

**Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
North Eastern Council Secretariat, Shillong
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Press Note for Meghalaya

1. A group of 100 students from the eight North Eastern States visited the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Centre in Bengaluru on 26th and 27th June 2025, as part of the North East Students' Programme for Awareness, Reach, and Knowledge on Space (NE-SPARKS), funded by the North Eastern Council.

A group of 100 students from all eight North Eastern States visited prominent ISRO centres, Bangalore offering them a unique opportunity to witness India's advancements in space technology and research. Over the course of the two-day visit in Bengaluru, the students explored key ISRO facilities. On the first day, they visited the ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC). On the second day, they toured the U R Rao Satellite Centre (URSC), including a comprehensive visit to the ISRO Satellite Integration and Test Establishment (SITE). The students also watched exclusive footage of the successful Chandrayaan-3 mission and explored a detailed space exhibition featuring satellite systems, scaled satellite models, and informative displays on satellite technologies. This immersive experience significantly broadened their understanding of space science and ignited interest in pursuing careers in astronomy, space research, and related Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields.



This visit is part of a larger initiative under which 800 talented science students—100 from each of the eight North Eastern States—will be given the opportunity to visit ISRO. So far, two such visits have been organized, including this one. The programme is designed to inspire young minds by offering first-hand exposure to cutting-edge space technologies and enabling them to interact with ISRO scientists and engineers through guided tours and knowledge sessions.

Going forward, future batches will be organized in close coordination with State Governments and educational institutions to ensure broader outreach and deeper impact across the region.

2. Release of funds by North Eastern Council (NEC) for the month of June, 2025.

The North Eastern Council (NEC) released a total of ₹9,14,55,500(Rupees Nine Crore Fourteen Lakh Fifty-five Thousand Five hundred only)during the month of June, 2025 under Scheme of NEC. The Project wise distribution of funds is as follow:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Amount
1	Construction of RCC G+4 Commercial Building of Iewdakm Laban Municipal Market Shillong for sale of Agriculture, Horticulture, Handicraft, Piggery, Floriculture Products etc	₹3,21,18,750
2	Construction of Tourism Infrastructure at Laitlyngkot (Lmalyer) in East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya	₹1,02,89,000
3	Focused Development of Deprives Areas; Deprives Sections of Society by Promotion of Literacy by upgrading selected RK Missions Schools in Meghalaya (RKM School, Umploh & Mawkynrew)	₹1,24,52,000
4	Focused Development of Deprives Areas; Deprives Sections of Society by Promotion of Literacy by upgrading selected RK Missions Schools in	₹1,47,37,000

	Meghalaya (RKM School, Jalapet & Laityngkot)	
5	Focused Development of Deprives Areas; Deprives Sections of Society by Promotion of Literacy by upgrading selected RK Missions Schools in Meghalaya (RKM School, Laitlyndop and Myllem)	₹1,07,64,000
6	Focused Development of Deprives Areas; Deprives Sections of Society by Promotion of Literacy by upgrading selected RK Missions Schools in Meghalaya (RKM School Mawsmal)	₹73,04,000
7	Construction of Cultural Infrastructure of 6 (Six) Sein Raj in East and West Jaintia Hills District Meghalaya	₹37,90,750
	TOTAL MEGHALAYA	₹9,14,55,500

In addition, the North Eastern Council had also released funds under the NESIDS (Roads) during the month of June, 2025 for the following project: -

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Amount
1	Pynursla-Latangriwan-Mawlynnong	₹8,88,00,000

