported 33.10 MT Queen and Kew varieties of pineapple to countries like the UAE and Bangladesh. Besides, 74 MT canned pineapple has been exported to Germany and Russia..." Nath added. "It is also creating new job opportunities in processing, packaging and marketing, contributing to the overall economic development of rural areas of the state," he said.

The pineapple festival is expected to facilitate direct linkages of Tripura's farmers with buyers, exporters and food-processing companies to highlight the potential for agri-investment and value chain development in the North East Region, as it seeks to explore markets in Southeast Asia, the Middle East and Europe, said Nath. (The writer was on a four-day visit to the state organised by MDoNER ministry)



पूर्वोत्तर में त्रिपुरा की तेजी से बदल रही तस्वीर

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अगरतला। पूर्वोत्तर भारत की तस्वीर तेजी से बदल रही है। शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य, कृषि से लेकर पर्यटन से जुड़ा खर्च बढ़ाया जा रहा है।

बीते कुछ वर्षों के दौरान पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र विकास मंत्रालय (डोनर) के अधीन काम करने वाली संस्थान पूर्वोत्तर परिषद ने इन राज्यों की वित्तीय सहायता करने और मजबूत आधारभूत ढांचा तैयार करने के प्रयासों को तेज किया है। मौजूदा समय में कई योजनाओं पर काम चल रहा है। कुछ योजना से जुड़ा काम

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एनईसी पूर्वोत्तर पर हिंदी और अन्य भाषाओं को बढ़ावा देने की दिशा में भी काम कर रहा है। अगरतला में राज्य सरकार द्वारा संचालित महाराजा वीर विक्रम कॉलेज और वूमन कॉलेज में हिंदी विभाग को 10-10 लाख रुपये की वित्तीय सहायता दी है। आज दिन दोनों कॉलेजों में 300 से अधिक हिंदी के छात्रा अध्ययनरत हैं।

पूरा हो चुका है। पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र से जुड़े त्रिपुरा राज्य में इसकी एक बानगी देखने को मिलती है। जहां पर त्रिपुरा इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ टेक्नोलॉजी को राज्य विश्वविद्यालय में परिवर्तित करने की

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राज्य में आधारभूत ढांचा मजबूत करने और पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए उत्तर पूर्व विशेष अवसंरचना विकास योजना सड़क अवसंरचना के अतिरिक्त के जरिए भी तेजी से काम हो रहा है। 32 करोड़ रुपये की लागत से टूरिज्म एंड कल्चरल प्रमोशन हब बनाया जा रहा है, जिसका 40 प्रतिशत काम पूरा हो चुका है।

तैयारी चल रही है।

टीआईटी में बड़ा आधारभूत ढांचा तैयार करने के लिए कुल 141 करोड़ रुपये खर्च किया गया है, जिसमें से 74.45 करोड़ रुपया डोनर मंत्रालय की

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कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री रतन लाल नाथ कहते हैं, हमारे यहां अनानास की बहुत अधिक खेती होती है। यहां क्वीन पाइनएप्पल (रानी अनानास) की प्रजाति बड़ी संख्या में पैदा होती है, जो अन्य की तुलना में मिठा होती है, इसकी अधिक मांग है। इसके लिए डोनर मंत्रालय ने 236 करोड़ की लागत वाले मिशन क्वीन पाइनएप्पल शुरू किया।

तरफ से उपलब्ध कराया गया है। इससे यहां पर अकादमी ब्लॉक, कंप्यूटर लैब, लाइब्रेरी, ऑडिटोरियम, खेल का मैदान, इंजीनियरिंग और मैकेनिकल बिल्डिंग का निर्माण किया गया है।



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निसर्गसौंदर्य आणि साधनसंपत्तीचे वरदान लाभलेल्या प्रिण्हासारख्या छोट्या राज्यातील नागरिकांच्या महत्वाकांक्षा काही वर्षांपासून पल्लवित झाल्या आहेत. स्थानिक उत्पादने आणि कुशल मनुष्यबळ जागतिक बाजारपेठेत पुरवठा करण्यासाठी सर्वतोपरी सज्ज होत आहे. हेच या राज्याच्या अभ्यासद्वीपात जाणवले.

अधिका आठ बिल्डिंग्स राज्य असेल्य़ा विनामध्ये
हिल्ल्या, पोरया आनी ज़ुबुनिकेतोया रॉयस मंडळेंत
डिप्लुये होतुये. विद्याप, पर्वत, कृषी, विज्ञान-वैज्ज्ञान
अशा विविध क्षेत्रां विचारा केल्या यामाती रॉयस्येंत
मंडळपाच्य़ा (टीएर) अड्ड्यांमतीर नांय कराल्या इतल्य़ा पारंपरी
(एन्वयर्स) विविध संस्थांना नांय दीत विज्ञानमध्ये करण्य़ा
कालाच जाल्य़ा अशें, हा नांयों पुरतय़ा अशें किंवा माग्लेंय़ा संय़ा
मुळेंत जालेंत अशें म्हाळें, तरी विज्ञानमारी दिना याम्ये कोणचें ज्ञान
मंडळपाच्य़ा या मोखमळें भागल्लें नागरिकांना गवय़सी अशें अशें
मंडळपाच्य़ा होवत नाहीं.

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সম্প্রতি ৬০ টক্সমাংদু অধিক বাংলা ভাষা লোক খোলসাত,

यापर होतो. 'कोकबोरोक' ही विस्तृतली मुख्य स्थानिक व आदिवासी भाषा आहे. या भाषेत ११,७५मध्ये शब्दांची अविश्रुत भाषा म्हणून मान्यता देण्यात आली. 'कोक' म्हणजे भाषा आणि 'बोरोक' म्हणजे लोक, असा या शब्दाचा अर्थ काळान्या प्राभावामुळे व शोधून फार पर्यटनमुळे दृष्टी व विदी भाषेचा प्रसार होऊन फार प्रचारात आहे.

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‘डोन’ साठी लष्कराशी करार

‘पिपा’ शब्दमध्ये अर्धे देवकीर्ती’ या अर्थवाचक महाविद्वान्नामक दुर्लभ टप्प्यावरील कामगोपनी मुद्रा ७४ कोटी रुपयेचा निवि मंत्र करण्य आता अमुक, त्यावेळी ११ कोटींचे काचे करण्य आता आहे, पणपण सुविधासह अजुनपुढील शिल्लकीची समाने या वेळामध्ये अशीचचचचचचचचचचचचच देवकीर्तीची मंत्र’ आहे, निवे विद्वान्नी विविध प्रकारचे मुद्रा काचे करण्य देणेचे हे शिल्लक आहेत. भारतीय अजुनपुढे त्यांचे काचे वितरण मागणे साधुने मुद्रा मिळणे अजुनपुढे मागणेसाठी मागणीसाठी काचे करणे आहे, त्याची अजुनपुढे देण्या आता आहे. अजुनपुढे विद्वान्नामक मुद्रा, यालाच, विद्वान्नामक’ साध्यनं काचे उतरवाचकी मुद्रां माहे हा कोटीचा निवे देण्य आता आहे. मुद्रावरील लक्ष्य दृष्टीगोच्य मागणे दहावीचे येणे उतरवाचकी आहे.

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भारताच्या टोकावर असलेल्या त्रिपुराच्या पार्श्वी दौऱ्यात आमच्यासोबत कुठो खात्यातील एक अधिकारी होते. ते वारांचा उघडारत असलेल्या वाक्यातच त्रिपुराच्या भविष्याची मेख आहे, ते म्हणत होते, 'हमारे यहाँ सब कुछ है... बस लोक आने चाहिए...' त्यामुळे मारास हाच की, पर्यटन व उद्योगकलेच्या परंपरिक चौकटी ओलांडू पाहण्याच्या स्वागतप्रसंगी हे 'रुपती' (रुपयान) राज्य

त्रिपुराच्या अर्थकारणाला 'क्वीन पायनॅपल'चा आधार

रोजगारनिर्मितीबरोबरच राज्याच्या अर्थव्यवस्थेलाही चालना

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आगरतळा : त्रिपुराचे वैशिष्ट्य ठरलेल्या 'क्वीन पायनॅपल' या अननसाच्या प्रजातीला जागतिक बाजारपेठेत मोठी मागणी असून, त्यातून रोजगारनिर्मितीबरोबरच राज्याच्या अर्थव्यवस्थेलाही चालना मिळत असल्याची माहिती राज्याचे कृषिमंत्री रतनलाल नाथ यांनी माध्यमांशी संवाद साधताना दिली.

आंतरराष्ट्रीय अननस दिनानिमित्त (२७ जुलै) दिल्लीत तीन दिवसांचा अननस महोत्सव आयोजित करण्यात आल्याचेही त्यांनी सांगितले. राज्यातील अननस उद्योगाची माहिती देताना ते म्हणाले, की त्रिपुरात सुमारे ११ हजार ६९८ हेक्टर क्षेत्रावर अननसाची लागवड केली जाते. त्यातून दरवर्षी सुमारे १.७१ लाख टन उत्पादन मिळते. दुबई, रशिया, जर्मनी, अमेरिका आदी देशांमध्ये त्रिपुरातील अननसाची मोठ्या प्रमाणावर निर्यात केली जाते.

त्रिपुरात 'क्यू' आणि 'क्वीन' या दोन प्रमुख अननस प्रजातींची लागवड होते. त्यापैकी 'क्वीन पायनॅपल'ला जागतिक बाजारपेठेत विशेष मागणी आहे. नाथ यांनी सांगितले, की

२०१८ पासून आतापर्यंत ३३.१० टन ताजा अननस संयुक्त अरब अमिराती (यूएई) आणि बांगलादेशात निर्यात करण्यात आला आहे. तसेच ७४ टन अननसाचा गर हवाबंद डब्यांद्वारे जर्मनी आणि रशियाला पाठविण्यात आला असून, १५ हजार ४४० टन अननस देशातील विविध राज्यांमध्ये विक्रीसाठी पाठविण्यात आला आहे.

'मिशन क्वीन पायनॅपल'ची घोषणा

दिल्लीतील अननस महोत्सवात 'मिशन क्वीन पायनॅपल ऑफ त्रिपुरा' या महत्वाकांक्षी प्रकल्पाची घोषणा करण्यात येणार असून, त्यासाठी २३६ कोटी रुपयांचा निधी मंजूर करण्यात आल्याचे नाथ यांनी सांगितले. भविष्यात अननसापासून तयार होणाऱ्या आइस्क्रीम, चॉकलेट्सह विविध मूल्यवर्धित उत्पादनांना प्रोत्साहन दिले जाणार आहे. तसेच अननसाच्या सालीपासून धागे तयार करून त्यापासून विविध वस्तूंचे उत्पादन करण्याचाही सरकारचा मानस असल्याचे त्यांनी स्पष्ट केले.



