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ARUNACHAL PRADESH

15TH FINANCE COMMISSION CYCLE (2022-26): ₹550.02 CRORE FOR ARUNACHAL PRADESH

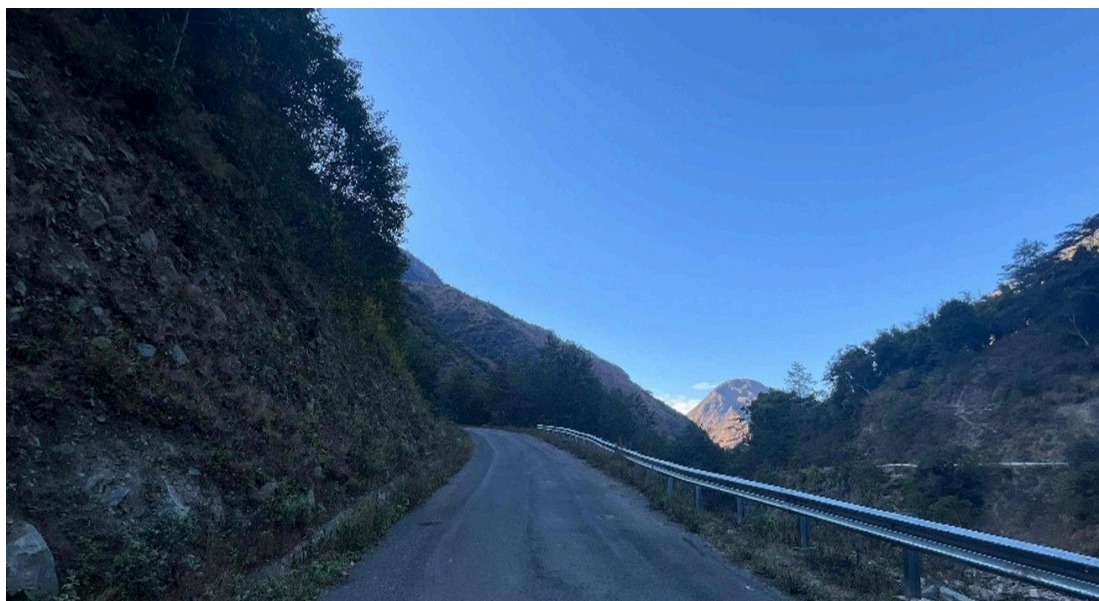
Arunachal Pradesh has received focused support during the 15th FC cycle under both the Scheme of NEC (SoNEC) and NESIDS-Roads programmes, with the cumulative expenditure for the state reaching ₹550.02 crore, reflecting NEC's continued commitment towards accelerating inclusive growth and connectivity in the state.

Schemes of NEC (SoNEC): Expenditure during 15th FC in Arunachal Pradesh

Under SoNEC, Arunachal Pradesh recorded significant developmental progress during the 15th FC cycle, with an expenditure of ₹205.72 crore focused on inclusive growth, infrastructure development, livelihood generation, and socio-economic advancement across the state. Special emphasis was placed on agriculture and allied sectors through promotion of horticulture, bamboo, fisheries, beekeeping, organic farming, and value-addition activities, contributing to sustainable livelihoods and income generation for rural and tribal populations. NEC funded projects also supported tourism and eco-development through creation of tourism infrastructure, viewpoints, riverfront development, and electrification of tourist destinations, enhancing Arunachal Pradesh's potential as a key eco-tourism destination in the North East.

Overall, the SoNEC expenditure during the 15th Finance Commission period has played an important role in promoting balanced and inclusive development in Arunachal Pradesh, particularly in remote, border, and aspirational districts.

Achievements under NESIDS (Roads) during 15th Finance Commission cycle



(Pic: BRTF Road to Pidi in West Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh)

Under the NESIDS-Roads programme, **10 road projects worth ₹422.20 crore have been sanctioned for Arunachal Pradesh**, out of which 8 projects valued at ₹162.13 crore have already been completed. Among the recently completed projects is the BRTF Road to Pidi in West Siang district, significantly improving last-mile connectivity and access to remote tribal habitations.

Financial Year 2025-26: A highlight

During the financial year 2025–26, the North Eastern Council (NEC) sanctioned and completed some major projects in Arunachal Pradesh aimed at strengthening connectivity, infrastructure and various other initiative across the state. Among the key initiatives were the *Construction of Supermarket-cum-Parking Place at Kharsang, Changlang District* and a major road project was completed during the FY 2025-26, i.e. *Road from Kodum CO Headquarters to Bam Tri-junction (Length: 16.5 km) in West Siang District under NESIDS (Roads)*. The Kodum–Bam Tri-junction road project, is expected to significantly improve regional connectivity by linking four villages with a combined population of 1,12,274. Strategically important, the road will reduce the distance between the State capital, Itanagar, and ten administrative centres, namely Yomcha, Liromoba, Darak, and Kamba in West Siang District; Kaying and Payum in Siang District; and Tato, Monigong, Puli, and Mechukha in Shi Yomi District, by approximately 36 km.

The project is anticipated to enhance mobility, improve access to essential services, and contribute substantially to the socio-economic development of the region.

