

**Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
North Eastern Council Secretariat, Shillong
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PRESS NOTE FOR MEGHALAYA, NOVEMBER, 2025

During November, 2025, the North Eastern Council (NEC) released a total amount of ₹ 56,22,37,739/- for funding projects across all 8 North Eastern States as well as for supporting various cultural festivals, seminars, researches, etc. in the North Eastern Region. This reflects NEC's continuous commitment to strengthening developmental initiatives in the North East through infrastructure development, livelihood enhancement, cultural promotion, research, and innovations.

FUND RELEASES FOR MEGHALAYA DURING NOVEMBER, 2025

The North Eastern Council (NEC), under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), released substantial funds during November 2025 for the State of Meghalaya. An amount of ₹ 8,46,81,382/- was released for various development programmes supporting sports and youth infrastructure, bridge connectivity, institutional facilities for skill and technical education, and livelihood-oriented craft clusters, thereby enhancing both connectivity and income opportunities.

**FUND RELEASES TO CENTRAL AGENCIES & CULTURAL BODIES
(PROJECTS & NON-PROJECTS)**

In addition to state-specific releases, NEC also released a total amount of ₹ 14,89,90,034/- to various Central Agencies & Cultural bodies in November for supporting various Cultural Events, Seminars on Livelihood, Science & Technology, Academic Workshops, etc. Events during November includes Purvottar Hindi Samagam, Lamka Youth Summit, North East Riders' Meet, Workshops on climate sustainability, Multilingual dictionary development, AI and ML applications, and Sectoral conclaves under Viksit Bharat@2047, along with promotional events organized by NERAMAC. These interventions collectively contributed to cultural preservation, capacity building, technological advancement, and enhanced regional connectivity.

Major project interventions during the month included Community Development Initiatives for Indigenous Groups, Establishment of animal feed production & Scientific pig breeding Units, Creation of Piggery Value Chain infrastructure, documentation of traditional medicinal knowledge, expansion of tele-education through Smart Virtual Classrooms, and strengthening of STINER technology and innovation hubs across the North East. Project support was also extended for development of sports infrastructure in Manipur.

These initiatives were implemented through key Central Agencies, mostly located in NER such as North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Society (NERCORMS), North

Eastern Development Finance Corporation (NEDFi), CSIR-North East Institute of Science & Technology (CSIR-NEIST), Education & Research Network (ERNET), North Eastern Handicraft & Handlooms Development Corporation Ltd. (NEHHDC), Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR), North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd. (NERAMAC) & various Universities of the North East.

COMPLETED PROJECT(S) DURING NOVEMBER, 2025

Khadi Plaza/Market Complex (Meghalaya):

A modern commercial complex has been constructed at Barik Point, Shillong, at a cost of ₹2.73 crore and completed on 11th November 2025. Developed by the Meghalaya Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. under the aegis of the North Eastern Council (NEC) and the Ministry of Development of the North Eastern Region (MDoNER), the project aims to transform the existing Gram Shilpa outlet into a vibrant and efficient marketplace for Khadi and Village Industries (KVI) products.

Benefits of the Project:

- *Job Creation:* The project generates significant direct and indirect employment—from construction-phase workers to sales, management, and maintenance personnel during operation.
- *Support to Local Artisans:* By providing a dedicated and modern platform for showcasing KVI products, the Plaza will expand market access for local artisans. This is expected to boost sales and enhance income for those engaged in handicrafts, textiles, leather goods, cosmetics, and food products.