'क्वीन पायनॅपल'ची वैशिष्ट्ये

- चवीला अतिशय गोड आणि रसाळ, मऊ गर.
- इतर प्रजातींच्या तुलनेत पातळ साल.
- २०१४ मध्ये भौगोलिक मानांकन (जीआय टॅग) प्राप्त.
- ७ जून २०१८ रोजी त्रिपुराचे राज्यफल म्हणून घोषित.



वैश्विक पटल पर छाने को तैयार त्रिपुरा की 'क्वीन'

दिल्ली में होगा ग्लोबल पाइनऐपल फेस्टिवल

निर्यात बढ़ाने और किसानों को अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजार से जोड़ने पर जोर

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अभारतलवा : पूर्वोत्तर भारत का प्राकृतिक संसाधनों से भरपूर त्रिपुरा अब अपने जैआई-टैग प्राप्त क्वीन पाइनऐपल के जरिए अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजार में नई पहचान बनाने की तैयारी कर रहा है। राज्य सरकार और केंद्रीय पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र विकास मंत्रालय (DONER) की पहल से अनानास स्ट्रबटन, प्रमोशन और ब्रान्डिंग को बढ़ावा देने के लिए कई योजनाएं लागू की जा रही हैं। इस कड़ी में 27 जून से नई दिल्ली के मेजर ध्यानचंद राष्ट्रीय स्टेडियम में तीन दिन का 'त्रिपुरा ग्लोबल पाइनऐपल फेस्टिवल' का आयोजन किया जाएगा।



पोषक गुणों के कारण स्पेशल

क्वीन पाइनऐपल को 2018 में 'राज्य फल' घोषित किया गया था। इससे पहले 2014 में इसे जैआई टैग मिला था। इसके सुनहरे रंग, विशिष्ट सुगंध और पोषक गुणों ने इसे देशभर में लोकप्रिय बनाया है। इसमें विटामिन, कैल्शियम, मैग्नीशियम, पोटेशियम और आयरन प्रचुर मात्रा में पाया जाता है। डोन्र के सहयोग से साल की गई 236 करोड़ रुपये की मिशन क्वीन पाइनऐपल ऑफ त्रिपुरा योजना इस फल को खेत से बाजार तक पहुंचाने की दिशा में अहम कदम मानी जा रही है।

रासायनिक उर्वरकों का प्रयोग कम

त्रिपुरा के चारों तरफ जिले के कृषि क्षेत्र सहित राज्य के कई हिस्सों में पीढ़ियों से किसान अनानास की खेती कर रहे हैं। यहां की विशेष कृषि-जलवायु परिस्थितियां क्वीन और केव किस्म के अनानास के लिए बेहत अमूल्य मानी जाती हैं। खास बात है कि इनकी खेती में रासायनिक उर्वरकों और कीटनाशकों का बहुत कम या लगभग न के बराबर उपयोग होता है।

रोजगार के ज्यादा मौके पैदा होंगे

राज्य के कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री रतन लाल नाथ के अनुसार, 2018-19 से अब तक 33.10 मीट्रिक टन अनानास का निर्यात यूएई और बांग्लादेश को किया जा चुका है, जबकि 74 मीट्रिक टन हिब्रबट अनानास जर्मनी और रूस भेजा गया है। दिल्ली में होने वाले महोत्सव में ताजे अनानास के साथ-साथ अनानास से बने जैम, जेली, चॉकलेट, जूस और इसकी पत्तियों से तैयार घण्टी और अन्य मूल्यवर्धित उत्पादों का प्रदर्शन किया जाएगा।

पर्यटन से लेकर शिक्षा, हर क्षेत्र में प्रगति

त्रिपुरा में पिछले कुछ वर्षों के दौरान शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य, पर्यटन, विज्ञान, पशुपालन और कृषि जैसे क्षेत्रों में उल्लेखनीय प्रगति देखने को मिली है। राज्य में स्कूलों और उच्च शिक्षण संस्थानों के विस्तार के साथ हिंदी शिक्षा को भी बढ़ावा दिया जा रहा है। स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं के सुदृढीकरण, आधुनिक चिकित्सा सुविधाओं और ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों तक स्वास्थ्य पहुंच बढ़ाने पर विशेष ध्यान दिया गया है। वहीं, पर्यटन क्षेत्र में प्राकृतिक और सांस्कृतिक धरोहरों को विकसित कर नए अवसर सृजित किए जा रहे हैं। इन विकास कार्यों में डोन्र की आर्थिक सहायता और विभिन्न योजनाओं की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका रही है, जिससे राज्य के समग्र विकास को नई गति मिली है।



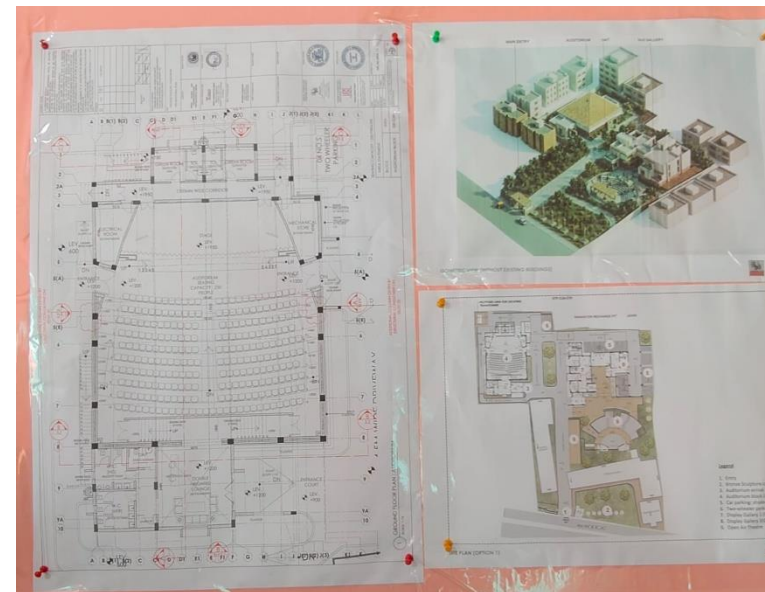
:- Visit of "State Institute of Hotel Management (SIHM) Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition at Anandanagar, Agartala" on 12th June, 2026.



:- Visit of “Strengthening of Laboratories at College of Veterinary Sciences & A.H.R.K. Nagar, Agartala” on 12th June, 2026.



:- Visit of “Strengthening of Hindi Sections in Libraries of Maharaja Bir Bikram College and Women's College, Agartala” on 12th June, 2026.



:- Visit of “Tourism and Cultural Promotion Hub, Gandhighat, Agartala” on 12th June, 2026.



:- Visit of “Tripura Institute of Technology (TIT), West Tripura” on 12th June, 2026.



:- Visit of “Establishment of Science Park at Vigyan Gram, Tripura” on 12th June, 2026.



:- Visit of “Setting up of Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Drug Addicted at Bishramganj, Sepahijala District, Tripura” on 13th June, 2026.



:- Visit of “Setting up of 7 Agri Development Research-cum-Training Centres with IT Facilities at Tepania/Udaipur, Tripura” on 13th June, 2026.



Visit at “Department Of Agriculture And Farmers Welfare Agri Development Cum Training Centre with IT Facility” to meet with Hon’ble Agriculture Minister, State Govt. of Tripura regarding Queen Pineapple Post- Harvest Management (USP) Project on 13th June, 2026.





:- Pre-Visit site of “Queen Pineapple Post- Harvest Management (USP) Project, Killa, Gomati District, Tripura” on 13th June, 2026.

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Dated 07/07/2026

Sub: Submission of Report in respect of Media Familiarization Tour of Meghalaya - Regarding.Ref: O.M No. NEC/IPR/Media-Tour/2026, dated 9th June, 2026.

Sir,

With reference to the above subject, Shri Joseph Syiem, OA (T&I), NEC had been nominated by the competent authority as Coordinating Officer (CO) during the Media Familiarization Tour of Meghalaya from 11th to 14th June, 2026. Accordingly, as required, a report of the tour is enclosed herewith for kind information and necessary action.

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Date: 07-07-2026

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Report on Media Familiarization Tour to Meghalaya (11–14 June 2026)

1. Overview

As part of the Phase-I Media Familiarization Tour jointly organized by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) and the North Eastern Council (NEC), a media delegation visited Meghalaya from 11th to 14th June, 2026. The visit was undertaken with the objective of providing participating media representatives with first-hand exposure to key developmental projects being implemented under the NESIDS (Roads), NESIDS (OTRI), PM-DevINE, and the schemes of the North Eastern Council (NEC).

The tour also facilitated direct interaction between the media delegation and implementing agencies, Government officials, and local beneficiaries, enabling a comprehensive understanding of the progress, outcomes, and socio-economic impact of these developmental interventions. The initiative aimed to promote informed and evidence-based media reporting while enhancing public awareness of the Government of India's sustained efforts towards the holistic development of the North Eastern Region.

Media Representatives

1. Shri. Ajay Prakash Mishra (Dainik Bhaskar)
2. Shri. Ujjawal Naraya (PTI)
3. Shri. Idrees Bakhtiyar (Rising Kashmir)
4. Shri. T. Singarayan (Dinamalar)

State Government/ Implementing Agency Officials

During the field visits, the delegation was received and briefed by senior officers and engineers of the respective implementing agencies, including officials from:

- Tourism Department, Government of Meghalaya.
- Urban Development Department, Government of Meghalaya.
- Public Works Department, Government of Meghalaya.

The officials briefed the media delegation on project planning, implementation strategy, present physical and financial progress, technical features, challenges encountered during execution and the anticipated socio-economic benefits accruing from the projects.

2. Projects sites visited:

(a) Under the project "*Development of Sohra Tourism Circuit in Meghalaya*" funded by M/o DoNER, the following sites were visited:

- **Design, Supply, Construction and Operation and Maintenance of Passenger Ropeway at Shillong Peak, Shillong, Meghalaya:**

The project has been approved at a total cost of Rs.152.00 crore, with gap funding of Rs.70.11 crore being provided under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) scheme of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), Government of India.

The project is being implemented by the Directorate of Tourism, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong. Implementation commenced in October 2025, and as of June 2026, the project has achieved an overall physical progress of approximately 5%, with an expenditure of Rs.14.00 crore incurred to date.

