

NORTH EAST SPECIAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (NESIDS)

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North East becoming one of the growth engines of India

(Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region)

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“North East will be the new growth engine of India. A new history of connectivity is being written in the northeast.”¹

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi

North East of India, though endowed with rich natural resources, is one of the lesser developed regions of the country. It faces many challenges - poor infrastructure, lack of employment opportunities, subsistence farming, resource constraints, long international borders etc.

During the last eight years, the Government of India has taken a number of steps to complete a number of long-pending infrastructure projects in the North East.

NESIDS

The North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme² (NESIDS) was launched in 2017 to provide financial assistance for projects of:



Physical infrastructure relating to water supply, power, connectivity enhancing tourism

Social infrastructure relating to primary and secondary sectors of education and health

As of July 21, 2022, **145 projects worth Rs. 3392.99 crore³** have been sanctioned for the North Eastern States.

¹ https://8years.mygov.in/info-graphics/?type=pdf&filter_by=theme&theme=363#images-2

² [Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, North East India \(mdoner.gov.in\)](https://mdoner.gov.in/)

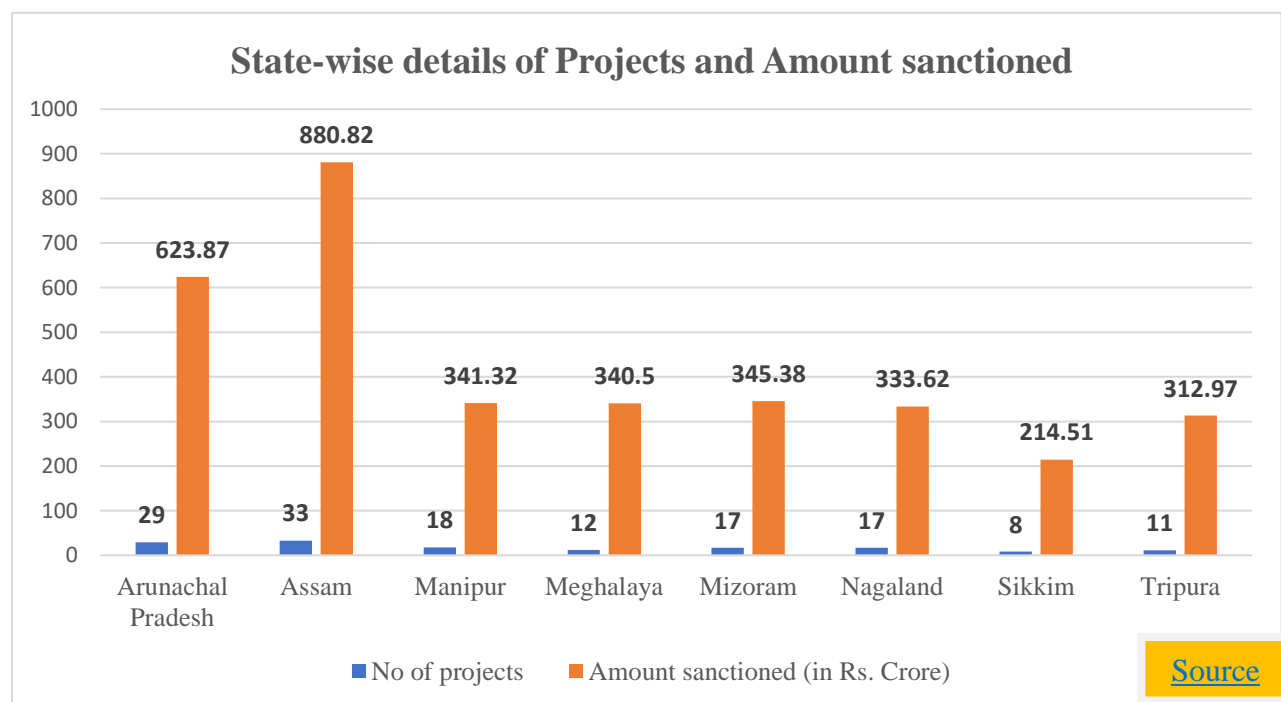
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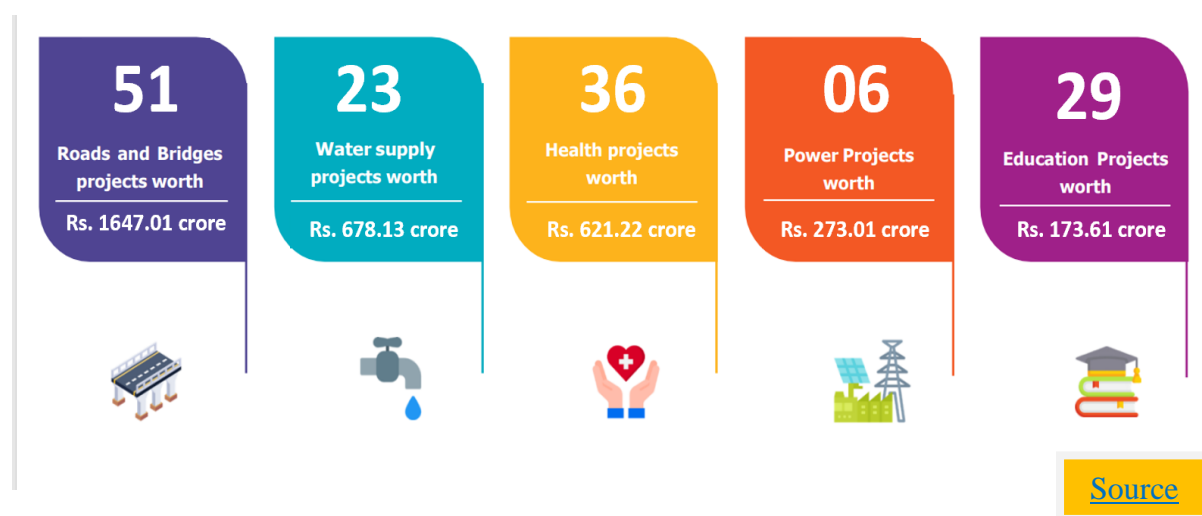
The [Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources](#) (NLCPR) scheme of the Ministry of DoNER was discontinued on 15.12.2017 and replaced with NESIDS. NESIDS was initially approved for a period of three years (2017-18 to 2019- 20) and was further extended later on. NESIDS is a 100% Central funded Central Sector Scheme.⁴

