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New Delhi-110003,
Dated: 8th August, 2025.

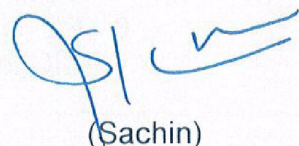
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the 19th Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC) Meeting of PM-DevINE Scheme held on 29.07.2025 at Jodhpur Officer's Hostel, Pandara Park, New Delhi-110003, New Delhi.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to forward herewith Minutes of the 19th meeting of EIMC of PM-DevINE Scheme held on 29th July, 2025 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) at Jodhpur Officer's Hostel, Pandara Park, New Delhi-110003, for kind information and necessary action please.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl. As above.



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4. Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industries and Internal Trade (DPIIT), New Delhi
5. Secretaries of central Ministries/ Departments (as per list attached).
6. Chief Secretaries of North Eastern States.
7. Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of DoNER, New Delhi-110011.
8. Secretary, North Eastern Council (NEC), Shillong, Meghalaya.
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12. Planning Secretaries of North Eastern States.

13. Resident Commissioners of North Eastern States in New Delhi.
14. Financial Advisor, NEC, Shillong.
15. Advisor (Planning), NEC, Shillong
16. CMD, NEDFi, Guwahati
17. Managing Director, NEHHDC
18. Director General, NECTAR
19. Managing Director, AMTRON, Guwahati.
20. Director, Dr D. Borooah Cancer Institute, Guwahati.
21. Managing Director, NERAMAC.
22. Managing Director, NECBDC.
23. Director General & CEO, IICA.

Copy for information to:

1. PS to Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, New Delhi-110011.
2. PS to Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, New Delhi-110011.
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4. DS, IFD/ DS(SDM) Ministry of DoNER, New Delhi.
5. Sr. Technical Director (NIC), Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, New Delhi-110011.
6. EE, Infrastructure Wing, MDoNER.
7. NIC to upload the minutes on the Ministry's website

List of Ministries/Departments

1. D/o Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, New Delhi.
2. Ministry of Ayush, New Delhi
3. M/o Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi
4. Ministry of Culture, New Delhi.
5. Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, New Delhi.
6. Ministry of Power, New Delhi.
7. Ministry of Textiles, New Delhi.
8. Ministry of Tourism, New Delhi.
9. Ministry of Culture, New Delhi.
10. Department of Sports, New Delhi.
11. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
12. Ministry of Corporate Affairs, New Delhi.
13. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, New Delhi
14. Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, New Delhi

Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

Minutes of the 19th Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC) Meeting of PM-DevINE scheme held on 29.07.2025 at Conference Hall of Jodhpur Officers' Hostel, Pandara Park, India Gate Circle, New Delhi.

The Nineteenth meeting of the Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC) of the PM-DevINE scheme was held on 29th July, 2025 at Conference Hall of Jodhpur Officers' Hostel, Pandara Park, India Gate Circle, New Delhi in hybrid mode. The meeting was chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER). The list of participants is at **Annexure**.

2. Welcoming the participants, Joint Secretary (MDoNER) proceeded with a presentation covering the meeting agenda, including the scrutiny of new project proposals and the review of ongoing projects. A summary of the agenda-wise discussions and decisions taken by the EIMC are as follows:

Agenda I: Confirmation of the minutes of the last EIMC meeting:

Minutes of 18th EIMC meeting held on 30.06.2025 were circulated on 25.07.2025. Since no comments were received from the State Governments/ Central Ministries, etc., the minutes of 18th EIMC meeting were confirmed.

Agenda-II Action Taken Report on the decisions of the last EIMC meeting:

- In the 18th EIMC meeting held on 30.06.2025, 2 Concept Notes (of proposals worth Rs.123.71 cr) and 1 DPR (worth Rs.92.50 crore) were deferred for want of essential documents/comments of NITI Aayog / concerned line Ministry. One Concept Note (worth Rs.126.77 cr) was returned to D/o Science and Technology for consideration under their Scheme.
- On DPR of the project proposal "Construction of Kohima Multi-disciplinary Sports Centre at IG Stadium Complex, Kohima District", the Competent Authority had made certain observations to be addressed by the State Govt. These were duly conveyed to the State Govt.