As per the lease agreement executed between the Rait Laban DorbarPyllun (Village Council) and the Tourism Department, Government of Meghalaya, the Government of Meghalaya shall pay an annual lease amount of Rs.1.00 crore to the community for the duration of the agreement.



- **Development of Skywalk and Tourist Hub at Mawkdok (Dympep Village), Meghalaya:**

The project has been approved at a total cost of Rs.50.91 crore under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) scheme of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), Government of India.

The project is being implemented by the Directorate of Tourism, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong, and is scheduled for completion by June 2028. As of June 2026, the project has achieved an overall physical progress of approximately 31%, with an expenditure of Rs.12.56 crore incurred to date.

Upon completion of the infrastructure, the Tourism Department, Government of Meghalaya, proposes to lease the operation and management of the facility to a third-party operator. As per the proposed revenue-sharing arrangement, 75% of the revenue/profit received from the third-party operator will be shared with the concerned village/community.



- **Arwah cave Precinct Improvement, Wahkaba Falls Area development and Wahkaliar Viewing Point at East Khasi Hills:**

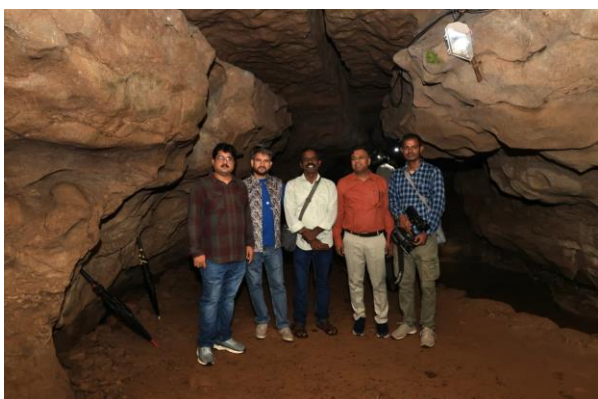
The project has been approved at a total cost of Rs. 13.02crore under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) scheme of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), Government of India. The project is being implemented by the Directorate of Tourism, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong, and is scheduled for completion by 2028.

Upon completion of the project it is mainly aim for tourism, conservation and education. Meghalaya Tourism is already developing it because it has easy access, fossils, and scenic value, and a project can bring better facilities while protecting the cave.

Wah Kaba Falls



Arwah cave



- **Nohkalikai Falls Precinct Area Development.**

The project has been approved at a total cost of Rs.32.62 crore under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) scheme of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), Government of India. The project is being implemented by the Directorate of Tourism, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong, and is scheduled for completion by 2028. Nohkalikai Falls is the India's tallest plunge waterfall at ~1115 ft.

The Project objective is to make Nohkalikai Falls a safer, sustainable, and world-class eco-tourism destination that benefits locals while protecting nature and culture.



(b). Construction of a road from Shillong city to Umroi, Ri Bhoi District.

This completed road from Shillong city connecting Umroi Airport Phase-I (NESIDS) with a total length of 14.279 Km starts from 2nd Km of Mawlai By-Pass to Umjathang through Umsaw, Umphrew and Umjathang (Mawsiatkhnam) villages in a single stretch and will be the shortest and most favored route between Shillong city and Umroi Airport, which is the only airport of the State. The project is implemented by PWD (Roads) Department, Government of Meghalaya. Overall, this road has decreased the transportation Costs for goods and Transportation of products to markets, faster economic integration, blooming the Tourism in the state and other wider socio-economic benefits. This project was sanctioned on 13.12.2022 for an amount of Rs.5000.00 (L) and was allotted on 27.04.2023 for an amount of Rs.3081.27 (L) through EPC mode to M/s Abhoy Charan Bakshi.



(c). Construction of new four lane road and conversion of existing two-lane road into four-lane road with cycling tracks, utility ducts, footpaths, etc at New Shillong Township

The project is being implemented by the New Shillong Township Development Agency (NSTDA) under the Urban Affairs Department, Government of Meghalaya, with funding under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) Scheme. Administrative and Financial Approval for the project was accorded on 1st February 2024 at a sanctioned cost of Rs. 159.494 Crores. Out of the total sanctioned amount, Rs. 149.790 Crores is the liability of the Central Government, while Rs. 12.704 Crores is the liability of the State Government.

The work was awarded within six months from the date of sanction approval through a competitive bidding process. The final work order was issued on 15th July 2024 at a contract value of Rs. 151.89 Crores, with a stipulated completion period of 24 months from the date of issue of the work order.

The project comprises of the construction and upgradation of the following road corridors:

Road-1 (2.40 km): Starts from the New Assembly Junction and terminates at the junction connecting the PWD Mawdiangdiang–Lumdiengsai Road near the NIFT Umsawli Junction.

Road-2 (1.630 km): Starts from the NIFT Junction and extends up to the New Secretariat Junction.

Road-3: Consists of two road sections:

- **Road-3A (3.311km):** Continues from the end point of Road-2 and extends up to the junction with the existing PWD Road near the NEEPCO plot.
- **Road-3B (0.390km):** Branches off from Road-3A and connects to the Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD) plot.

All roads are being developed as four-lane urban roads incorporating cycling tracks, footpaths-cum-utility ducts, and central medians, in accordance with the guidelines and standards prescribed by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) and the North Eastern Council (NEC).

The project has experienced delays in achieving completion within the stipulated time frame due to the recent revision of the Master Plan for the Administrative City, Umsawli. Based on the revised master plan, the State Government has decided to incorporate additional components and enhancement works into the project to better align with the long-term development vision of the Administrative City. The additional expenditure arising from these modifications will be borne by the State Government.

Despite these challenges, construction activities are progressing, and efforts are being made to complete the project while accommodating the revised planning requirements and ensuring the creation of modern urban transport infrastructure for New Shillong Township.

Benefits of the Project

The proposed four-lane road network will serve as the backbone of the Administrative City at Umsawli, providing improved connectivity and efficient traffic movement between key institutions and facilities such as the New Secretariat Complex, IIM Shillong, NIFT, Unity Mall, sports infrastructure, residential areas, hostels, bus depots, and various State and Central Government offices. The project will reduce travel time, improve road safety, support sustainable mobility through dedicated cycling tracks and footpaths, and accommodate future traffic growth. It will also promote economic development, enhance accessibility to public services, and support the vision of New Shillong Township as a modern, well-planned administrative, educational, and commercial hub for Meghalaya.



**(d). Interaction with beneficiaries and local communities in respect of
"Development of Sohra Tourism Circuit in Meghalaya".**



**(e). Interactive session with heads of Departments implementing various
projects under M/o DoNER and the NEC.**





3. Outcome:

The Media Familiarization Tour successfully highlighted the developmental initiatives being implemented by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) in Assam and provided participating media representatives with first-hand exposure to key infrastructure and development projects being executed under the NESIDS–Roads, NESIDS (OTRI), PM-DevINE, and the schemes of the North Eastern Council (NEC). The tour facilitated constructive engagement among media representatives, implementing agencies, and local stakeholders, thereby promoting informed, balanced, and evidence-based reporting on the socio-economic impact of these initiatives.

The programme also resulted in extensive media coverage through leading print and digital media outlets, including *Rising Kashmir*, *Dainik Bhaskar*, and other prominent publications, thereby enhancing public awareness of the Government of India's sustained developmental efforts and transformative interventions across the North Eastern Region.

4. Publications (as on 02.07.2026):

- (i) Publication dated 17th June, 2026 @ ***Dainik Bhaskar*** newspaper.
- (ii) 6 (six) Publications @ ***Rising Kashmir news paper***. (a) 1 No. dated 13th June, 2026, (b) 1 No. dated 14th June, 2026, (c) 3 Nos. dated 15th June, 2026 and (d) 1 No. dated 16th June, 2026.

Link: <https://risingkashmir.com/national/police-welfare-complex-opens-in-meghalaya-12035848>

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North Eastern Council

Tour Report for the Media Team Visited in the State of Nagaland.

The tour was undertaken with the Media Team from various organization to showcase the development and progress of the MoDONER and NEC project in the State of Nagaland. The visit aimed to review the implementation status of ongoing projects, hold consultations with the concerned State Government officials and stakeholders, assess field-level progress, identify implementation challenges, and suggest appropriate measures for timely completion of the assigned tasks. The tour was conducted from 18/06/2026 to 19/06/2026 with the following officials:

1. C.K. Nayak, Shillong Times.
2. Rishav Singh, IANS
3. Vinayak S. Bhat, Hosadiganta Kannada Daily.
4. Alakava Neogi, Bartaman Patrika
5. N. Kishan Singh, JSA, Health Sector, NEC
6. Er Peukam C Phom, SDO, PWD (R&B), Govt. of Nagaland.

Various matters concerning the MoDONER and NEC were discussed in detail during this tour. In addition to the official engagements, several project sites funded by the MoDONER and NEC were visited to review their progress and implementation on the ground. The following is a detailed account of the engagements and observations made during the visit:

1. **Upgradation of Transformation Capacity at 132 kV Sub-station Nagarjan, Dimapur (approved cost Rs. 24.46 cr – Loa value of Rs. 24.33 cr. Under the NESIDS-OTRI. Status – completed. Date of approval – 22/12/2023. Date of completion – 28/03/2025)**
: During the visit on **18/06/2026**, it was observed that the project had been completed on 28/03/2025, and its overall progress and implementation were found to be satisfactory. The project primarily involved the procurement, installation, testing, and commissioning of one 132/66 kV, 100 MVA Transformer and one 66/33 kV, 50 MVA Transformer.

An interaction and press briefing were conducted by Shri S. I. Asangba Tikhir, Executive Engineer, and Shri C. Throngdise, SDO, Transmission Division, Dimapur. During the interaction, the officials explained that prior to the implementation of the project, any disruption at the Nagarjan Sub-station (Dimapur Load Centre), which caters to nearly 60% of the State's electricity demand across four districts, would have resulted in a complete power blackout due to inadequate infrastructure and insufficient transmission capacity to meet the growing demand.

Following the completion of the project, the transmission capacity has been significantly enhanced, resulting in a substantial reduction in load restrictions and power supply interruptions. The upgraded infrastructure has also improved the reliability and stability of power supply, thereby creating a more conducive environment for industrial and commercial investments in the region.

The officials of the State Government, particularly the Transmission Division, expressed their sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), the Hon'ble Prime Minister, and the Hon'ble Minister of DoNER for extending timely financial support to address one of the State's long-standing critical power infrastructure challenges. They acknowledged that the project has provided a lasting solution to a problem for which the State had been seeking assistance for many years.