NESIDS: State-Wise Breakup (as of July 21, 2022)

State-wise details of projects under NESIDS are as under:



NESIDS: Sector-Wise Breakup (as of July 21, 2022):



⁴ https://mdoner.gov.in/contentimages/files/Annual_Report_2021-22.pdf

Major Projects Sanctioned Under NESIDS:

Here are [some of the major projects](#)⁵ sanctioned under NESIDS:

Assam

1. Construction of Double Lane Road from Lanka to Umrangso via Diyungmukh, Haflong Tinali and Panimur in Assam at Rs. 227.17 crores.



This road has **the potential to become a lifeline for the district**, and would also connect the industrial town of Umrangso with the neighbouring state of Meghalaya, as well as important tourist places like Umrangso lake, Golf Course, Panimur Water Falls.

2. Digboi Town Water Supply Scheme in Assam at Rs. 41.69 crores.



It covers the essential water collection, treatment and distribution of the water supply system, and revamping freshwater resources, in the entire Digboi Town.

⁵ https://necouncil.gov.in/sites/default/files/about-us/e_book1.pdf

Tripura

Up-gradation of 132 KV Surjamaninagar sub-station of TSECL into 400 KV in Tripura at Rs. 120.88 crores.



This critical project would augment the power situation for West Tripura, covering entire Agartala , Gumat, Sepahijala and South Tripura districts.