Ashtalakshmi Youth Exchange Programme and NE-SPARKS in 2025-26

The NEC also expanded its focus on youth development and scientific outreach through flagship initiatives such as the Ashtalakshmi Youth Exchange Programme, under which 581 students from universities and colleges across the country visited premier institutions of the North Eastern Region, **including Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) which was visited by 87 students selected from the states of Goa, Uttarakhand, Pondicherry and Jharkhand.**

In another major initiative, NE-SPARKS (North East Students' Programme for Awareness, Reach and Knowledge on Space) was launched to connect students with India's space programme, enabling 786 school students from all eight North Eastern States, **including 97 students (Boys -37 and Girls – 60) from Arunachal Pradesh to visit the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** during 2025–26.

Expenditure during the month of April, 2026 in Arunachal Pradesh

In Arunachal Pradesh, NEC released ₹3.19 crore during April, 2026 for continued support of ongoing projects, such as, construction of educational infrastructure in Itanagar and Kamki, establishment of an organic turmeric processing and packaging centre in Pakke Kessang district, technology intervention for the Brokpa community in West Kameng district, and fisheries development initiatives in West Siang district.

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ASSAM

15TH FINANCE COMMISSION PERIOD (2022-26): ₹955.57 CRORE FOR ASSAM

The North Eastern Council (NEC) has strengthened its developmental engagement in Assam through sustained investments in infrastructure, education, culture, sports, healthcare, connectivity, and social welfare during the 15th Finance Commission period. As the most populous and economically significant state in the Northeast, Assam received the cumulative expenditure under the Schemes of NEC (SoNEC) and NESIDS Roads programmes, **with total spending reaching ₹955.57 crore during the 15th FC period.**

Expenditure during 15th FC in Assam under Schemes of NEC (SoNEC)

Under SoNEC, Assam recorded significant developmental progress during the 15th FC cycle, with an expenditure of **₹214.86 crore** focused on development of educational institutions, hostels, nursing and science facilities, sports infrastructure, tourism projects, cultural centres, and community development initiatives. Special emphasis was also laid on agriculture and allied sectors through support for tea growers, dairy development, mushroom cultivation, silk and handloom sectors, bio-input production, afforestation, and livelihood-based skill development programmes.

NEC funded projects also promoted preservation of Assam's cultural heritage through development of museums, cultural complexes, memorials, and community institutions, while tourism infrastructure projects enhanced the state's potential as a major cultural and eco-tourism destination in the North East.

Achievements under NESIDS (Roads) during 15th Finance Commission cycle

Under the NESIDS Roads scheme, **Assam has been sanctioned 14 projects worth ₹935.19 crore**, out of which 7 projects valued at ₹529.40 crore have already been completed. Among the recently completed projects is the RCC Bridge No. 3/1 over River Dikhow connecting Chiripuria via Ajanpeer Dorgarh, significantly improving connectivity across Assam's riverine terrain and reinforcing NEC's commitment towards seamless transportation infrastructure.



RCC Bridge No. 3/1 over River Dikhow (Road Chiripuria via Ajanpeer Dorgarh) in Assam

Financial Year 2025-26: A highlight

In 2025–26, NEC sanctioned several major projects in Assam aimed at enhancing cultural preservation, educational infrastructure, sports development, and scientific learning. Key projects include the establishment of the Bhupen Hazarika Museum at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra in Guwahati at nearly ₹14 Crore as a landmark cultural destination honouring the legacy of the Bard of Brahmaputra, construction of a 100-bedded sports hostel at Amingaon to support emerging athletes, development of a girls' hostel at Bineswar Brahma Engineering College in Kokrajhar to strengthen women's access to technical education, establishment of a NEP-2020 compliant Central Science Laboratory at Gargaon College in Sivasagar, and construction of an academic-cum-multipurpose building at Hemo Prova Borbora Girls' College in Golaghat.

Ashtalakshmi Youth Exchange Programme and NE-SPARKS

The Council also expanded its youth and scientific outreach initiatives through flagship programmes such as the Ashtalakshmi Youth Exchange Programme, under which 581 students from universities and colleges across the country visited premier institutions of the North Eastern Region, **including Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, Assam University, Silchar and Tezpur University. These institutes in Assam were visited by 153 students selected from the states of Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Goa.**

Another pioneering initiative, NE-SPARKS (North East Students' Programme for Awareness, Reach and Knowledge on Space), enabled 786 school students from all eight Northeastern States, **including 98 students (Boys-64 and Girls-34) from Assam to visit the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** during 2025–26, promoting scientific temperament and exposure to India's space programme.

Expenditure during the month of April, 2026 in Assam (FY 2026-27)

Further reaffirming its commitment to inclusive development, NEC continued release of ₹6.69 crore during April, 2026 for supporting ongoing multi-sectoral projects in Assam including establishment of a Government Nursing College at Jorhat, expansion of the Plastics Waste Management Centre at CIPET, Guwahati, construction of cultural and educational infrastructure in Kamrup and Kokrajhar, milk processing infrastructure at Patacharkuchi, and development initiatives for tribal and backward communities in Dima Hasao and Cachar districts.

These initiatives reflect NEC's holistic approach towards strengthening healthcare capacity, women's education, environmental management, livelihood generation, and preservation of the region's diverse cultural heritage.