2. **Upgradation of the Radiation Oncology Centre at CIHSR, Dimapur (approved cost Rs. 34.50 cr under PM-DevINE. Status – Ongoing. Date of approval – 13/06/2024. Tentative Date of completion – 30/08/2026) :** During the visit on 18/06/2026, it was observed that the project had achieved approximately **95% physical progress**. All the required equipment had been procured and installed. The project is expected to become operational by **August 2026**.

The project comprises three major components, namely: (i) Nuclear Medicine Facility, (ii) High-Energy Linear Accelerator (LINAC) Bunker, and (iii) High-Dose-Rate (HDR) Brachytherapy Facility. These facilities are the first of their kind in the State of Nagaland and are expected to significantly strengthen cancer diagnosis and treatment services.

Upon commissioning, the project will greatly enhance access to advanced oncology services, particularly for the early diagnosis and treatment of cervical cancer, thyroid cancer, and other malignancies, thereby reducing the need for patients to seek treatment outside the State and lowering their out-of-pocket healthcare expenditure. The treatment services are proposed to be provided under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, making advanced cancer care more accessible and affordable for the people of Nagaland.

The officials of the Christian Institute of Health Sciences and Research (CIHSR), Dimapur expressed their sincere gratitude to the Government of India, the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), and the North Eastern Council (NEC) for their continued support in establishing these state-of-the-art healthcare facilities, which will substantially improve cancer care services for the people of Nagaland and the wider North Eastern Region.





3. **Establishment of North East Regional Multi-disciplinary Paramedical Institute (NERMPI) at CIHSR, Dimapur (approved cost Rs. 49.81 cr. Under the Scheme of NEC. Status – completed. Date of approval – 26/02/2014. Date of completion – 09/09/2024)** : During the site was visited on 18/06/2026, the following point were observed by the team :

Objective of the project – To establish a fully operation NERMPI- Allied Health Sciences with facilities like Institute block, Administrative building, Examination hall, Library, Students Hostel, equipment, Blood Bank, Laboratory etc.

Achievement of the project :

- a) Established a student's hostel for 370 students which is fully occupied.
- b) Developed a state of the art Operation theater complex with 6 modular theaters and 2 more minor theater.
- c) Developed a full-fledged ICU, 3 level NICU, ICCU.
- d) Developed an NABL accredited comprehensive laboratory.
- e) Developed physiotherapy and occupational therapy departments which cater to people with disability and also students.
- f) Established the first Paramedical college in Nagaland conducting 9 Paramedical Bachelors courses (allied health science) affiliated to the Nagaland University. 125 students enrolled in different courses
- g) Established a new building complex of library, Institutional building, administrative blocks and multipurpose examination building etc.

Following members were present on the briefing from the CIHSR, Dimapur :

- A. Dr. Yethovi Tuccu, CMO
- B. Dr. Paul Ravindran, Principal
- C. Dr. Asha Jose, Oncologist
- D. Dr. Khrutsozo Kikhi, Oncologist
- E. Mr. Rabenthung Ngulle, General Superintendent.
- F. Mr. Debarshi Saha, Project Engineer
- G. Dr. Clement Momin, MS-ENT
- H. Ms. Deepti Singh, Head of Finance





4. **Upgradation of AT Road from Tsurangra to Impur Junction- 26.335 km including 3 nos. of bridge (approved cost Rs. 93.98 cr. Under the NESIDS (Roads). Status – completed. Date of approval – 05/08/2019. Date of completion – 14/11/2024) :** The project site was visited on **19/06/2026** along with officials of the Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges), Government of Nagaland. During the visit, it was observed that the completed road has significantly improved connectivity and enhanced the livelihood opportunities of the people residing in the surrounding areas, particularly Merangkong, Asangma, Kilengmen, and Longjang villages, while also benefiting the residents of Tuli Town and Mokokchung District in general.

It was further observed that routine maintenance of the road, including rectification and repair of minor defects, had been undertaken to ensure its continued serviceability and durability.

The project has provided the necessary infrastructure to unlock the development potential of the region by facilitating growth in key sectors such as tourism, horticulture, forestry, and agro-based industries. Improved road connectivity has also enhanced access to markets, educational institutions, healthcare facilities, and other essential public services, thereby contributing to the socio-economic development of the area.

The officials of the Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges), Government of Nagaland expressed their sincere appreciation to the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) and the North Eastern Council (NEC) for extending financial assistance for the construction of the road, which has significantly improved connectivity and quality of life for the local population.





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ক্যানসার চিকিৎসায় প্রথমবার নিউক্লিয়ার মেডিসিন, ব্র্যাকিথেরাপির মতো উন্নত পরিকাঠামো নাগাল্যান্ডে

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সবুজ গালিচায় মোড়া পাহাড়ি জনবসতি। বুক ভরে শ্বাস নিলেই অক্সিজেন। এই প্রাকৃতিক পরিবেশেও মারণ ক্যানসারে ভুগছেন নাগাল্যান্ডের অসংখ্য মানুষ। সবচেয়ে বেশি ন্যাসোফ্যারিঞ্জিয়াল ক্যানসার। যার অন্যতম কারণ অতিরিক্ত মাদক সেবন। এছাড়াও, জরায়ু ক্যানসার, পাকস্থলী ক্যানসার, থাইরড ক্যানসারের রোগীও রয়েছে। ক্যানসারের চিকিৎসা থাকলেও এতদিন ছিল না উন্নতমানের পরিষেবা। তাই উত্তর-পূর্বাঞ্চল উন্নয়ন মন্ত্রকের উদ্যোগে ক্যানসার চিকিৎসায় ডিমাপুর ক্রিস্টিয়ান ইনস্টিটিউট অব হেলথ সায়েন্সেস আন্ড রিসার্চ (সিআইইচএসআর)-এ চালু হচ্ছে নিউক্লিয়ার মেডিসিন, ব্র্যাকিথেরাপির মতো উন্নত পরিষেবা। যা নাগাল্যান্ডে প্রথম। আর্টিফিক এনার্জি রেগুলেটরি বোর্ডের পরিচালন লাইসেন্স পাওয়ার পর জুলাই-আগস্টে চিকিৎসা শুরু করি পরিকল্পনা নেওয়া হয়েছে।

বিল্ডিং তৈরির কাজ শেষ। বসছে সরঞ্জাম। ডিমাপুরের চিফ মেডিক্যাল অফিসার ডাঃ ইথোবি তুচু, অ্যালাইড হেলথ সায়েন্সের প্রিন্সিপাল (সিআইইচএসআর) ডাঃ পল

রবীন্দ্রন জানালেন, ডিমাপুরের সিআইইচএসআরে ক্যানসার চিকিৎসা ছিল। কিন্তু, এই আধুনিক পরিষেবা ছিল না। ক্যানসার ইউনিটের উন্নতিকরণের জন্য রাজ্যকে প্রস্তাব দেয়



ব্রাসপাতাল কর্তৃপক্ষ। নাগাল্যান্ড সরকার কেন্দ্রকে জানায়। তারপরই প্রাইম মিনিষ্টার ডেভেলপমেন্ট ইনিশিয়েটিভ ফর নর্থ ইস্টার্ন রিজিয়নের স্কিমে ২০২৪ সালের ১৩ জুন ৩৪ কোটি ৫০ লক্ষ অর্থ বরাদ্দ করে উত্তর-পূর্বাঞ্চল উন্নয়ন মন্ত্রক। প্রকল্পে 'নিউক্লিয়ার মেডিসিন ফ্যাসিলিটি', 'হাই-এনার্জি লিনিয়ার অ্যাক্সিলারেটর ব্যাকার' এবং 'হাই-ডোজ-রেট (এইচডিআর)

ব্র্যাকিথেরাপি ফ্যাসিলিটি' চালু হবে।

একই সঙ্গে নর্থ ইস্টার্ন কাউন্সিলের (এনইসি) অর্থ ডিমাপুরেই তৈরি হয়েছে নর্থ ইস্ট রিজিওনাল মাল্টিডিসিপ্লিনারি প্যারামেডিকেল

ইনস্টিটিউট। এই প্রকল্পের লক্ষ্য হল, অরুণাচল প্রদেশ, অসম, মণিপুর, মেঘালয়, মিজোরাম, নাগাল্যান্ড, সিকিম ও ত্রিপুরার জন্য দক্ষ প্যারামেডিকেল কর্মী তৈরি করা।

স্বাস্থ্য পরিষেবায় উন্নয়নের সঙ্গে উত্তর-পূর্বাঞ্চল উন্নয়ন মন্ত্রক ডিমাপুরের ঘন ঘন লোডশেডিং সমস্যাও কমিয়েছে। নাগারজান অঞ্চলে বিদ্যুৎ প্রকল্পের সাব-স্টেশনের

আধুনিকীকরণ করা হয়েছে ২৪ কোটি ৪৬ লক্ষ টাকায়। ক্ষমতাবৃদ্ধি করার ফলে, বিদ্যুতের ঘাটতি মিটেছে। নাগাল্যান্ড রাজ্যের মধ্যে ডিমাপুরে বিদ্যুতের ব্যবহার অনেকটাই। তার মধ্যে



কর্মশিাল অঞ্চলও রয়েছে। কিন্তু, এতদিন বিদ্যুতের ঘাটতি ছিল। আপগ্রেডেশনের ফলে সেই সমস্যা মিটেছে। এগজিকিউটিভ ইঞ্জিনিয়ার আসংবা টিথির বলেন, আগে ডিমাপুরে ৬০ শতাংশ এলাকায় বিদ্যুৎ থাকত, ৪০ শতাংশ এলাকায় লোডশেডিং। এখন এক সঙ্গে ৯০-৯৫ শতাংশ এলাকায় বিদ্যুৎ থাকে। উত্তর-পূর্বাঞ্চল উন্নয়ন মন্ত্রককে ধন্যবাদ।

नार्थ ईस्टर्न काउंसिल फंड से पैरामेडिकल संस्थान स्थापित, जुलाई-अगस्त से इलाज

नागालैंड के दीमापुर में पहली बार शुरू होगी आधुनिक कैंसर चिकित्सा, केंद्र ने दिए पैसे