Mizoram

Tourism Development at Reiek and Reiek Tlang in Mizoram at Rs. 5.60 crores.



The objective of the project is to promote tourism by **developing basic tourist infrastructure facilities** at Reiek Tlang by construction of eco-friendly facilities and amenities to cater to the immediate requirements of the public.

Sikkim

Construction of two-lane balanced cantilever bridge over river Kanaka at Kayum Dzongu in North Sikkim at [Rs. 88.54 crores](#).



This is a critical bridge project over the Kanaka river, catering to the population of North Sikkim, and has a potential to augment tourism in the region substantially.

Manipur

Water supply distribution network for Churachandpur for promoting tourism in Manipur at Rs. 19.80 crore.



This project aims at improving the water supply infrastructure of Churachandpur town, which is essential not only for the local population, but is also an important factor for tourist towns.

Arunachal Pradesh

Integrated infrastructure development for tourism at Tawang with the provision of sewage and water treatment plant at Tawang District at Rs. 32. 98 crores.



The project aims at augmenting two critical areas – Sewage Management System and Water Supply System - at Tawang Township, an area which has large tourism potential.

Other important Projects Sanctioned under NESIDS ⁶:

- **Alternate Gravity Water Supply Scheme** of Aizawl, Mizoram at Rs. 114.20 crores.
- **Upgradation of 24 numbers of existing district hospitals** for setting up of ICUs for treatment of COVID-19 patients in Assam at Rs. 97.49 crores.
- **Construction of RCC Bridge** over river Aie at Aie Powali including approach & protection work in Chirang District in Assam at Rs. 69.74 crores.
- **Construction of three-lane Road over Bridge at Jorhat** in replacement of Railway LC gate No ST-58 on Na-Ali, Jorhat District in Assam during 2018-19 at 67.76 crores.
- **Construction of District Hospital** Imphal West at Mayang, Imphal, Manipur at Rs. 53.40 crores.
- **Procurement of hospital equipment** to prepare 10 District Hospitals to fight COVID-19 in Arunachal Pradesh at Rs. 51.69 crores.
- **Improvement of Road** from Jatanbari to Mandirghat via Tirathmukh (L-13.775 km) in Tripura at 50.79 crores.

⁶ <https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/specificdocs/documents/2022/apr/doc202241341501.pdf>

Infrastructure for Fighting COVID-19

NESIDS also sanctioned eight projects worth Rs.219.58 crores in F.Y. 2020-21 and 11 projects worth Rs.110.52 crores in F.Y. 2021-22 in the North Eastern States [for strengthening health infrastructure to contain pandemic COVID-19](#).⁷



INFRASTRUCTURE FOR FIGHTING COVID-19

Projects proposals approved for Strengthening Health Infrastructure for combating COVID-19

- 1: Mizoram**
“Strengthening Health Infrastructure for Comprehensive response to possible Outbreak of COVID-19” in Mizoram sanctioned under NESIDS
[Project Cost: ₹ 16.16 crore]
- 2: Meghalaya**
“Setting up of Corona Care Centres for Management of COVID-19” in Meghalaya sanctioned under NESIDS
[Project Cost: ₹10.67 crore]
- 3: Arunachal Pradesh**
“Procurement of hospital equipments to prepare 10 District Hospitals (Tawang, Bomdila, Ziro, Aalo, Tezu, Namsai, Changlang, Khonsa, Seppa and Yingkiong) to fight COVID-19” in Arunachal Pradesh sanctioned under NESIDS
[Project Cost: ₹51.68 crore]
- 4: Manipur**
“Infrastructure Development of a 100 Bedded COVID-19 Hospital at Mayang, Imphal in Manipur” selected for sanction under Manipur
[Estimate cost: ₹73.67 crore]

The Government of India has been implementing various infrastructure development projects in the North Eastern States. From being on the margins of the India story, the Northeast is quickly becoming one of the growth engines of India.

⁷ [Annual_Report_2021-22.pdf \(mdoner.gov.in\)](#)

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