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(April 2026)

MANIPUR

15TH FINANCE COMMISSION PERIOD (2022-26): ₹358.78 CRORE FOR MANIPUR

The North Eastern Council (NEC) has continued to expand its developmental engagement in Manipur through strategic investments in sports infrastructure, environmental sustainability, connectivity, healthcare, livelihoods, and community development during the 15th FC period, reaffirming its commitment towards the state's multidimensional growth and long-term development aspirations. It has received the cumulative expenditure under the Schemes of NEC (SoNEC) and NESIDS Roads programmes, with **total spending reaching ₹358.78 crore during the 15th FC period.**

Expenditure during 15th FC in Manipur under Schemes of NEC (SoNEC)

Under SoNEC, Manipur recorded significant developmental progress during the 15th FC cycle, with an expenditure of ₹130.68 crore and major interventions included development of agro-markets, transportation hubs, sports stadiums, educational infrastructure, healthcare facilities, eco-tourism projects, and community development initiatives. Special emphasis was also laid on sustainable livelihood generation through alternative farming systems for tribal communities, watershed management, dairy farming, horticulture development, and promotion of kiwi, orange, and tree bean cultivation.

NEC funded projects also supported cultural preservation and eco-tourism development through heritage infrastructure, cultural halls, tourism facilities, and eco-tourism parks, enhancing Manipur's potential as a cultural and nature-based tourism destination in the North East.

In addition, SoNEC interventions improved public service delivery through healthcare support, portable medical equipment, maternity ambulances, water facilities, environmental management initiatives, and infrastructure development in remote and backward districts.

Achievements under NESIDS (Roads) during 15th Finance Commission cycle



Moirang Sendra Road Bishnupur, Manipur

Under the NESIDS Roads programme, seven road projects worth ₹214.48 crore have been implemented in Manipur, of which one project valued at ₹14.74 crore has already been completed during the 15th Finance Commission period. Among the completed projects is the upgradation of the Moirang-Sendra Road in Bishnupur district, an important corridor connecting the plains and hill regions of the state while improving regional mobility and accessibility.

Financial Year 2025-26: A highlight

During the financial year 2025–26, the North Eastern Council (NEC) sanctioned several major projects in Manipur aimed at strengthening sports infrastructure, environmental sustainability, and overall socio-economic development across the state. Among the key initiatives were the *Construction of a Football Stadium at Khoupum in Noney District, Manipur* and the establishment of a *Plant for Collecting Plastic and Other Floating Debris from Rivers in Manipur*.

These projects are expected to promote sports and youth development, improve environmental management and river conservation, enhance public infrastructure, and contribute significantly to the overall development and well-being of the region.

Ashtalakshmi Youth Exchange Programme and NE-SPARKS (2025-26)

The Council also expanded its focus on youth empowerment and scientific outreach through flagship initiatives such as the Ashtalakshmi Youth Exchange Programme, under which 581 students from universities and colleges across the country visited premier institutions of the North Eastern Region, **including National Institute of Technology, Manipur which was visited by 21 students from Uttar Pradesh in January, 2026.**

Another flagship initiative, NE-SPARKS (North East Students' Programme for Awareness, Reach and Knowledge on Space), enabled 786 school students from all eight Northeastern States **including 99 students (Boys-45 and Girls-54) from Manipur to visit the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** during 2025–26, encouraging scientific curiosity and greater awareness of India's space programme.

Fund Released during the month of April, 2026 in Manipur (FY 2026-27)

Further reinforcing its commitment towards inclusive development, NEC released ₹6.10 crore during April, 2026 for key infrastructure and livelihood projects in Manipur covering public health, maternal healthcare, education, watershed management, and tribal community services. The projects include construction of modern slaughter houses across five districts to strengthen livestock value chains, procurement of 33 ambulances for 102 maternity services, infrastructure support for educational institutions in Chandel district, identified block services in Pherzawl district, and watershed management initiatives aimed at sustainable livelihoods and conservation of natural resources.

Fund Released under NESIDS (Roads) during the month of April, 2026 in Manipur

Under NESIDS (Roads), NEC has released an amount of ₹12.21 crore during April 2026 funding the ongoing projects, namely, Construction of PSC Bridge over Leimakhong river in front of Inter State Truck Terminus (ISTT) including approach road to proposed PSC Bridge, Upgradation of road from NH-202 at Lamalai to Thoubal Dam and Upgradation of road connecting Tadubi to Chowainamei Khunou and Maopungdung Senapati, Manipur.

Completed Project under NESIDS -Roads during April, 2026

Improvement/Upgradation of road connecting Tadubi to Chowainamei Khunou and Maopungdung Senapati District, Manipur (10.05 km) at a Cost of ₹43.79 Crore benefits 5 villages and estimated population around 31,475.

The completed road provides vital connectivity to communities whose livelihoods depend on agriculture, handloom, and handicraft products, linking them to the main market centre at Mao. It also serves as an alternative route when the NH-02 section between Makhan and Tadubi is disrupted by land slips and sinking.



(Road connecting Tadubi to Chowainamei Khunou and Maopungdung Senapati District, Manipur)

PRESS RELEASE (APRIL 2026) MEGHALAYA

15TH FINANCE COMMISSION PERIOD (2022-26): ₹555.63 CRORE FOR MEGHALAYA

The North Eastern Council (NEC) has continued to expand its developmental engagement in Meghalaya through strategic investments in education, urban infrastructure, entrepreneurship, tribal livelihoods, connectivity, and sports infrastructure during the 15th FC period, reaffirming its commitment towards inclusive and sustainable growth in the state. The state has received the **cumulative expenditure reaching ₹555.63 crore** under the Schemes of NEC (SoNEC) and NESIDS Roads programmes during the 15th FC period.