निज प्रतिनिधि, दीमापुर (नागालैंड): हरी चादर से लिपटी पहाड़ी आबादी, जहां खुलकर सांस लेते ही शुद्ध ऑक्सीजन मिलती है। इस प्राकृतिक माहौल के बीच भी नागालैंड के असंख्य लोग जानलेवा कैंसर से जूझ रहे हैं। यहां सबसे ज्यादा नेसोफेरिजियल कैंसर के मामले हैं, जिसका मुख्य कारण अत्यधिक नशा करना है। इसके अलावा गर्भाशय कैंसर, पेट का कैंसर और थायरॉइड कैंसर के मरीज भी बढ़ी संख्या में हैं। कैंसर का इलाज तो मौजूद था, लेकिन अब तक यहां उच्च स्तर की स्वास्थ्य सुविधाएं नहीं थीं। इसी वजह से पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र विकास मंत्रालय की पहल पर कैंसर के इलाज के लिए दीमापुर क्रिश्चियन इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ हेल्थ साइंसेज एंड रिसर्च (सीआईएचएसआर) में न्यूक्लियर मेडिसिन और ब्रैकीथेरेपी जैसी आधुनिक सुविधाएं शुरू की जा रही हैं, जो नागालैंड में पहली बार होगा। एटॉमिक एनर्जी रेगुलेटरी बोर्ड से ऑपरेशनल लाइसेंस मिलने के बाद जुलाई-अगस्त महीने में इलाज शुरू करने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है।

अस्पताल की इमारत का निर्माण कार्य पूरा हो चुका है और चिकित्सा उपकरण लगाए जा रहे हैं। दीमापुर के चीफ मेडिकल ऑफिसर डॉ. इथोबी तुचु और एलाइड हेल्थ साइंस के प्रिंसिपल



(सीआईएचएसआर) डॉ. पॉल रविंद्रन ने बताया कि संस्थान में कैंसर का इलाज पहले भी होता था, लेकिन यह आधुनिक तकनीक उपलब्ध नहीं थी। कैंसर यूनिट को बेहतर बनाने के लिए अस्पताल प्रशासन ने राज्य को प्रस्ताव दिया था। नागालैंड सरकार ने इसके बारे में केंद्र को सूचित किया। इसके बाद प्राइम मिनिस्टर डेवलपमेंट इनिशिएटिव फॉर नॉर्थ ईस्टर्न रीजन योजना के तहत 13 जून 2024 को पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र विकास मंत्रालय ने 34 करोड़ 50 लाख रुपये की राशि आवंटित की। इस प्रोजेक्ट के जरिए 'न्यूक्लियर मेडिसिन फैसिलिटी', 'हाई-एनर्जी लीनियर एक्सीलेटर बंकर' और 'हाई-डोज-रेट (एचडीआर) ब्रैकीथेरेपी फैसिलिटी' शुरू की जाएगी। इसके साथ ही नॉर्थ ईस्टर्न काउंसिल के फंड से दीमापुर में नॉर्थ ईस्ट रीजनल

मल्टीडिसिप्लिनरी पैरामेडिकल इंस्टीट्यूट का निर्माण भी किया गया है। इस परियोजना का मुख्य उद्देश्य अरुणाचल प्रदेश, असम, मणिपुर, मेघालय, मिजोरम, नागालैंड, सिक्किम और त्रिपुरा जैसे राज्यों के लिए कुशल पैरामेडिकल कर्मचारी तैयार करना है। स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं में विकास के साथ-साथ पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र विकास मंत्रालय ने दीमापुर की बार-बार होने वाली बिजली कटौती की समस्या को भी दूर कर दिया है। नागरिक क्षेत्र में बिजली परियोजना के सब-स्टेशन का 24 करोड़ 46 लाख रुपये की लागत से आधुनिकीकरण किया गया है। क्षमता बढ़ने से बिजली की कमी पूरी हो गई है। नागालैंड राज्य में दीमापुर में बिजली की खपत सबसे ज्यादा है क्योंकि यहां कई व्यावसायिक क्षेत्र हैं। लेकिन अब तक बिजली की भारी कमी बनी रहती थी। अपग्रेडेशन के बाद यह समस्या हल हो गई है। एकजीक्यूटिव इंजीनियर असांगबा टिखिर ने बताया कि पहले दीमापुर में एक समय में केवल 60 प्रतिशत हिस्से में बिजली रहती थी और 40 प्रतिशत इलाकों में लोड शेडिंग होती थी। अब एक साथ 90 से 95 प्रतिशत क्षेत्रों में बिजली उपलब्ध रहती है। उन्होंने इस अंधेरे को दूर करने के लिए पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र विकास मंत्रालय को धन्यवाद दिया है।

দুৰ্গম পাহাড়ে নতুন রাস্তা-ব্রিজ, ২ ঘণ্টার পথ এখন ৩৫ মিনিটে

নাগাল্যান্ড-অসমের যোগাযোগে আমূল বদল

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দুপাশ দিয়ে সবুজ পাহাড়। ওক, গামার, সেগুনের সঙ্গে কোকো, তুলুডা, পেক নানা প্রজাতির বাঁশবন। মাঝখানে চওড়া মসৃণ রাস্তা। পাহাড়ির নদীর উপর গড়ে উঠেছে কংক্রিটের ব্রিজ। বৃষ্টির জলে আরো চকচক করে উঠছে কালো বিটুমিন। এতদিন সরু পাহাড়ি ভাঙাচোরা পথই ছিল একমাত্র সম্বল। ২৬ কিমি রাস্তা

পেরোতে সময় লেগে যেত ২ ঘণ্টার বেশি। কিন্তু, মককচুং জেলার সেই পুরানো ছবি বদলে দিয়েছে উত্তর-পূর্বাঞ্চল উন্নয়ন মন্ত্রক। দুৰ্গম পাহাড়ে তৈরি হয়েছে নতুন রাস্তা-ব্রিজ। আড়াই ঘণ্টার পথ এখন ৩৫ মিনিটেই শেষ! ফলে, সহজেই এখন যাতায়াত করা যাচ্ছে নাগাল্যান্ড থেকে অসম। যোগাযোগের আমূল বদল আসায় বাড়ছে ব্যবসার উন্নতিও।

মককচুং একটি ছোট্ট জেলা শহর। এখান থেকে টুলি হয়ে অসমের দিকে যাওয়ার জন্য একটি পাহাড়ি সরু রাস্তা ছিল। মাঝের অংশটি ছিল সবচেয়ে খারাপ। অথচ, এই অঞ্চলে কয়েক হাজার মানুষের বসবাস। গ্রামের মানুষের সঙ্গে নাগাল্যান্ড অসম যোগাযোগকারী আরো কয়েক হাজার মানুষ রয়েছেন। কিন্তু, খারাপ রাস্তার জন্য তাঁদের প্রতিদিন সমস্যায় পড়তে হত। তাই ওই রাস্তা সম্প্রসারণের

জন্য উদ্যোগ নেওয়া হয়। উত্তর-পূর্বাঞ্চল উন্নয়ন মন্ত্রক ৯০ কোটি টাকা বরাদ্দ করে। সেই টাকা দিয়ে ২৬ কিমি চওড়া রাস্তা এবং তিনটি কংক্রিটের ব্রিজ তৈরি হয়েছে।

মককচুং থেকে টুলির দিকে ৩৮ কিমি এগোলেই চোখে পড়বে নদীর উপর একটি বেইলি ব্রিজ। যার গায়ে এখনো লেখা, ‘মার্টিন বার্ন, ক্যালকাটা’। সেই ব্রিজের সামনে থেকেই শুরু হয়েছে সম্প্রসারণ। শেষ হয়েছে কুবলং অঞ্চলের ৪ কিমি

আগে। মিলেছে জাতীয় সড়কে। ফলে, যোগাযোগের উন্নতিও হয়েছে। ধস, নিকাশির কথাও মাথায় রাখা হয়েছে। রাস্তার ধারেই রয়েছে ড্রেন। নিয়মিত রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ করা হয়। যাতে রাস্তা অক্ষত থাকে। ফিডার রোড টুলি ডিভিশনের এগজিকিউটিভ ইঞ্জিনিয়ার তিয়াসুনেপ এবং সাব ডিভিশনাল অফিসার (পূর্ত) তালিওয়াপাং বলেন, ইমপুর জংশন থেকে শুসাংগা পর্যন্ত সম্প্রসারণের ফলে, টুলির

জাতীয় সড়কের সঙ্গে এবং সদর মককচুংয়ের সঙ্গে মেরাংকং, আসংমা, কিলেংমেন, খানিমো, লংজাং, লংফা, চামি, সুংগাংসু এবং ইমপুর এলাকা পরস্পরের সঙ্গে জুড়েছে। উপকৃত মানুষের সংখ্যা প্রায় ২ লক্ষ ১৩ হাজার। ২ ঘণ্টার রাস্তা এখন ৩৫ মিনিটে যাওয়া যায়। কারণ, ১০-১৫ কিমি দীর্ঘ গতি বেড়ে হয়েছে ৬০ কিমি।



दुर्गम पहाड़ी पर बनी नई सड़क, 2 घंटे का सफर महज 35 मिनट में

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उत्तर-पूर्व के दुर्गम पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों में बुनियादी ढांचे के विकास से नगालैंड और असम के बीच संबंधों की तस्वीर पूरी तरह बदल गई है। दोनों तरफ फैले हरे-भरे जंगलों के बीच अब एक चौड़ी और चिकनी सड़क बनकर तैयार हो चुकी है। पहाड़ी नदियों के ऊपर मजबूत कंक्रीट के पुलों का निर्माण किया गया है। अब तक यहां के लोगों के लिए केवल पतली और टूटी-फूटी पहाड़ी सड़क ही एकमात्र सहारा थी, जिसके कारण मात्र 26 किलोमीटर की दूरी तय करने में दो घंटे से भी अधिक का समय लग जाता था। लेकिन, मोकोकचुंग जिले की इस पुरानी तस्वीर को उत्तर-पूर्व क्षेत्र विकास मंत्रालय ने पूरी तरह से बदल दिया है। दुर्गम पहाड़ी के बीच नई सड़क और पुलों का निर्माण

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होने से अब दो घंटे का सफर घटकर सिर्फ 35 मिनट का रह गया है। इस बदलाव के कारण नगालैंड से असम का आवागमन बेहद आसान हो गया है, जिससे क्षेत्र में व्यापार को भी बढ़ावा मिल रहा है।

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की ओर जाने के लिए पहले एक संकरा पहाड़ी रास्ता हुआ करता था, जिसका बीच का हिस्सा सबसे ज्यादा खराब था। इस इलाके में रहने वाले हजारों ग्रामीणों और नगालैंड-असम के बीच यात्रा करने वाले राहगीरों को योजना भारी दिक्कतों का सामना करना पड़ता

था। इस समस्या को देखते हुए सड़क के चौड़ाकरण के लिए उत्तर-पूर्व क्षेत्र विकास मंत्रालय की ओर से 90 करोड़ रुपये आवंटित किए गए। इस राशि से 26 किलोमीटर लंबी चौड़ी सड़क का निर्माण किया गया है और साथ ही रास्ते में तीन मजबूत कंक्रीट के पुल भी बनाए

