

Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

Connecting India's North East with the mainstream: Joint Efforts with other line Ministries

- 7 Railway projects consisting of 3 New Lines and 4 Doublings have been taken up in North Eastern Region from 2014 onwards which are at various stages of execution.
- 970 km Gauge Conversion completed in NE region in last 3 years. All metre gauge lines converted into broad gauge in NER.
- 411.873 km of New Line/Gauge Conversion/Doubling commissioned per year during the period 2014-15 to 2016-17 as against on average of 110 km commissioning per year in NE Region in period from 2009 to 2014.
- Broad gauge connectivity has been extended to all the States except Sikkim.
- Road construction accelerated. 3215km have been sanctioned so far at a cost of Rs. 30,732 crore under SARDP-NE Phase-A.
- 2047 km have been sanctioned and total of 792 km has been completed so far under Arunachal Pradesh Package of Roads and Highways.
- India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway for development of 1360 km highway between India, Myanmar and Thailand connecting Moreh in India to Mae Sot in Thailand through Myanmar. Work awarded in December, 2017.
- 9.15 kilometre long country's longest river bridge –the **Dhola-Sadiya Bridge** on river Lohit in Assam inaugurated by Hon'ble PM on 26.05.2017.
- RCS-UDAN has been launched to provide connectivity to unserved and under-served airports and promote regional connectivity by making the airfare affordable. North East has been kept as priority area under RCS-UDAN.
- A New Greenfield Airport is constructed at Pakyong (Gangtok) at a revised cost of Rs. 553 crores suitable for operation of ATR-72 type of aircraft with Apron, Terminal Building of 100 pax, peak hour capacity and other allied infrastructure.
- International Internet Gateway (IIG) established at Agartala. BSNL started the traffic on the link w.e.f 8th February 2016.

- Tripura third state in the country after Mumbai and Chennai to get International Internet Gateway (through Cox Bazaar-Bangladesh.)
- 2666.55 MW capacity power (hydro+thermal) added during last four years.
- Tuirial Hydro Electric Power (60MW) in Mizoram, at an approved cost of Rs.913.63 crore, completed and dedicated to nation by Hon'ble PM on 16.12.2017.
- 4866 villages electrified under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoi Yojana (DDUGJY) as on 13.02.2018 in NER States during last three years.
- River Barak declared as National Waterway-16 (NW-16) in 2016 connecting Silchar, Karimganj and Badarpur in Cachar valley of Assam with Haldia and Kolkata ports through Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) Route.

Enhancing Livelihood Opportunities

- North East Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi) has sanctioned Rs. 1274.72 Cr. during last four years (up to 31.01.2018), proving impetus to the growth of MSMEs.
- An Inter-Ministerial Committee on Livelihood was set up to create greater synergy amongst the various ongoing Livelihood development programs being implemented in North East Region (NER).
- The North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project (NERCORMP), which is a livelihood project, has an objective of improving the livelihoods of vulnerable groups in a sustainable manner through improved management of their resource base in a way that contributes to preservation and restoration of the environment.

NERCORMP III was launched in January 2014 covering five backward districts (Tirap, Changland and Longding in Arunachal Pradesh and Chandel and Churachanpur in Manipur) to cover 1177 villages and 58,850 households.

Promoting Start Up Ventures

- Ministry of DoNER supported North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited (NEDFi) to set up the Northeast Venture Fund which is the first dedicated venture capital fund for North-Eastern region and was set up in April, 2017. The size of the fund is Rs. 100 crore.

Harnessing local resources and indigenous skills

- Restructured National Bamboo Mission has been launched for Rs.1290 Cr. to address the complete bamboo chain and promote bamboo sector in a holistic manner.

Facilitating infrastructure for Tourism Development in North East

- North East Tourism Development Council (NETDC) constituted in 2017 to promote and support tourism in the North Eastern Region by identifying and promoting theme-based regional and international circuits, branding and marketing of North East India Tourism.

Achievements and Milestones

- M/o DoNER/NEC Schemes have been restructured as Central Sector Schemes with 100% central funding.
- Government has recently approved a new scheme “**North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS)**” by restructuring the existing NLCPR-State scheme of Ministry of DoNER, at a total cost of Rs. 5300.00 crore, for a period of three years. The scheme aims to fill up the gaps in creation of physical and social infrastructure in NER focusing tourism.
- The Ministry of DoNER has sanctioned 126 projects costing Rs.2992.12 crore under NLCPR-State Scheme and 6 projects costing Rs. 933.32 crores under NLCPR-Central Scheme during last four years.
- Under NLCPR-State, fund flow for ongoing projects has been increased from 38% in 2013-14 to 89 % in 2016-17. Amount of pending Utilization Certificates drastically

reduced from Rs. 1158.95 crore to Rs. 146.74 crore. Further Number of completion of projects increased from 18 in 2013-14 to 76 in 2016-17.

- NEC has sanctioned 380 projects costing Rs. 2390.45 crores during last four years.
- Budget allocation of NEC has increased from Rs 579.00 crores to Rs 1075.00 crores during the last four years.
- A new Central Sector Scheme “**North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS)**” launched by Ministry of DoNER in 2015-16 for up-gradation of neglected Inter-State Roads, to be implemented by National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL). The scheme was transferred to North Eastern Council in 2016. Upgradation/rehabilitation of eight Inter-State roads under implementation by CPWD under NERSDS.
- To address the special needs of the North East Region (NER), all Union Ministries mandatorily spend 10% of their budget in the North Eastern Region and the full utilization of this entitlement is the endeavour of the Government. There has been an increase in expenditure by Central Ministries in NER by over 96% from Rs. 24483.92 crores in 2014-15 to Rs. 48,228.42 crores (provisional, PFMS) in 2017-18.
- Ministry of DoNER has been conferred with the powers to review the expenditure of non-exempted Ministries and recommend reallocation of likely surrender to those Ministries/Departments who have the absorptive capacity to implement additional approved schemes/programmes within the financial year. This is also a step towards fuller utilization of allocation of resources for the North East. Against Ministry of DoNER’s recommendation for enhancement, DIPP Budget has been enhanced by Rs.633 crore at RE stage in 2017-18 to meet their committed liability.
- To achieve the best level of synergy, Ministry of DoNER has constituted several Inter-Ministerial Committees (IMCs). Currently, there are six IMCs on sectors, viz. Roads, Civil Aviation, Livelihood Programmes, Tourism, Piggery and Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAPs). Meetings are held regularly and issues settled.
- Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region has formulated a scheme, namely, Hill Area Development Programme (HADP) for implementation in Tamenglong district, a backward hilly district of Manipur, on a pilot basis for two years from 2018-19

to 2019-2020. The estimated cost of the scheme for two years till the end of Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) i.e. 2019-2020 is Rs. 90 crores.

Innovative Practices

- The NLCPR (Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resource) project portal viz. <https://nlcpr.mdoner.gov.in> has recently been revamped with various features and further integrated with My DoNER Mobile app to facilitate citizen to participate in the program.
- A Mobile App i.e. 'My DoNER 'App has been developed to facilitate in locating NLCPR projects by sector, state & district, Quick Response (QR) code, PIN code, etc. The project at a glance along with its location on google / bhuvan map can be viewed through App.
- DBT portal covering four schemes on Direct Beneficiary Transfer and NGO portal which is integrated with NITI Aayog's NGO Darpan portal have also been developed.
- e-Office application has been implemented since last year in this Ministry and extended to cover the NEC located at Shillong, Meghalaya.
- Space technology is being used through North East Space Application Centre (NESAC) to monitor various projects/schemes of Ministry.
