

Ministry of DoNER

- For broad-basing and nurturing the sporting talent of North East, Prime Minister announced Sports University in Manipur.
- In the Smart City list released on Sep.20, 2016 by Union Minister of Urban Development, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, two cities of Northeast namely Kohima in Nagaland and Namchi in Sikkim have found a place.
- Highways - National Highway and Infrastructure Development Corporation (NHIDCL) set up in July, 2014, has opened branch offices in all the States. Work in progress on 1,000 km road length.
- 18 new FM Radio Channels approved in addition to 12 existing channels. 3 FM channels each will be launched in six towns of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura.
- “Arun Prabha”, a 24x7 TV channel, to provide a platform to rich cultural and linguistic identity of NER.
- The festival “Destination North East-2016” was organised by the Ministry during 12-14 February, 2016 in New Delhi to showcase the inherent economic, social and cultural strength of the North East Region at National Level. “Destination North East-2017” festival was organised during March 6-8, 2017 in Chandigarh.
- Central Monitoring Committee (CMC) on Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) Central Scheme accorded in-principle approval to fund Rs.15 crores to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting towards the Capital Assets Creation for the proposed ‘Arun Prabha’ channel. As per M/o I & B, the proposed 24x7 Arun Prabha Channel will contribute to a large measure to develop content concerning North East that will be continuously used for broadcasting to the rest of the country through the vast network of DD/AIR and is expected to contribute substantially towards integrating this part of the country with the rest of India much more intimately.
- M/o DoNER has initiated creation of Venture Capital Fund for NER with North East Development Finance Corporation Ltd (NEDFi) to provide capital for start-ups in the NE region and to attract investors from outside NE Region. For this initiative, a fund size of Rs.100 crore has been set up (Rs.45 crore from MDoNER, Rs.30 crore from NEDFi and Rs.25 crore to be underwritten by NEDFi). An additional incentive of Venture Capital Fund will be provided to any youngster from any part of India who wishes to set up a "Start-Up" entrepreneurship in the Northeast Region (NER).
- The NEC approved formation of the North Eastern Tourism Development Council on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode to particularly

promote regional tour packages. This is being actively pursued to encourage regional tourist circuits in the NER in the future including collaborations across the border with Myanmar and Thailand.

- In order to fast track the development schemes /programmes in NER, a greater synergy is required amongst the Central Ministries who are implementing own schemes. To achieve the best level of synergy, Ministry of DoNER has constituted several Inter-Ministerial Committees (IMC). Currently there are four IMCs on Road sector, Civil Aviation sector, Livelihood Programmes and Tourism sector. Meetings of the IMCs are held regularly and issues settled.
- DoNER has embarked upon the agenda of using Geo Spatial, Remote Sensing and GIS technologies as decision support systems for planning. The Ministry has taken up the task of mapping the entire North Eastern Region (NER) with the help of National Centre of Geo Informatics (NCOG), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and North Eastern Space Application Centre (NESAC), which is a space application unit of North Eastern Council.
- DoNER Ministry is implementing World Bank assisted North East Rural Livelihood Project (NERLP) in four States namely Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. A joint mission of the World Bank and the project team of NERLP, which recently took stock of the project, appreciated and commended the efforts of the Ministry and has assured to upgrade the project to the next level.

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