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यदि आप मोकोकचुंग से टूली की ओर लगभग 30 किलोमीटर आगे बढ़ेंगे, तो नदी के ऊपर एक पुराना बेली ब्रिज दिखाई देगा, जिसके ऊपर 'मार्टिन बर्न, कलकत्ता' लिखा हुआ है। सड़क के चौड़ाकरण का काम इसी पुल के सामने से शुरू हुआ है और कुबलौना क्षेत्र से 4 किलोमीटर पहले राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग पर जाकर मिलता है। इस निर्माण से दोनों रास्तों के बीच कनेक्टिविटी में बड़ा सुधार हुआ है। पहाड़ी रास्तों पर भूस्खलन और जलजमाव की समस्या को ध्यान में रखते हुए सड़क के किनारे नालियां बनाई गई हैं और सड़क को दुरुस्त रखने के लिए इसकी नियमित देखरेख की जाती है।

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सब-डिवीजनल ऑफिसर (लोक निर्माण विभाग) तालीबापांग ने बताया कि इमपुर जंक्शन से शुसांग तक सड़क के इस चौड़ाकरण के कारण अब टूली का राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग और मुख्यालय मोकोकचुंग आपस में जुड़ गए हैं। इसके साथ ही मेरांगकोंग, आसंगमा, किलेगमेन, खानिमो, लोंगजोंग, लोंगका, चाम्ही, सुंगरास्तु और इमपुर जैसे कई इलाके भी एक-दूसरे से सीधे जुड़ चुके हैं। इस सड़क परियोजना से क्षेत्र के लगभग 2 लाख 13 हजार लोगों को सीधा लाभ पहुंचा है। अधिकारियों के मुताबिक, पहले जहां जबर रास्तों के कारण गाड़ियों की रफ्तार महज 10-15 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटा थी, वहीं अब रफ्तार बढ़कर 60 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटा हो गई है। यही वजह है कि 2 घंटे का रास्ता अब 35 मिनट में तय हो रहा है।

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On November 30, 2023,
Rs 18.85 crore was looted
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the CM's scheduled visit.

Meanwhile, a self-styled
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NERMPI upgrades Radiation Oncology Centre in Nagaland

From Our Special
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DIMAPUR, June 19: The
North East Regional Multi-
Disciplinary Paramedical
Institute, a premier health
sciences and allied health
sciences college in Dimapur
is undergoing major upgrada-
tion of its Radiation Oncol-
ogy Centre which will be of
great help to the people of the
state where oncology cancer
is highest in the country.

The major upgradation
at a cost of Rs 34.50 crore
include setting up a Nuclear
Medicine Facility, a High-
Energy Linear Accelerator
Bunker and a High Dose
Rate Brachytherapy Facil-
ity, Head of the Department,
Dr Paul Ravindra, head of
the department told visiting
media persons.

Backed by the Ministry
of Development of North
Eastern Region (MDoNER)
it is Nagaland's first multi-
disciplinary paramedical
college which offers special-
ized Allied Health Science
degrees, including Bachelor
of Medical Laboratory Sci-

ences (BMLS).

The Nuclear Medicine
Facility is a specialised medi-
cal center that uses unsealed
radioactive substances (ra-
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nose, stage, and treat a wide
variety of diseases, includ-
ing cancers, cardiovascular
diseases, and neurological
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Located within the cam-
pus of the Christian Insti-
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Research (CIHSR) in Chu-
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fully funded by the Central
Govt under the Prime Minis-
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for North East (PM-DevINE)
scheme with an allocated
budget of Rs 34.50 crore.

The upgrade has been the
focus of high-level ministe-
rial project inspections to
ensure timely execution,
proper fund utilisation, and
maintenance of quality con-
struction standards. Once
finalised, the upgradation
aims to significantly boost the
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Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), has been apprehended in Goa, police said on Sunday.

The crime branch on Friday detained Nongthongbam Ingo alias Krishna alias Lal, a self-styled Lt Colonel of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), from Margao town in located in South Goa, and he has been handed over to the Manipur police, a senior official told the media.

police in a case registered against him under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) of 1967 at Lilong police station in Thoubal district of Manipur.

According to the police, Ingo's whereabouts were revealed by two insurgents arrested by the Manipur police on June 5 in a Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) case for alleged extortion. (PTI)

hundreds of participants in observing the 12th International Day of Yoga at the Khuman Lampak Indoor Stadium here: He also said "Yoga, India's timeless gift to the world, promotes physical well-being, mental resilience, and inner harmony" and called on all to "embrace this practice and work towards a healthier and more mindful society." (PTI)

Assam's upgraded old Trunk Road boosts socio-economic life of locals

From Our Special Correspondent

DIMAPUR, June 21: The upgraded old Assam Trunk Road, a major infrastructure project from Tsunangra to Impur Junction in Nagaland has changed the socio-economic life of the local tribals with a much faster and shorter communication and removing the bottle necks.

After completion this once rough road has helped in decongestion of the Guwahati-Kamrup Logistic Corridor as its part AT Road serves as the backbone of local and interstate commerce, linking critical industrial, rural, and commercial zones.

Upgrading this stretch provides a high-capacity route that bypasses congested city cores, dramatically shortening travel times for freight moving toward larger projects like the Guwahati Ring Road to almost one fourth, Tiasunep, the Executive Engineer in charge of the critical project, told visiting media today.

The region between these areas is now home to bus-

tling local markets, transport hubs, and small-scale industries. A modernized, wider road allows faster movement by removing the bottlenecks, he said.

Though the AT road mostly passes through Assam, several major, continuous highways connect it directly to Nagaland. NH 2 is a primary corridor intersects with the AT Road in Assam and crosses into Nagaland, passing through Dimapur and the capital city, Kohima.

It brings immense help for transportation of agricultural produce, tea shipments, horticulture, forestry and retail goods. The paved roads have also helped in boosting local tourism, Tamarin Ao, a local resident said.

Mokokchung, is the cultural center of Nagaland which offers a mix of breathtaking natural beauty and rich Ao Naga tribal heritage.

Top attractions include the historic Ungma Village, the mystical Langpangkong Caves, and the scenic Longkhum Village where tourists visit all through the year.

Smooth surfaces significantly reduce vehicle wear-and-tear and fuel consumption for local operators

and boosts the efficiency of regional distributors and logistics services.

This will also reduce chances of accidents and ensure commuters safety. Upgrading the infrastructure by introducing paved shoulders and dedicated lanes to segregate slow-moving local vehicles from heavy container trucks helps.

Proper drainage mechanisms to prevent waterlogging during monsoons, a major cause of rapid road degradation in the Northeast, has also been taken care off in this section.

Rampur and its surrounding Kamrup localities are gateways to several scenic and cultural spots, including sunset viewpoints, riverside picnic areas, and traditional weaving villages.

The 26 km road project managed by the Nagaland Government and backed by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) was approved with a financial outlay of Rs 90.79 crore.

The DoNER Ministry had launched this vital connectivity initiative in 2020 improving all-weather accessibility in the region.

IMD predicts heavy rain over Assam; ASDMA issues alert for Guwahati

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With reference to the subject cited above, please find attached herewith the report on Media Familiarization Tour to Arunachal Pradesh (24th to 27th June, 2026)

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Media Familiarization Tour to Arunachal Pradesh (24th to 27th June 2026)

Overview:

A Media Familiarization Tour to Arunachal Pradesh was organized from 24th to 27th June, 2026 with representatives from *Sambad*, *Outlook*, *Rajasthan Patrika*, North Eastern Council to showcase key development projects supported by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) and NEC. The tour focused on highlighting investments in healthcare and education infrastructure while facilitating interactions between the media and implementing agencies.

Media Teams:

1. Mr. Krushna Prasad Das (Sambad)
2. Ms. Aanchal Poddar (Outlook)
3. Mr. Anand Kuma Tripathi (Rajasthan Patrika)

NEC/MDoNER officials:

1. Ms. Irene Basaiawmoit (Conducting Officer, NEC)
2. Mr. Sudip Singha (Photographer, MDoNER/NEC)

State Government/Implementing Agency:

1. Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
2. Arunachal Pradesh Public Works Department (APPWD), Capital Division-A, Itanagar
3. Public Works Department, Naharlagun Division, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
4. Executive Engineer (Public Works Department), Capital Division B, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh

Projects visited:

The team visited three major projects on 26th June 2026:

1. Establishment of State Cancer Institute at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh :

The PM-DevINE-supported project with a sanctioned cost of ₹217.19 Crore is under construction with over 52% physical progress, that will establish a 76-bed specialized cancer hospital equipped with advanced diagnostic and LINAC therapy facilities. The project is expected to be completed by 31/12/2027.

Representatives from the Implementing Agency briefed the media that there has been an alarming increase in the incidence of stomach, liver and ovaries cancers in Arunachal Pradesh. A key concern is the availability of specialized oncologists, trained nursing personnel, and skilled paramedical staff. Accordingly, workforce planning, recruitment, and capacity-building initiatives are being developed to ensure the institute becomes fully operational upon completion. Contributing factors are believed to include dietary patterns, unsafe drinking water, and alcohol and tobacco consumption.

Alongside strengthening treatment facilities, there is a critical need to implement awareness and sensitization programmes, particularly targeting



young people, to promote healthy lifestyles, reduce risk factors, and encourage early screening and timely diagnosis.

Overall, the project is progressing satisfactorily and represents a landmark investment in the healthcare sector of Arunachal Pradesh. Once completed, it will significantly enhance the state's capacity for cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and patient care, improving access to advanced oncology services and contributing to better health outcomes for the people of the region and nearby States.



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2. Construction of 60 Capacities Nursing Hostel for newly created Nursing Hostel at Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (TRIHMS), Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh:

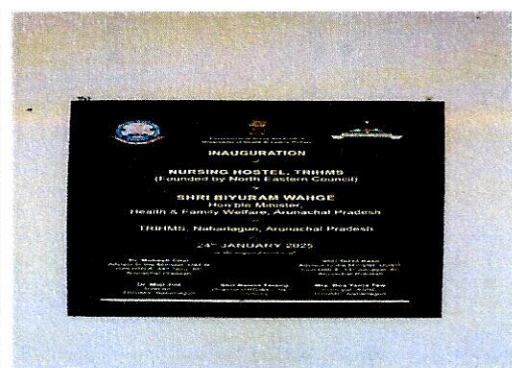
The NEC funded project was sanctioned at a cost of ₹13.086 Crore. The project has been 100% completed on 17/10/2024. The newly constructed hostel provides accommodation for over 160 nursing students, significantly strengthening medical education and healthcare services in the state.