Expenditure during 15th FC in Meghalaya under Schemes of NEC (SoNEC)

Under SoNEC, Meghalaya recorded significant developmental progress during the 15th FC cycle, **with an expenditure of ₹160.87 crore** with interventions in development of community infrastructure, school buildings, markets, bridges, tourism facilities, healthcare support, and entrepreneurship development initiatives. Special emphasis was laid on agriculture and allied sectors through promotion of honey production, mushroom cultivation, Lakadong turmeric processing, livestock development, organic farming, and integrated farming systems.

NEC funded projects also supported preservation and promotion of Meghalaya's cultural heritage through development of cultural complexes, community halls, and tourism infrastructure, while enhancing eco-tourism and local economic opportunities across the state. In addition, SoNEC interventions strengthened skill development, women entrepreneurship, market infrastructure, waste management, and educational facilities, particularly in rural, tribal, and backward areas.

Overall, the SoNEC expenditure during the 15th Finance Commission period has played an important role in promoting balanced and inclusive development in Meghalaya, especially in remote, tribal, and underserved regions of the state.

Achievements under NESIDS (Roads) during 15th FC cycle



(Completed work: Mawshynrut to Hahim (Athiabari) Road in Meghalaya)

Under the NESIDS-Roads programme, **Meghalaya has been sanctioned five road projects worth ₹331.51 crore**, out of which three projects valued at ₹98.32 crore have already been completed during the 15th Finance Commission period. Among the completed projects is the upgradation of the Mawshynrut to Hahim (Athiabari) Road, significantly improving regional mobility and opening important trade and connectivity corridors in the state.

Financial Year 2025-26: A highlight

During the year 2025-26, **NEC sanctioned three major projects in Meghalaya valued at over ₹33.85 crore**, covering critical sectors such as urban infrastructure, entrepreneurship development, and education. One of the flagship initiatives includes the re-alignment of pipelines and urban beautification along the main approach road to Iewduh Market in Shillong, a comprehensive infrastructure project aimed at improving utility management, sanitation, waste management, lighting, and overall urban aesthetics around one of Asia's largest indigenous markets and a major cultural and commercial hub of Meghalaya. NEC also sanctioned an Integrated Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Centre for tribal youths, women entrepreneurs, and farmers to strengthen skill development, entrepreneurship, and market linkages, promoting inclusive economic empowerment across communities. In the education sector, NEC supported the construction of the RK Mission School at Sohra under the Focused Development of Deprived Areas programme, strengthening educational infrastructure in one of Meghalaya's historically significant regions.

Ashtalakshmi Youth Exchange Programme and NE-SPARKS in 2025-26

The Council also expanded its youth development and scientific outreach initiatives through flagship programmes such as the Ashtalakshmi Youth Exchange Programme, under which 581 students from universities and colleges across the country visited premier institutions of the North Eastern Region, **including IIM-Shillong which was visited by 44 students from Delhi and Odisha.**

Another major initiative, NE-SPARKS (North East Students' Programme for Awareness, Reach and Knowledge on Space), enabled 786 school students from all eight Northeastern States **(including 99 students from Meghalaya) to visit the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** during 2025-26, fostering scientific awareness and encouraging young minds towards innovation and space science.

Fund Released during the month of April, 2026 in Meghalaya (FY: 2026-27)

Further reinforcing its commitment towards community and youth development, NEC continues to release fund during April, 2026 for sports infrastructure projects in Meghalaya, namely, Construction of an indoor stadium at Madan Tukhon, Jongsha, and a mini outdoor stadium at Gambegre in West Garo Hills district. These projects are expected to strengthen grassroots sports infrastructure, promote healthy lifestyles, and nurture sporting talent among the youth of the state.

Fund Released under NESIDS (Roads) during the month of April, 2026 in Meghalaya

Under NESIDS (Roads), NEC has also released fund during April, 2026 for an ongoing project- Construction of Major bridge including approaches over river Umngot in the state of Meghalaya to ensure smooth implementation.

PRESS RELEASE (April 2026) MIZORAM

15TH FINANCE COMMISSION PERIOD (2022-26): ₹339.06 CRORE FOR MIZORAM

The North Eastern Council (NEC) has continued to deepen its developmental engagement in Mizoram through focused investments in healthcare education, connectivity, livelihood generation, veterinary services, market infrastructure, and tourism during the 15th FC period, reaffirming its long-term commitment towards strengthening the state's social and economic foundation. Mizoram has received the cumulative expenditure under the Schemes of NEC (SoNEC) and NESIDS-Roads programmes, with total spending reaching **₹339.06 crore** during the 15th FC period.

Expenditure during 15th FC in Mizoram under Schemes of NEC (SoNEC)

Under **SoNEC**, Mizoram recorded significant developmental progress during the **15th FC**, with an expenditure of **₹123.83 crore** with major interventions included development of medical and veterinary facilities, market infrastructure, cultural centres, educational institutions, sports infrastructure, and community development projects. Special emphasis was laid on agriculture and allied sectors through promotion of wet rice cultivation, potato seed production, piggery, poultry, fisheries, arecanut cultivation, passion fruit processing, and livestock development.