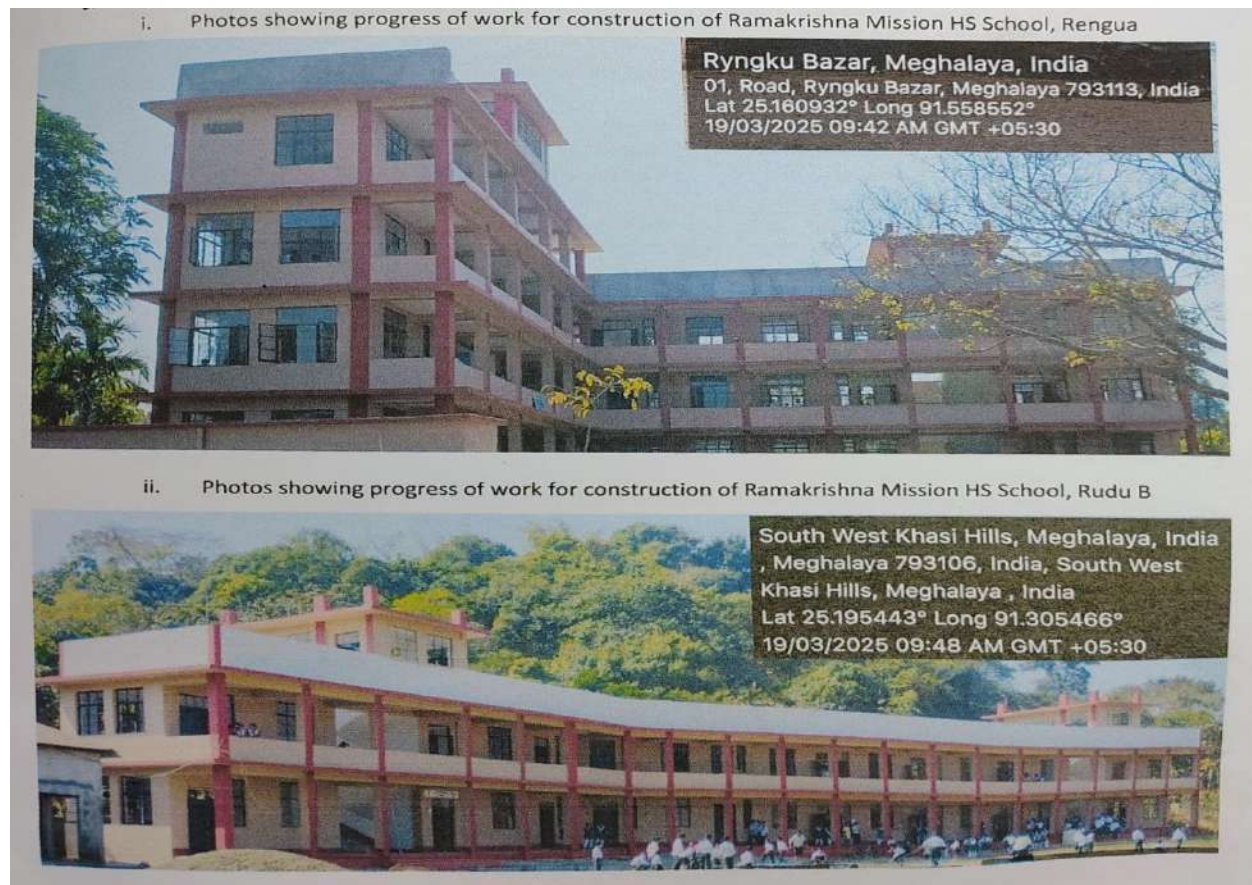
These funds were released to support a range of sectors, including road connectivity, tourism infrastructure, cultural infrastructure, and development of deprived areas. The NEC remains firmly committed to the timely disbursement of funds to ensure the smooth and prompt implementation and completion of development projects in Meghalaya.

3. NEC-Funded Project for Upgrading Selected RK Mission Schools in Meghalaya Successfully Completed on June 24, 2025

The NEC-funded project for upgrading selected Ramakrishna Mission schools located in East Khasi Hills (Mawsynram/Sheella-Bholaganj) and South West Khasi Hills (Ranikor), Meghalaya, was successfully completed on June 24, 2025.

Sanctioned on December 22, 2020, at an estimated cost of ₹4.2997 crore, the project aimed to provide accessible, affordable, and quality education to children from families of marginal workers in remote and underserved areas. It focused on strengthening school infrastructure to address the high dropout rates and limited access to non-commercial Higher Secondary education in these rural blocks.

With the completion of this project, total student enrolment is expected to increase by approximately 45.2%, enabling around 523 students from Below Poverty Line (BPL) families to access higher secondary education annually. This initiative marks a significant step toward enhancing literacy and educational opportunities in the region.



4. NEC-Funded Project for Construction of Boys' and Girls' Hostel Blocks at Capt. Williamson Sangma Memorial College, Baghmara, Meghalaya Successfully Completed on June 16, 2025

The NEC-funded project for the construction of Boys' and Girls' Hostel Blocks at Capt. Williamson Sangma Memorial College, Baghmara, South Garo Hills, Meghalaya, was successfully completed on June 16, 2025.

Sanctioned in June 2021 at a total cost of ₹1.6666 crore, the project was undertaken with the objective of improving access to higher education for students from remote areas of the district. The newly constructed hostels are intended to accommodate students from Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), thereby removing a key barrier to pursuing higher education.

This initiative reflects NEC's continued commitment to enhancing educational infrastructure and promoting equitable access to quality education, particularly for underserved and vulnerable communities in Meghalaya.

