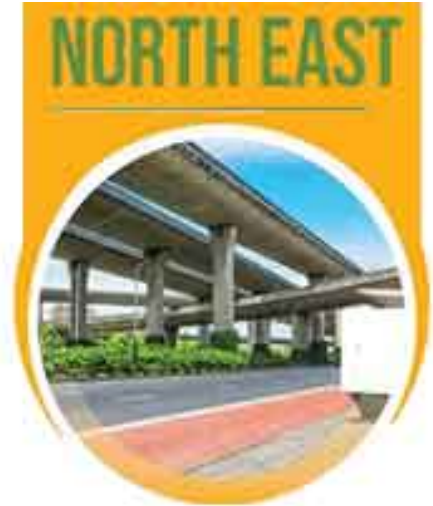


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Cabinet approves new Scheme Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) for the remaining four years of the 15th Finance Commission from 2022-23 to 2025-26.

NORTH EAST

Cabinet approves PM-DevINE scheme




Rs 6,600
crore outlay


100%
central funding

[Ref: North- East News]

About PM-DevINE

- It is a **Central Sector Scheme with 100% Central funding**.
- It will be implemented **by the North Eastern Council (NEC) of India**, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.
- It was announced **during Budget 2022–23**.
- It will initially allocate **Rs. 1,500 crore** towards the development of North East India.

Objectives of the Scheme

- **Fund infrastructure and social development projects** as per the need of the region.
- **Promote livelihood activities** among the youth and women, and fill the gaps in various sectors in the region.
- **Establish proper services** for the management of cancer.

Projects Under PM-DevINE Scheme

- The government is highly **focused on transport projects** which are essential for the development of North-East India.
- A large portion of the funds are allocated for the construction of **highways and rope-way systems**.

This Scheme **covers eight projects**, with funds earmarked for each project.

- Establishment of Services for the Management of Paediatric and Adult Haemotolymphoid Cancers in Guwahati

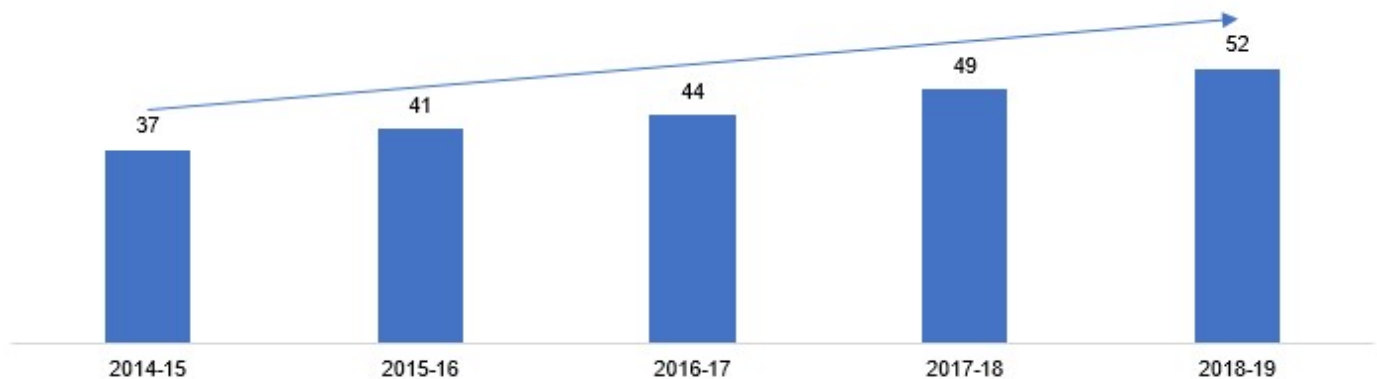
- NECTAR Livelihood Improvement Project
- Promoting Scientific Organic Agriculture in North East Indian
- Construction of Aizawl By-pass on Western Side
- Gap funding for Passenger Ropeway system for Pelling to Sanga-Choeling in West Sikkim
- Gap funding for Eco-friendly Ropeway from Dhapper to Bhaleydhunga in South Sikkim
- Pilot Project for Construction of Bamboo Link Road in Various Districts of Mizoram

Significance of the PM-DevINE

- It will lead to **creation of infrastructure, support industries, social development projects.**
- It will create **livelihood activities for youth and women**, thus leading to employment generation.
- It will be **implemented by Ministry of DoNER** through North Eastern Council or Central Ministries/ agencies.
- To limit construction risks of time and cost overrun, falling on the Government projects would be implemented on **Engineering-procurement-Construction (EPC) basis.**

Significance of North Eastern Region

- India's North Eastern Region (NER) comprises **eight states**: Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.
- The population of this region is **over 45 million**, which accounts for about 3.76% of India's total population.
- The region **covers 8% of India's total land area** and is endowed with **natural resources** such as oil and gas, and agro-horticultural resources, mineral deposits, and forest resources.
- It also has **immense hydroelectric power potential.**



[Ref: ibef.org]

North Eastern Region Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) Growth (values in US\$ billion)

- The gross state domestic product (GSDP) of NER increased at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of **9% from 2014–15 to 2018–19.**
- India ranks **4th in the world in terms of tea exports**, owing to NER.
- **Over 50% of the tea produced** in the country comes from NER.
 - Thus, NER's development is among the top priorities of the Indian government.
 - To ensure that the government of India recently launched **PM DevINE scheme for the development of NER.**

Scheme would provide the following benefits to North-east region:

Investments

- The scheme includes **funding for projects in infrastructure**, healthcare, agriculture and livelihood.
- This would **help improve the standard of living** of people in the region.

State-specific projects

- **Mizoram-based projects such as Aizawl bypass** and bamboo link roads suggest that Mizoram would be the biggest beneficiary of this initiative, followed by **Sikkim**.
 - The Aizawl bypass is expected to **reduce traffic and congestion**.
 - The construction of bamboo link roads for the **transport of bamboo from forests** would help bamboo growers in remote.
- These inaccessible areas connect better with the outside world, and **promote local and regional development**.

Healthcare

- Under the scheme, services for the **management of paediatric and adult haemotolymphoid cancers** would be established.
 - This would help improve **cancer care in the region**.

Co-existence with other schemes

- The scheme would complement the **existing schemes in the region** rather than substituting any of them.
 - Thus, the **north-eastern states** will continue to enjoy the benefits provided by the existing schemes.