

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **NEC MARKS A LANDMARK YEAR: ₹1,496.78 CRORE UTILIZED IN FINANCIAL YEAR 2025–26**

The North Eastern Council (NEC), the apex statutory body for regional planning and development of India's eight north eastern states, has recorded a total expenditure of ₹1,496.78 crore during the financial year. The expenditure includes ₹792.12 crore under Schemes of NEC (SoNEC) and ₹704.66 crore under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme – Roads (NESIDS - Roads). NEC's performance this year signals a decisive acceleration in the development trajectory of the Northeast.

### **PROJECT SANCTIONS: 54 NEW PROJECTS WORTH ₹435.22 CRORE SANCTIONED DURING THE YEAR**

During 2025–26, NEC sanctioned 54 new projects (pertaining to higher education, health infrastructure, industries, agriculture & horticulture sector, tourism development, livelihood, cultural preservation projects, etc.) valued at ₹435.22 crore, the highest single-year count in the current 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission cycle. In addition, 162 non-project activities such as cultural festivals, international/national/regional seminars, workshops, awareness programmes, etc. worth ₹24.06 crore were also sanctioned, bringing total new sanctions for the year to ₹459.28 crore during the Financial Year 2025-26.

### **PROJECT COMPLETIONS: 136 PROJECTS DELIVERED IN A SINGLE YEAR**

In 2025–26, 136 projects worth ₹678.85 crore were completed, the second highest annual completion figure in the current Finance Commission cycle. Additionally, 161 non-project activities (festivals, seminars, workshops, awareness programmes, etc.) worth ₹17.28 crore were completed and closed, bringing the year's total completions to an impressive 297 deliverables.

### **NESIDS – ROADS: 30 PROJECTS COMPLETED, 64 SANCTIONED ACROSS THE REGION**

Under the NESIDS-Roads, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region sanctioned 64 road projects worth ₹3,037.39 crore across all eight states during the 15<sup>th</sup> FC period, and 30 projects worth ₹1,123.08 crore were completed. In 2025–26 alone, NESIDS Roads expenditure touched ₹704.66 crore, delivering critical connectivity infrastructure including bridges over major rivers, road upgradation projects in NER.

### **MONITORING & INSPECTION: 405 FIELD INSPECTIONS IN 2025–26**

NEC Secretariat conducted 405 field inspections of ongoing projects during 2025–26. This sustained field presence ensures quality control, timely completion, and accountability in project execution.

## **15<sup>TH</sup> FINANCE COMMISSION PERIOD: COMMITTED LIABILITIES NEARLY HALVED DURING 15<sup>TH</sup> FC & UC PENDENCY REDUCED BY 97% IN 2025-26**

One of NEC's most consequential governance achievements in 2025–26 is the dramatic reduction in committed financial liabilities & UCs— a key indicator of project legacy health.

Committed liabilities have been brought down from ₹1,743.48 crore as on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022 to ₹813.17 crore as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2026, a reduction of over 53% in four years and Pending Utilisation Certificates (UCs), fell from ₹440.82 crore (as on 1st April 2025) to just ₹10.94 crore by February–March 2026 — a reduction of over 97% within a single financial year. This underscores NEC's intensified focus on financial accountability and compliance.

### **MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE**

**The Secretary, NEC, conveys special thanks to the State Governments and implementing agencies for their collective commitment in advancing developmental priorities of the North East.**

**The visionary leadership and guidance of the Hon'ble Chairperson, NEC (Hon'ble Union Home Minister) and the Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, NEC (Hon'ble Minister for Development of North Eastern Region),** under whose stewardship the Council remains firmly committed to accelerating inclusive growth and transformative progress across the region.

Reaffirming its resolve, NEC shall continue to work in close partnership with all North Eastern States to help realise the vision of a Viksit North East by 2047, in alignment with the dream and inspiring vision of the **Hon'ble Prime Minister for a Viksit Bharat by 2047.**

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