

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

New Project Approved

Skill Training in AVGC and IT-ITES Sectors: The North Eastern Council (NEC) has sanctioned **gap funding of ₹51.178 lakh** for the residential costs associated with Skill Training in the Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, and Comics (AVGC) and IT-ITES sectors. Approved on August 8, 2025, this project will be implemented by the North Eastern Region Community Resources Management Society (NERCORMS), Shillong. The AVGC sector is experiencing rapid growth globally and in India, with the Indian industry projected to expand from ₹188 billion in 2023 to ₹419 billion by 2027. This initiative aims to enhance employability, drive economic growth, address skill gaps, foster entrepreneurship, and ensure sustainable livelihoods by equipping the youth of NER with industry-relevant skills such as animation, VFX, game design, and graphic storytelling. The project plans to train and certify approximately 400 youth from the North-East, with specific distribution across states including Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura. The project is partly supported by MSDE under PMKVY 4.0 guidelines, with NEC providing crucial gap funding for boarding and lodging.

Fund Release for Scientific Smoked Meat Production Units: Second installment of ₹233.00 Lakh was released on August 8, 2025, for the "Establishment of Scientific Smoked Meat production units in North East India" project, originally sanctioned at ₹484.67 Lakh. This project is designed to deploy 17 physical scientific smoke houses across five NE states: Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, and Nagaland. The primary objectives include introducing and standardizing scientific and hygienic meat smoking practices to reduce the carcinogen and mutagen load in commercially produced smoked meats. Annually, these units are expected to produce about 867 MT of dried

pork, create 34 direct employment opportunities, and indirectly benefit 1,921 persons. A significant outcome will be the reduction of carcinogens in meat products across NER, thereby lowering instances of Nasopharyngeal and Digestive Cancers and promoting healthier outcomes for consumers in the affected states.

Completed Project

Mobile and Internet Connectivity Study: During the reporting month, the "Study on the availability of Mobile and Internet Connectivity in Villages in North East India," conducted by NERCORMS, was successfully completed and closed on August 8, 2025. This study provides valuable insights for improving digital infrastructure in the region.

Event/ Workshop Report

1. Workshop for Students on Conservation Awareness of Indigenous Fruit and Vegetables Crop including Medicinal and Aromatic Plant in East Khasi Hill district, Meghalaya

A State-level Workshop for Students on Conservation Awareness of Indigenous Fruit and Vegetables Crop including Medicinal and Aromatic Plant in East Khasi Hill district, Meghalaya was organized by NERCORMS with a funding of ₹8.00 lakhs, and successfully completed on 19th August 2025.

2. State level workshop on GI products and its user authorization for farmers of Meghalaya

A State-level workshop on GI products and their user authorization for farmers of Meghalaya was organized by NERAMAC with a funding of ₹8.85 lakhs, and successfully completed on 19th August 2025.

FUND RELEASES FOR MEGHALAYA DURING AUGUST

MEGHALAYA		
Sl. No.	PROJECT NAME	AMOUNT
1	Setting Up of 20 farmers market @ Rs.50.00 Lakh each	₹ 4,47,30,000
2	Setting Up of 10 farmers market @ Rs.1.00 Crore each	₹ 4,45,50,000
3	Community Development Programme for Tiwa (Lalung) Ri-Bhoi district, C&RD, Block,Umsing, Meghalaya	₹ 17,19,765
4	Construction of School Building at Mawthadraishan West Khasi Hills District Meghalaya	₹ 48,87,000
TOTAL MEGHALAYA		₹ 9,58,86,765
FUND RELEASED TO NEC REGIONAL/OTHER AGENCIES		
Sl. No.	Name of the project/Non-project	Amount
1	Establishment of Avocado Orchard in North East Region of India	₹ 50,42,000
2	Workshop on Financial Inclusion Mizoram (Phase-II)	₹ 10,00,000
3	Government Achievement Expo 2025	₹ 9,95,000
4	Establishment of Scientific Smoked Meat Productions units in North East India	₹ 2,33,00,000
5	Setting up of Scientific Pig Breeding Units in the North East India, Phase- III	₹ 2,93,37,000
6	Establishment of Multi Agriculture Project on Promotion of Fishery and Piggery in Manipur & Meghalaya	₹ 1,24,75,000
7	NEC Merit Scholarship	₹ 8,55,000
9	Constitution of IIE as Nodal institute	₹ 2,07,25,000
10	Establishment of Piggery value chain in Imphal West, Thoubal and Bishnupur districts of Manipur in NE India	₹ 54,18,000
11	Multi agriculture allied by NERCRMS, in Manipur & Nagaland	₹ 1,08,36,000
12	Multi agriculture project on promotion in piggery in Manipur & Nagaland	₹ 1,10,95,000
13	Two Day National Conference on Empowering Voice in North East India; A Social Dialogue on Ethical Journalism for a Vibrant Future in the Region	₹ 8,00,000
TOTAL NEC REGIONAL/OTHER AGENCIES		₹ 12,18,78,000
