

Success Story:

1. Construction of Tea Boutique and Eco-Tourist Lodge in Umsning, Ri-Bhoi District, Meghalaya for promotion of Tea Tourism.

Project Cost: Rs. 2.77 Crore

Implemented By: Department of Horticulture, Govt. of Meghalaya

The North Eastern Council (NEC)-sponsored project for the construction of a Tea Boutique and Eco-Tourist Lodge at Umsning, Ri-Bhoi District, has significantly contributed to the promotion of tea tourism in Meghalaya. The project has created a unique destination where visitors can experience Meghalaya's tea culture, local hospitality, and natural beauty in one location.

The Tea Boutique provides a dedicated platform for showcasing and marketing premium teas produced in the State, helping local tea growers reach a wider customer base. The Eco-Tourist Lodge has enhanced tourist facilities in the region, attracting both domestic and international visitors.

The project has generated livelihood opportunities for local communities through tourism-related activities, hospitality services, and tea marketing. It has also strengthened Meghalaya's image as an emerging tea tourism destination, contributing to sustainable economic growth and rural development in the region.

The successful implementation of the project demonstrates NEC's commitment to promoting tourism, entrepreneurship, and local economic development in the North Eastern Region.





2. Enopen Tourist Resort & Services Block, Khonoma, Nagaland

Project Cost: Rs. 1.87.5 Crore

Implemented By: Directorate of Tourism Govt. of Nagaland

The North Eastern Council (NEC), under its commitment to promoting sustainable tourism and economic development in the North Eastern Region, supported the establishment of the Enopen Tourist Resort & Services Block at Khonoma Village, Nagaland. The project was implemented by the Tourism Department, Government of Nagaland, with the objective of strengthening tourism infrastructure and enhancing visitor experiences in one of the state's most renowned eco-tourism destinations.

Khonoma, known as India's first Green Village, attracts tourists from across the country and abroad for its rich cultural heritage, scenic beauty, and community-led conservation practices. Recognizing its tourism potential, NEC extended financial assistance for the development of the Enopen Tourist Resort and associated service facilities. The resort was officially inaugurated on 15 May 2025 by the Tourism & Higher Education Minister of Nagaland.

The project has significantly improved accommodation and visitor amenities in the area, providing tourists with comfortable lodging and access to local cultural experiences. The enhanced infrastructure has helped create livelihood opportunities for local residents through hospitality services, guiding, handicraft sales, and other tourism-related activities.

The Enopen Tourist Resort has also strengthened community participation in tourism development, encouraging the preservation of traditional Naga culture and

environmental conservation. By attracting more visitors and extending their length of stay, the project contributes to increased local income generation and promotes Khonoma as a model destination for sustainable rural tourism.

The success of the Enopen Tourist Resort demonstrates how NEC-supported tourism infrastructure can catalyse economic growth, create employment opportunities, and showcase the unique cultural and natural heritage of the North Eastern Region. The project stands as an example of effective collaboration between NEC, the Government of Nagaland, and local communities in advancing sustainable tourism development.



3. Project Title: Remodelling and Upgradation of Burtuk Heliport in East Sikkim, Gangtok District, Sikkim

Project Cost: Rs. 10.83 Crore

Implementing Agency: Tourism & Civil aviation Department Govt. of Sikkim

The North Eastern Council (NEC)-funded project for the Remodelling and Upgradation of Burtuk Heliport in East Sikkim, Gangtok District, Sikkim has significantly improved air connectivity and transportation infrastructure in the region. The upgraded heliport now provides safer and more efficient facilities for helicopter operations, enhancing accessibility for residents, tourists, and government agencies.

The improved infrastructure has facilitated faster movement of people and essential services, particularly during emergencies and adverse weather conditions. The heliport has also strengthened tourism prospects by providing better access to remote destinations and supporting the growth of the local economy.

The successful completion of the project reflects NEC's commitment to developing critical infrastructure in the North Eastern Region and improving regional connectivity, thereby contributing to socio-economic development and public welfare.