NEC funded projects also supported preservation and promotion of Mizoram's cultural and natural heritage through establishment of cultural heritage centres, tourism circuits, ecological parks, and cultural infrastructure, enhancing the state's eco-tourism and cultural tourism potential. In addition, SoNEC interventions promoted innovation, digital governance, biotechnology, land management systems, and skill development initiatives, while improving healthcare and public service infrastructure across the state.



(Pic: Completed work- Main Building of School of Nursing, Synod Hospital, Durtlang)

Achievements under NESIDS (Roads) during 15th Finance Commission cycle

Under the NESIDS-Roads programme during the 15th FC period, **six road projects worth ₹277.99 crore** have been implemented in Mizoram, out of which two projects valued at ₹25.19 crore have already been completed. These infrastructure initiatives are expected to enhance regional connectivity, improve mobility, and support economic integration in remote and border areas of the state.

NEC has also strengthened strategic connectivity infrastructure through the upgradation of the Saiha-Lungbun-Tlangnuam-Haka Road under the NESIDS-Roads programme, improving access between Mizoram's southern districts and the Myanmar border and contributing to the broader objectives of the Act East Policy.

Ashtalakshmi Youth Exchange Programme and NE-SPARKS in 2025-26

The Council also expanded its focus on youth development and scientific outreach through flagship initiatives such as the Ashtalakshmi Youth Exchange Programme, under which 581 students from universities and colleges across the country visited premier institutions of the North Eastern Region, **including Mizoram University, which was visited by a batch of 44 students from Andaman & Nicobar Island and Lakshadweep in January, 2026.**

Another pioneering initiative, NE-SPARKS (North East Students' Programme for Awareness, Reach and Knowledge on Space), enabled 786 school students from all eight Northeastern States, **including 99 students (Boys-45 and Girls-54) from Mizoram to visit the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** during 2025–26, promoting scientific awareness and encouraging young minds towards innovation and space science.

Fund Released during the month of April, 2026 in Mizoram (FY: 2026-27)

Further reinforcing its commitment towards rural livelihoods and community development, NEC continues releasing fund during April 2026 for supporting ongoing key projects such as Livestock rearing support for economically weaker communities in the Sinlung Hills Council area, Establishment of a State Veterinary Information and Resource Centre, Construction of a market building at West Phaileng in Mamit district, and Tourism development at Vangchhia tourist destination in Champhai district under the initiative "Our Heritage, Our Treasure."

These projects reflect NEC's balanced approach towards promoting sustainable rural livelihoods, improving market access, strengthening animal husbandry services, and showcasing Mizoram's rich cultural and natural heritage.

Fund Released under NESIDS (Roads) in April, 2026 in Mizoram (FY: 2026-27)

Under NESIDS (Roads), NEC has released total amount **of ₹20.09 crore during April 2026** for funding ongoing projects, namely, Construction of Pukzing to Silsury Road, Mizoram and Construction of Tualpui to Champhai Road, Mizoram to ensure smooth implementation.

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NAGALAND

15TH FINANCE COMMISSION (2022-26): ₹515.04 CRORE FOR NAGALAND

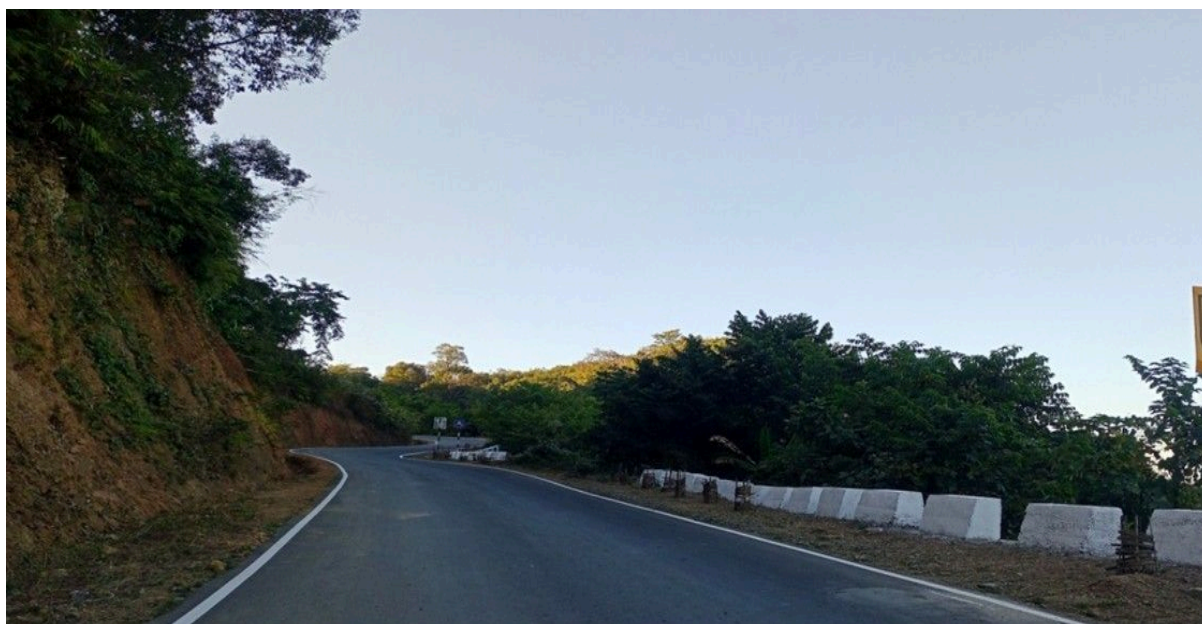
Nagaland recorded one of the most dynamic project portfolios among all Northeastern states during the period, with a strong focus on value-chain development and industry-led economic advancement. **NEC spent ₹515.04 crore in Nagaland** during the 15th FC period under Schemes of NEC (SoNEC) and NESIDS-Roads combined.