During the interaction with the media, officials from the Implementing Agency highlighted the importance of continuously enhancing hostel facilities to promote the well-being and holistic development of the students. Discussions emphasized the need to strengthen recreational amenities, improve security arrangements, and provide additional essential facilities to ensure a safe, comfortable, and student-friendly living environment. These measures will further enhance the functionality of the hostel while ensuring compliance with prescribed safety and quality standards.

The team observed that the hostel infrastructure has been constructed to a good standard, with all major components completed satisfactorily. The facility is well-maintained, functional, and capable of meeting the accommodation needs of the students. No major deficiencies were observed during the inspection. Overall, the project has been implemented successfully and is serving its intended purpose effectively, making a meaningful contribution to the state's healthcare education infrastructure.



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3. Construction of New Administrative Block at Dera Nating Government College, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh:

The NEC funded project, sanctioned at a cost of ₹6.8682 Crore, is nearing completion having achieved 90% physical progress. Upon completion, the project will provide modern and improved administrative infrastructure, benefiting approximately **5,000 students** and **over 160 teaching and non-teaching staff**. The upgraded facility is expected to enhance the overall academic and administrative environment, contributing significantly to the institution's long-term growth and efficiency.

Officials from the Implementing Agency informed the media that the external painting work has been temporarily halted due to persistent rainfall. The remaining painting work will resume once weather conditions improve. Meanwhile, interior finishing works, including the installation of fixtures, fittings, and other final fit-outs, are progressing steadily to ensure timely completion of the project. The Executive Engineer of Public Works Department, stated that the remaining works are on schedule and are

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expected to be completed by 31/07/2026. He further assured that every effort is being made to maintain quality standards while expediting the finishing works, and that the completed building will be handed over to the concerned authorities at the earliest.

The project stands as a testament to the successful implementation of NEC-funded infrastructure initiatives aimed at strengthening educational institutions and creating a better learning and working environment for students and staff alike.



Key interactions:

The visit enabled detailed interactions with officials from the implementing and executing agencies, project engineers, institutional authorities, and other stakeholders. Discussions focused on construction progress, implementation challenges such as weather-related delays, project completion timelines, operational preparedness, infrastructure quality, safety measures, and the need for adequate human resources, particularly specialist healthcare professionals for the State Cancer Institute. Stakeholders also emphasized the importance of cancer awareness, early screening, and preventive health initiatives in view of the increasing incidence of stomach and liver cancers in the state.

Outcomes:

The tour demonstrated substantial progress in the implementation of MDoNER and NEC-funded projects and highlighted their expected contribution to strengthening healthcare delivery, medical education, and higher education infrastructure in Arunachal Pradesh. The interactions also identified follow-up actions relating to project documentation, safety enhancements, operational planning, and timely completion of pending works.

The familiarization tour generated extensive media engagement and is expected to result in news reports, feature articles, photo stories, and digital media coverage that will enhance public awareness of developmental initiatives supported by MDoNER and NEC, while showcasing the socio-economic impact of these projects across the North Eastern Region.

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Publications:

1. www.sambadepaper.com/sambad.in on 28th June, 2026.

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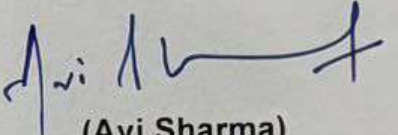
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Sub: Report on Media Familiarization Tour to Assam (24-27 June 2026)

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Report on Media Familiarization Tour to Assam

(24–27 June 2026)

1. Overview

As part of the Phase-III Media Familiarization Tour organized by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) in collaboration with the North Eastern Council (NEC), a media delegation visited Assam from **24th to 27th June 2026**. The objective of the tour was to provide media representatives with first-hand exposure to key developmental projects implemented under **NESIDS (Roads)** and **PM-DevINE**, while facilitating direct interaction with implementing agencies, government officials and local beneficiaries to understand the socio-economic impact of these interventions.

Media Representatives

- Mr. Ajeet Dwivedi – DD News
- Mr. Prashant Shekhar Mishra – Hindustan Samachar
- Mr. Vikas Choubey – Haribhoomi
- Mr. Ajay Ramanlal Rami – Nav Gujarat Samay
- Mr. Pankaj Baishya – Cameraman, DD News

NEC/MDoNER Officials

- Mr. Avi Sharma – Conducting Officer, North Eastern Council (NEC)
- Ms. Anamika Joshi – Social Media Manager, MDoNER/NEC
- Ms. Ibakordor Thangkhiew – Photographer, MDoNER/NEC

State Government / Implementing Agency Officials

During the field visits, the delegation was received and briefed by senior officers and engineers of the respective implementing agencies, including officials from:

- Public Works Roads Department (PWD), Government of Assam.
- B. Borooah Cancer Institute (BBCI), Guwahati, including senior doctors, project officials and representatives of the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Assam, associated with the PM-DevINE project.
- Local authorities at the respective project locations.

The officials briefed the media delegation on project planning, implementation strategy, present physical and financial progress, technical features, challenges encountered during execution and the anticipated socio-economic benefits accruing from the projects.

2. Projects Visited

(i) Construction of RCC Bridge No. 3/1 on the Road from NH-39 near Silonijan to Dhansiri Par Ghat via Panika Basti under NESIDS (Roads)

The delegation visited the **108-metre RCC Bridge No. 3/1** and the associated **4.00 km road project** connecting NH-39 near Silonijan to Dhansiri Par Ghat via Panika Basti. The project

has significantly improved connectivity in the area by replacing an earlier inadequate crossing and providing all-weather access to surrounding villages.

Officials from the implementing agency briefed the media on the technical aspects of the bridge, construction methodology and the challenges encountered during execution. The delegation also interacted with local residents and beneficiaries, who shared that the completed bridge has substantially reduced travel time and enhanced access to educational institutions, healthcare facilities and local markets. The improved connectivity has also facilitated the movement of agricultural, horticultural and forest produce, thereby contributing to better livelihood opportunities for the local population.





(ii) Construction of Road from Bogamati to Bheragaon via Naobandha Village, Udaguri District under NESIDS (Roads)

The media delegation visited the **25.10 km road project** connecting **Bogamati near the Indo–Bhutan border to Bheragaon**, passing through Naobandha, Athareekhat, Santipur, Dharamjuli and several other villages. The project, sanctioned at a cost of **₹131.72 crore**, includes the construction of **four RCC bridges** and is designed to improve connectivity to the eco-tourism destination of Bogamati, the Barnadi Wildlife Sanctuary and key transport corridors in Udaguri District. During the visit, engineers from the Public Works Roads Department explained the project's progress, engineering features and expected completion timeline. The media team also interacted extensively with local villagers, farmers, traders and community representatives from the project corridor. Beneficiaries expressed that the improved road connectivity would provide year-round access to markets, schools, healthcare facilities and government services, while also promoting eco-tourism and facilitating the transportation of agricultural, horticultural, handloom and handicraft products. The project is expected to benefit approximately **4–5 lakh people** across the region and significantly improve the socio-economic conditions of the remote border areas.







(iii) Establishment of Dedicated Services for Management of Paediatric and Adult Haematolymphoid Cancers in North East India, Guwahati under PM-DevINE

The delegation visited the ongoing PM-DevINE project at **Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute (BBCI), Guwahati**, aimed at establishing dedicated services for the management of paediatric and adult haematolymphoid cancers. The project has a sanctioned cost of **₹129 crore** and had achieved **nearly 80% physical progress** at the time of the visit, with finishing works in progress.

The media representatives were briefed by **Dr. B.B Borthakur, Director, (BBCI), Guwahati** on the advanced diagnostic and treatment facilities being established under the project and their importance in strengthening specialized cancer care across the North Eastern Region. The delegation interacted with doctors, healthcare personnel and beneficiaries, who highlighted the significance of developing advanced cancer treatment facilities within the region, thereby reducing the need for patients to travel outside the North East for specialized care.





3. Key Interactions

Throughout the tour, the media delegation engaged in extensive interactions with:

- Officials of the implementing agencies.
- Engineers and project management teams.
- Director and Medical professionals at Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute.
- Local elected representatives and community leaders.
- Farmers, traders, students and residents residing in the project influence areas.
- Direct beneficiaries of the completed bridge and ongoing road project.

These interactions enabled the media representatives to obtain first-hand accounts of the developmental impact of the projects and understand the challenges faced by local communities prior to implementation. Beneficiaries shared their experiences regarding improved connectivity, easier access to essential services, increased economic opportunities and enhanced quality of life resulting from the Government's infrastructure investments.

4. Outcomes

The Media Familiarization Tour successfully showcased the developmental initiatives being undertaken by MDoNER in Assam and provided media representatives with authentic field-level exposure to flagship projects under NESIDS-Roads and PM-DevINE. The tour strengthened engagement between the media, implementing agencies and local communities, enabling balanced and evidence-based reporting on the socio-economic benefits of these projects.

The visit also generated substantial media coverage through DD News, Hindustan Samachar, Haribhoomi and Nav Gujarat Samay, thereby enhancing public awareness regarding the Government of India's developmental initiatives in the North Eastern Region.

5. Publications (as on 02.07.2026):

- <https://english.hindusthansamachar.in/Encyc/2026/7/1/BBCI-CANCER-UNIT-GUWAHATI.php>
- <https://english.hindusthansamachar.in/Encyc/2026/6/26/ASSAM-KARBI-ANGLONG-ROAD-BRIDG.php>



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Sub: Report on Media Familiarization Tour to Mizoram (24th to 27th June 2026)

In inviting a reference to the subject mentioned above, please find attached herewith the report on **Media Familiarization Tour to Mizoram (24th to 27th June 2026)**.

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Media Tour Report

State: Mizoram

Date of Visit: 25th June 2026

(i) Details of Project Visited by the Media Team

Project Name: Construction of 100-Bedded Kolasib District Hospital, Kolasib District, Mizoram

Scheme: North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS)

Funding Organisation: Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER)

Project Details:

The MDoNER media team visited the construction site of the 100-Bedded Kolasib District Hospital at Kolasib District, Mizoram, to document the implementation and progress of the NESIDS-funded healthcare infrastructure project. During the visit, the team inspected the ongoing civil works, reviewed the quality of construction, and assessed the overall implementation status of the project. Discussions were held with the implementing agency regarding the progress achieved, adherence to approved technical specifications, quality control measures, and the expected timeline for completion.

