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NEC Strengthens Meghalaya's Abode of Clouds: Delivers ₹28.08 Crore in Completed Projects and Disburses Nearly ₹8.00 Crore to Nurture Health, Classrooms, and Livelihoods

Shillong, August 2026: In Meghalaya, the North Eastern Council (NEC), operating under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), has reaffirmed its commitment to holistic, inclusive transformation. Across July and August 2026, the Council demonstrated remarkable momentum by **completing developmental projects valued at ₹28.08 crore and releasing ₹7.86 crore** toward ongoing grassroots initiatives spanning education, advanced healthcare, enterprise, tourism, and community ecology.

Nurturing Young Minds and Rural Enterprise: Education and enterprise form the quiet spring from which self-reliance flows:

- **Sanctuaries of Learning:** To kindle the light of knowledge in remote hamlets, an installment of ₹4.90 crore was released for **the construction of modern school buildings across eight Ramakrishna Mission (RKM) schools**. These sacred halls of learning are located at Laidiengsai, Nongkynrih, Mawrah, Pomsohmen, Laitryngew, Wahlong, Nongjri Pynursla, and Nongjri Nartiang, ensuring children in rural Meghalaya thrive in safe, inspiring classrooms.
- **Fostering Grassroots Enterprise:** Dedicated to the dreams of tribal youth, women entrepreneurs, and rural cultivators, ₹2.50 crore was released toward the ongoing **Integrated Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Centre (sanctioned at ₹10.00 crore)**, opening doors to specialized skill creation and sustainable enterprise.
- **Igniting Startup Ecosystems:** Catalyzing commercial energy, the Council released ₹1.17 crore for the **upgradation of seven PRIME HUBS across the State**, providing aspiring innovators with incubation and mentoring support.
- **Scenic Gateways:** In East Khasi Hills, an allocation of ₹46.50 lakh was dedicated to **tourism infrastructure at Laitlynkot (Lamlyer)**, creating new avenues of community-driven eco-tourism amidst the rolling hills.

Milestones Completed: Healing, Stewardship, and Craft: Transforming vision into tangible reality, several high-impact projects reached fruition during this period:

- **Ecological Harmony in Ri-Bhoi:** On 6 July 2026, the **Community Development Programme for Tiwa (Lalung) Communities in Ri-Bhoi District was completed** at a sanctioned cost of ₹2.94 crore. Implemented by the Deputy Commissioner, Ri-Bhoi, this project safeguards fragile landscapes, promotes soil conservation, protects natural spring-water catchments, and preserves forest biodiversity through local stewardship.
- **Diagnostic Healing in Garo Hills:** Healing touched the Western horizons as the NEC completed the installation of an **advanced 1.5 Tesla MRI Machine at Tura Civil Hospital** with an allocation of ₹6.69 crore. The state-of-the-art diagnostic facility brings crucial medical imaging to the doorstep of citizens, saving precious lives and reducing long journeys for treatment.



Pic: Advanced 1.5 Tesla MRI Machine at Tura Civil Hospital

- **Green Artistry from Water Hyacinth:** Turning an invasive weed into an emblem of economic grace, the livelihood centre and design, innovation, and training workshops on the water hyacinth craft cluster (valued at ₹368.69 lakh) was successfully closed on 25 August 2026.
- **Empowering Deprived Classrooms:** Reinforcing foundational literacy, the Council marked the successful closure of projects upgrading RKM Schools in Jalapet, Laitlynkot, Laitlyndop, Myllem, Umphoh, and Mawkyntiew, executed at a combined sanctioned cost of ₹13.14 crore under the Focused Development of Deprived Areas program.

Regional Institutional Impetus: Extending its gaze beyond borders, the **NEC disbursed ₹16.22 crore across regional agencies, universities, and technical bodies.** Crucial initiatives include overseas placement programs in Japan for North Eastern youth and Functional Hindi courses implemented by IIM Shillong, an impact study of post-2014 road connectivity, and a publication honoring the illustrious life and legacy of Padma Shri Major Bob Khathing.

These multifaceted milestones ensure that as Meghalaya's pine-clad hills greet the clouds, its people stride confidently forward into an era of dignified health, knowledge, and shared prosperity.