Expenditure during 15th FC in Nagaland under Schemes of NEC (SoNEC)

Under SoNEC, Nagaland recorded significant developmental progress during the 15th FC cycle, **with an expenditure of ₹205.84 crore** with major interventions in development of sports and tourism infrastructure, educational institutions, cultural complexes, skill development centres, community infrastructure, and projects for backward and tribal communities. Special emphasis was also laid on agriculture and allied sectors through promotion of sericulture, beekeeping, horticulture, coffee, rubber, bamboo, handloom and handicrafts, livestock development, fisheries, and value-addition initiatives.

NEC funded projects also covered preservation and promotion of Naga cultural heritage through museums, heritage complexes, indigenous learning centres, cultural tourism infrastructure, and tribal artisan support facilities, while enhancing eco-tourism and adventure tourism opportunities across the state. In addition, SoNEC interventions promoted environmental conservation, geospatial planning, mineral resource assessment, afforestation, post-harvest infrastructure, and market linkage initiatives, contributing to balanced regional development and improved public service infrastructure.

Achievements under NESIDS (Roads) during 15th Finance Commission cycle



(Pic: Dikhu Bridge to Amguri in Mokokchung District Nagaland)

Under the NESIDS Roads programme during the 15th FC period, **nine road projects worth ₹309.20 crore have been implemented in Nagaland**, out of which five projects valued at ₹231.79 crore have already been completed. Among the recently completed projects is the

upgradation of the road from Dikhu Bridge to Amguri in Mokokchung district, significantly improving connectivity to the cultural heartland of the Ao Naga community and enhancing regional mobility.

Financial Year 2025-26: A highlight

In 2025–26, NEC sanctioned four major projects in Nagaland valued at over ₹67.87 crore, aimed at strengthening commercial agriculture, industrial infrastructure, and livelihood generation. Among the flagship initiatives is the Cluster-Based Coffee Value Chain Development project, the single largest state-specific project sanctioned in the Northeast during the year, designed to promote coffee cultivation, processing, branding, and marketing by building upon Nagaland's internationally recognised Arabica coffee heritage and creating sustainable livelihoods for farming communities. Complementing this initiative, NEC also sanctioned projects for post-harvest coffee processing facilities to modernise production systems and improve access to premium markets. Another significant initiative includes an integrated development project in the backward Phomching Assembly Constituency of Mon district focused on irrigation and water management to improve agricultural productivity and support livelihoods in one of the state's remote regions.

Ashtalakshmi Youth Exchange Programme and NE-SPARKS in 2025-26

The Council also strengthened youth empowerment and scientific outreach through flagship initiatives such as the Ashtalakshmi Youth Exchange Programme, under which 581 students from universities and colleges across the country visited premier institutions of the North Eastern Region, **including Nagaland University and National Institute of Technology, Nagaland.**

Another pioneering initiative, NE-SPARKS (North East Students' Programme for Awareness, Reach and Knowledge on Space), enabled 786 school students from all eight Northeastern states, **including 95 students from Nagaland to visit the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) during 2025–26,** promoting scientific awareness and innovation among students.

Fund Released under SoNEC during the month of April, 2026 in Nagaland

Further reinforcing its commitment towards inclusive economic development, NEC continues releasing fund during April, 2026 for ongoing projects such as construction of a Cultural Activity Complex for the Chakhesang community at Pfutseromi village, Promotion of Naga Chilly and the North East Festival of Rice to strengthen Nagaland's agricultural brand identity, Establishment of a Handicraft Facility Centre at Kohima, and Investigation & Assessment of strategic and critical minerals in Nagaland for economic viability. A landmark allocation of fund for mineral exploration is expected to contribute significantly towards the state's future industrial and economic development.

Fund Released under NESIDS (Roads) during the month of April, 2026 in Nagaland

Under NESIDS (Roads), NEC has released total amount of ₹17.37 crore during April, 2026 FY 2026-27). These includes Upgradation of road from Lampong Sheanghah to Nyasa village via Longphoh, Shangnyu, Mon district, Construction and upgradation of Glory Peak Tourist Road, Phek, Upgradation of road from Tenning to Lekie and Construction of road from Riaga to Sango village in the state of Nagaland.

PRESS RELEASE

(April 2026)

SIKKIM

15TH FINANCE COMMISSION PERIOD (2022-26): ₹ 303.29 CRORE FOR SIKKIM

The North Eastern Council (NEC) has continued to reinforce its developmental partnership with Sikkim through strategic investments in education, connectivity, tourism, community infrastructure, environmental sustainability, and healthcare services during the 15th Finance Commission period, reaffirming its commitment towards strengthening the state's knowledge economy and sustainable development model.