The project is aimed at strengthening healthcare infrastructure in Kolasib District by establishing a modern 100-bedded hospital equipped with improved medical facilities. Upon completion, the hospital is expected to significantly enhance the availability and accessibility of quality healthcare services for the residents of Kolasib and adjoining areas, thereby reducing dependence on healthcare facilities located outside the district.

(ii) Other Relevant Details Pertaining to the Media Tour

Location: Kolasib District, Mizoram

Date of Visit: 25 June 2026

Key Interactions:

- Dr. Samuel L. Fanai, Medical Superintendent, District Hospital, Kolasib.
- Shri Lalhnachhuana, Executive Engineer, Public Works Department (PWD), Mizoram.

Issues Discussed:

- Current progress of the construction of the 100-Bedded Kolasib District Hospital.
- Quality of construction and compliance with the approved project design, specifications, and implementation schedule.
- Challenges encountered during project execution and the measures being adopted to ensure timely completion.
- Expected benefits of the project in strengthening healthcare infrastructure and improving access to medical services in the district.

Media Coverage:

- Sound Bites:
 - Dr. Samuel L. Fanai, Medical Superintendent, District Hospital, Kolasib.
 - Shri Lalhnachhuana, Executive Engineer, PWD, Mizoram.

Outcome of the Media Tour:

The media visit successfully documented the ongoing implementation of the NESIDS-funded project and captured the perspectives of key stakeholders involved in its execution. The interactions highlighted the importance of maintaining quality standards and adhering to the project schedule to ensure timely completion. The audiovisual material generated during the visit will support MDoNER's outreach initiatives by showcasing the Government of India's commitment to strengthening

healthcare infrastructure in the North Eastern Region. The completed hospital is expected to substantially improve healthcare delivery, enhance access to modern medical facilities, and contribute to the overall socio-economic development of Kolasib District.



Media Tour Report

State: Mizoram

Date of Visit: 25th June 2026

(i) Details of Project Visited by the Media Team

Project Name: Bamboo Development Project, Thingthelh, Kolasib District, Mizoram

Funding Organisation: North Eastern Council

Implementing Department: Department of Horticulture, Government of Mizoram

Project Details:

The MDoNER media team visited the Bamboo Development Project at Thingthelh in Kolasib District, Mizoram, to document the implementation and progress of the initiative aimed at promoting sustainable bamboo cultivation and strengthening the bamboo-based economy in the region. During the visit, the team inspected bamboo plantations, reviewed the condition and growth of the bamboo stands, and assessed the infrastructure developed under the project. Discussions were also held with officials of the Horticulture Department regarding plantation management, project implementation, maintenance practices, and the measures being adopted to ensure sustainable development of bamboo resources.

The project seeks to promote scientific bamboo cultivation, improve the productivity of bamboo plantations, and create sustainable livelihood opportunities for farmers through value addition and enhanced market linkages. It is expected to contribute to environmental conservation while supporting the socio-economic development of rural communities in Kolasib District.

(ii) Other Relevant Details Pertaining to the Media Tour

Location: Thingthelh, Kolasib District, Mizoram

Date of Visit: 25th June 2026

Key Interactions:

- Shri Lalnunpuia, District Horticulture Officer, Department of Horticulture, Government of Mizoram.
- Ms. H. Lalhnachhuai, Additional District Horticulture Officer, Kolasib District, Mizoram.

Issues Discussed:

- Current status and implementation progress of the Bamboo Development Project.
- Growth and maintenance of bamboo plantations and development of supporting infrastructure.
- Adoption of scientific cultivation and plantation management practices.
- Challenges encountered during project implementation and measures being taken to improve project performance.
- Expected benefits of the project in generating sustainable livelihoods, promoting bamboo-based enterprises, and strengthening the local economy.

Media Coverage:

- Sound Bites:
 - Shri Lalnunpuia, District Horticulture Officer, Department of Horticulture, Government of Mizoram.
 - Ms. H. Lalhnachhuai, Additional District Horticulture Officer, Kolasib District, Mizoram.

Outcome of the Media Tour:

The media visit successfully documented the ongoing implementation of the Bamboo Development Project and highlighted the efforts of the Department of Horticulture in promoting sustainable bamboo cultivation in Mizoram. Interactions with departmental officials provided insights into the project's achievements, implementation challenges, and future plans for expanding bamboo-based livelihood opportunities. The audiovisual material captured during the visit will support MDoNER's outreach initiatives by showcasing developmental interventions that promote sustainable

natural resource management, rural livelihoods, and economic development in the North Eastern Region.



Media Tour Report

State: Mizoram

Date of Visit: 26th June 2026

(i) Details of Project Visited by the Media Team

Project Name: Construction of Residential Hostels (Currie Ladies Hostel & Crawford Gents Hostel) at Zoram Medical College & Hospital (ZMC&H), Falkawn, Aizawl, Mizoram

Scheme: North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS)

Funding Organisation: Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER)

Implementing Agency: Public Works Department (PWD), Government of Mizoram

Project Details:

The MDoNER media team visited the newly constructed **Currie Ladies Hostel** and **Crawford Gents Hostel** at Zoram Medical College & Hospital (ZMC&H), Falkawn, Aizawl, to document the successful implementation of the NESIDS-funded project. Construction of both hostel buildings commenced in 2021, was completed in 2023, and the facilities were formally handed over to the college administration in 2024.

Each hostel has a capacity to accommodate approximately **100 students** and has been designed with modern amenities including single and double occupancy rooms, dormitories, elevators, mess halls, gymnasiums, reading rooms, visitors' lounges, wardens' offices, and other supporting facilities. At the time of the visit, the Currie Ladies Hostel accommodated **87 female students**, while the Crawford Gents Hostel housed **81 male MBBS students**.

The project has substantially enhanced the residential infrastructure of the medical college by providing safe, comfortable, and well-maintained accommodation for students. The college administration has ensured the availability of round-the-clock security, uninterrupted water and electricity supply with backup facilities, internet

connectivity, mess services, and regular housekeeping and maintenance. The improved hostel infrastructure has significantly strengthened the institution's capacity to accommodate students from different districts of Mizoram as well as other parts of the country, thereby supporting the expansion of medical education in the State.

(ii) Other Relevant Details Pertaining to the Media Tour

Location: Zoram Medical College & Hospital (ZMC&H), Falkawn, Aizawl, Mizoram

Date of Visit: 26th June 2026

Key Interactions:

- Prof. Dr. Swati M. Patki, Dean, Zoram Medical College & Hospital.
- Dr. Evelyn, Warden.
- Dr. Danish, Warden.
- Dr. Rohmingmawia, Assistant Warden.
- Lalremruata Ralte, Student.
- Saurav, Student.
- Khushi Arora, Student.
- Ishika Gupta, Student.

Issues Discussed:

- Development of the newly constructed hostel buildings under the NESIDS scheme.
- Residential facilities and amenities provided for students.
- Hostel management, safety and security arrangements, and maintenance practices.
- Challenges encountered in managing hostel facilities and measures adopted by the college administration to ensure a safe, hygienic, and conducive living environment.
- Contribution of the hostel infrastructure towards improving student welfare and supporting the expansion of medical education in Mizoram.

Media Coverage:

- Sound Bites:
 - Prof. Dr. Swati M. Patki, Dean.
 - Dr. Evelyn, Warden.
 - Dr. Danish, Warden.
 - Dr. Rohmingmawia, Assistant Warden.
 - Lalremruata Ralte, Student.
 - Saurav, Student.
 - Khushi Arora, Student.
 - Ishika Gupta, Student.

Outcome of the Media Tour:

The media visit successfully documented the completed residential hostel infrastructure developed under the NESIDS scheme at Zoram Medical College & Hospital. Interactions with the college administration, wardens, and students highlighted the positive impact of the project in providing modern, secure, and comfortable accommodation that supports academic pursuits and student well-being. The visit also showcased the role of MDoNER in strengthening educational infrastructure in the North Eastern Region through the creation of quality residential facilities. The audiovisual material generated during the visit will contribute to MDoNER's outreach initiatives by demonstrating the successful implementation and tangible benefits of NESIDS-funded infrastructure projects in Mizoram.





Media Tour Report

State: Mizoram

Date of Visit: 26th June 2026

(i) Details of Project Visited by the Media Team

Project Name: Construction of Thenzawl–Sialsuk Road via Sathlur and Lau River, Mizoram

Funding Organisation: Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER)

Implementing Agency: Public Works Department (PWD), Government of Mizoram

Project Details:

The MDoNER media team visited the construction site of the **Thenzawl–Sialsuk Road via Sathlur and Lau River** in Mizoram to document the progress of this important road infrastructure project. The project has been undertaken with financial assistance from the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) to strengthen road connectivity and improve transportation infrastructure in the region.

During the visit, the media team reviewed the physical progress of the ongoing construction works and inspected various stretches of the road. Discussions were held with the implementing agency regarding construction quality, engineering standards, project implementation, and measures being adopted to ensure timely completion. Officials also highlighted the importance of maintaining prescribed technical specifications and quality control throughout the execution of the project.

Upon completion, the road is expected to provide faster, safer, and more reliable connectivity between **Thenzawl** and **Sialsuk** via **Sathlur** and the **Lau River**. The improved connectivity will enhance access to educational institutions, healthcare facilities, markets, and other essential public services, while promoting socio-economic development, facilitating movement of people and goods, and improving the quality of life of the surrounding communities.

(ii) Other Relevant Details Pertaining to the Media Tour

Location: Thenzawl, Mizoram

Date of Visit: 26th June 2026

Key Interaction:

- Shri C. Lalthangvela, Project In-charge, Public Works Department (PWD), Government of Mizoram.

Issues Discussed:

- Objectives and significance of the Thenzawl–Sialsuk Road project.
- Physical progress of the ongoing construction works.
- Quality assurance measures and adherence to approved engineering standards and project specifications.
- Challenges encountered during implementation and strategies for ensuring timely completion of the project.
- Anticipated benefits of improved road connectivity for local communities, including enhanced access to education, healthcare, markets, and other essential services.

Media Coverage:

- Sound Bite:
 - Shri C. Lalthangvela, Project In-charge, Public Works Department (PWD), Government of Mizoram.

Outcome of the Media Tour:

The media visit successfully documented the ongoing implementation of the Thenzawl–Sialsuk Road project and highlighted the Government of India's continued investment in improving transportation infrastructure in Mizoram through MDoNER support. Interactions with project officials provided valuable insights into the project's progress, quality control mechanisms, and implementation strategy. The audiovisual material generated during the visit will strengthen MDoNER's outreach efforts by

showcasing the role of strategic road infrastructure in improving regional connectivity, enhancing access to essential services, and promoting inclusive socio-economic development across the North Eastern Region.