Expenditure during 15th FC in Sikkim under Schemes of NEC (SoNEC)

Under the Schemes of the North Eastern Council (SoNEC), Sikkim recorded significant developmental progress during the 15th FC cycle, with an expenditure of **₹106.31 crore** focused on inclusive growth, infrastructure development, livelihood generation, and socio-economic advancement across the state.

Major interventions included development of educational institutions, community centres, tourism infrastructure, heliport upgradation, drainage and civic infrastructure, and public service facilities. Special emphasis was also laid on agriculture and allied sectors through promotion of mandarin cultivation, dairying, bamboo-based industries, veterinary healthcare, and nutraceutical processing initiatives. NEC funded projects also supported eco-tourism and environmental conservation through development of trekking routes, tourism facilities, bamboo recreation parks, afforestation initiatives, and infrastructure at key tourist destinations, enhancing Sikkim's tourism potential and ecological sustainability.

In addition, SoNEC interventions promoted innovation, public safety, community infrastructure, and cultural development through mobile laboratories, CCTV surveillance systems, bamboo industrial initiatives, and support for indigenous and backward communities.

Achievements under NESIDS (Roads) during 15th Finance Commission cycle



(Pic: Remodelling and Upgradation of Burtuk Heliport)

Under the NESIDS Roads programme, six road projects worth ₹196.98 crore have been implemented in Sikkim during the 15th Finance Commission period, out of which two

projects valued at ₹17.57 crore have already been completed. Among the notable completed projects is the construction of a 120-metre Composite Steel Girder Bridge over Rangeet Khola along the Zarong-Biring Road in Rabong Sub-Division, significantly improving connectivity and mobility across the hilly terrain of South Sikkim.

Financial Year 2025-26: A highlight

During 2025–26, NEC sanctioned several important projects in Sikkim aimed at strengthening higher education infrastructure, promoting tourism, and improving regional road connectivity across the state. Among the major initiatives was the *Construction of a Multi-purpose Hall at Government Degree College, Rhenock*, which is expected to enhance academic, cultural, and student-related activities by providing improved institutional infrastructure. Another significant project, *Tourism Infrastructure as a Support Facility for the Passenger Ropeway Project at Upper Dhaper, Yangang in South Sikkim*, is aimed at boosting tourism potential, improving visitor amenities, and supporting sustainable tourism development in the region. In addition, the *Geometric Improvement of Curves and Carpeting of the Road from Rimbikhola to Yuksam in Gyalshing District* covers a stretch of 19.60 km and is expected to benefit seven villages with a combined population of approximately 17,000 people. Collectively, these projects are expected to contribute significantly to educational advancement, tourism promotion, infrastructure development, and the overall socio-economic progress of Sikkim.

Ashtalakshmi Youth Exchange Programme and NE-SPARKS

The Council also expanded its focus on youth development and scientific outreach through flagship initiatives such as the Ashtalakshmi Youth Exchange Programme, under which 581 students from universities and colleges across the country visited premier institutions of the North Eastern Region, **including Sikkim University, which was visited by a batch of 37 selected students from Chandigarh and Tamil Nadu in February, 2026.**

Another major initiative, NE-SPARKS (North East Students' Programme for Awareness, Reach and Knowledge on Space), enabled 786 school students from all eight Northeastern states, **including 99 students (Girls-53 and Boys-46) from Sikkim to visit the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** during 2025–26, promoting scientific awareness and innovation among young students.

Fund Released during the month of April, 2026 in Sikkim

Further strengthening its commitment towards comprehensive development in Sikkim, NEC released ₹10.52 crore during April 2026 (FY 2026-27) for projects spanning tourism infrastructure, veterinary healthcare, education, afforestation, and community development. The projects include upgradation of district veterinary hospitals into polyclinics in Pakyong, Soreng, Mangan, and Gyalshing districts; development of high-altitude adventure trekking routes from Thamken to Shizam in North Sikkim; tourism infrastructure development at Chebuk and Kalapathar; construction of a multi-purpose community centre at Soreng; afforestation of denuded hills in North and East Sikkim; establishment of a Centre for Excellence at Chakung; and construction of an academic block at Government Degree College, Burtuk.

These initiatives are expected to strengthen Sikkim's tourism economy, improve access to higher education, promote environmental conservation, and enhance community infrastructure across the state.

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Tripura

15TH FINANCE COMMISSION PERIOD (2022-26): ₹593.85 CRORE FOR TRIPURA

During the 15th FC period, **Tripura received cumulative expenditure of ₹593.85 crore under the Schemes of NEC (SoNEC) and NESIDS Roads programmes**, reflecting NEC's sustained focus on strengthening the state's economic and social infrastructure.

Expenditure under Schemes of NEC (SoNEC)

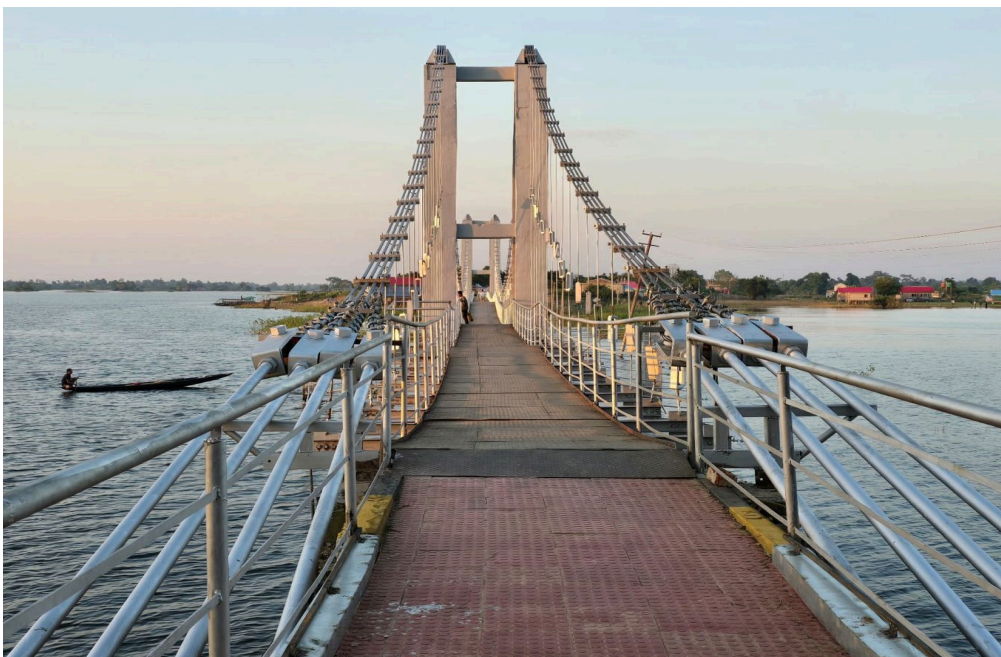
Tripura recorded significant developmental progress during the 15th FC cycle, with an expenditure of **₹120.43 crore** focused on inclusive growth, infrastructure development, livelihood generation, and socio-economic advancement across the state.

Major interventions included development of infrastructure in education & health sectors and agriculture and allied sectors through promotion of dragon fruit cultivation, fisheries, poultry, piggery, goat rearing, bamboo and tea processing, agarwood development, medicinal plants, and seed processing initiatives. NEC funded projects also includes preservation and promotion of indigenous language, culture, and eco-tourism through development of Kokborok language initiatives, musical and eco-parks, tribal livelihood projects, and tourism infrastructure, enhancing Tripura's cultural and eco-tourism potential.

In addition, SoNEC interventions promoted environmental conservation, rainwater harvesting, afforestation, technological upgradation, and market-linked livelihood opportunities, while strengthening public service and institutional infrastructure across the state.

Overall, the SoNEC expenditure during the 15th FC period has played an important role in promoting balanced and inclusive development in Tripura, particularly in tribal, rural, and underserved areas of the state.

Achievements under NESIDS (Roads) during 15th FC cycle:



(Pic: Gandacherra – Rashiyabari Rd. at Ch. 18.30 km to Narikel Kunja (L-8.00 km), Tripura)

Under the NESIDS Roads programme, seven road projects worth ₹350.04 crore have been implemented in Tripura, with two projects valued at ₹43.94 crore already completed during the 15th FC cycle. These infrastructure projects are expected to significantly improve connectivity, mobility, and regional integration across the state.

Financial Year 2025-26: A highlight

In 2025–26, NEC sanctioned four major projects in Tripura valued at over ₹47.71 crore across education, agriculture, science and technology, and tribal livelihood sectors.

A major investment of ₹14.10 crore was sanctioned for construction of a new academic building at Women’s College, Agartala, aimed at expanding higher education infrastructure and improving academic facilities for women students in the state capital. NEC also sanctioned ₹13.98 crore for establishment of the Agar International Trade and Research Centre to promote trade and scientific research in the agarwood sector, positioning Tripura as a major international hub for agarwood cultivation, value addition, and global market linkages. In the agriculture and allied sector, NEC approved ₹13 crore for establishment of a Veterinary Clinical Complex at the College of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, R.K. Nagar, Agartala, strengthening livestock healthcare, veterinary education, and agricultural research capabilities. Another major initiative includes establishment of a Model Haat under the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTADC) to provide tribal youths and artisans with structured market access and livelihood opportunities.

Ashtalakshmi Youth Exchange Programme and NE-SPARKS

The Council also expanded its focus on youth development and scientific outreach through flagship initiatives such as the **Ashtalakshmi Youth Exchange Programme, under which 581 students** from universities and colleges across the country visited premier institutions of the North Eastern Region, **including Tripura University and NIT, Tripura.**

Another pioneering initiative, **NE-SPARKS** (North East Students’ Programme for Awareness, Reach and Knowledge on Space), enabled 786 school students from all eight Northeastern states, including **100 students from Tripura state to visit the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) during 2025–26**, promoting scientific awareness and innovation among students.

Fund Released during the month of April, 2026 (FY 2026-27) in Tripura

Further reinforcing its commitment towards livelihood generation and ecological sustainability, NEC continues releasing fund in April, 2026 (FY: 2026-27) for ongoing projects such as Infrastructure improvement at Women’s Polytechnic, Hapania, Establishment of a Model Haat for tribal youths under TTADC and Afforestation of denuded areas in South and West Tripura through agroforestry, and strengthening of poultry production through block-level brooder houses and hatchery units.

These initiatives reflect NEC’s integrated approach towards women’s empowerment, environmental sustainability, agricultural development, and economic inclusion of tribal communities.