Agenda III- DPRs of In-principle recommended projects for appraisal/approval (1 Project)

Sl.	State Central Agency	Title of the proposed project	Deliberations	Decision
1	Meghalaya	Construction of 2x50 MVA, 132/33kV Substation at Mawkhan, East	State Govt. mentioned that the 132/33kV, 2x50MVA substation at Mawkhanu, connected to the 220/132kV Saiseij substation via a 132kV D/C line, aims to meet the	Recommended for approval

	<p>Khasi District, Meghalaya, along With the construction of 132kV D/C Saiseij-Mawkhan Line and GIS Bay at Saiseij Meghalaya (Rs.92.50 crore)</p>	<p>growing power demand in New Shillong and East Khasi Hills. It would improve supply reliability, provide an alternative power source, and support regional development. Benefiting areas like Mawkhanu, Diengpasoh, Tynring, and Bhoi Rymbong, the project will enhance livelihoods through improved electricity access for agriculture, industry, and education.</p> <p>DPR was shared with NITI Aayog and M/o Power on 10.02.2025.</p> <p>M/o Power conveyed their support to the proposal on 11.03.2025.</p> <p>NITI Aayog on 12.06.2025 asked for some additional information related to O&M cost, output-outcome, encumbrance free land certificate, Annexure-C etc.</p> <p>State Govt submitted their response to the observations of the NITI Aayog on 25.06.2025.</p> <p>Regarding a specific query of land compensation, the State Govt. clarified that cost of land would be borne by the State Govt.</p> <p>During the meeting, NITI Aayog stating that the reply of State Govt. on their observations was satisfactory, supported the DPR with the advice that the option of implementing the project in PPP mode may be considered.</p> <p>Responding to the suggestion of NITI Aayog, the State Government stated that there are practical difficulties in finding a suitable private partner in power distribution sector in Meghalaya because the population is very small and highly scattered, making it uneconomical for any private player to work on a franchise model/ PPP. The State Govt. further</p>	
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		<p>argued that a single odd project in Tripura may not be a benchmark for service delivery in the North Eastern States, and therefore PPP mode may not be appropriate at this stage. Moreover, the project has already been approved In-principle and there was no such stipulation at the stage of In-principle approval.</p> <p>Supporting the arguments advanced by the State Govt. of Meghalaya, the Resident Commissioner of Sikkim mentioned Sikkim's experience when they had tried for PPP mode; but could not get proper response.</p> <p>Participants representing EIMC Members from concerned Ministries were requested to give their views. DPIIT, MEA and MHA agreed to the State Govt. view that PPP model was not workable in the area, and supported the proposal.</p> <p>After due deliberations, the EIMC observed that the observations of NITI Aayog were adequately answered by State Govt. and that the members of EIMC have also supported the proposal. Accordingly, the EIMC decided to recommend the project proposal for approval.</p>	
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Agenda IV –Concept Note for In-principle approval (2 project proposals):

Sl.	State Central Agency	Title of the proposed project	Deliberations	Decision
1	NECBDC	Engineered Bamboo Products Promotion through Cluster Strengthening and Export	NECBDC stated that the proposal aims to promote value-added engineered bamboo products by developing modern processing infrastructure, enhancing design, branding, and packaging, and ensuring quality certification for domestic and international markets. It seeks to support export readiness, market linkages, and artisan	To be placed in the next EIMC meeting.

		Facilitation in upskilling, while fostering long-term Public-Private Partnerships to drive innovation and sustainable cluster development.	
		<p>NER (Rs. 59.16 Cr.)</p> <p>Concept Note was shared (through PVS) with NITI Aayog and D/o Agriculture & Farmers Welfare on 07.05.2025.</p> <p>DA&FW, (National Bamboo Mission) on 27.06.2025 supported the project.</p> <p>During the meeting, NITI Aayog stated that it might be possible that the project's components including primary processing, secondary processing, and training, be covered under National Bamboo Mission and hence the proposal may have possibility of convergence with NBM.</p> <p>EIMC decided that Programme Division may have a separate meeting with NITI Aayog and the Agriculture Department (National Bamboo Mission) to explore any possible overlap/ convergence of its components with National Bamboo Mission.</p>	
2	NERAMAC	<p>Agarwood cluster development project in Assam and Tripura (Rs. 64.55 cr.)</p> <p>NERAMAC stated that the project aims to enhance farmer incomes, establish CPCs in Assam and Tripura, and train 14,100 growers in modern techniques. It will boost exports through value addition meeting global standards while ensuring legal and sustainable trade under Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).</p> <p>Concept Note was shared (through PVS) with NITI Aayog, M/o Ayush, M/o Environment, Forest & CC, DPIIT and D/o Agriculture & Farmers Welfare on 14.06.2025.</p> <p>DPIIT supported the proposal on 08.07.2025.</p> <p>M/o Ayush supported the proposal on 14.07.2025 with the following remarks:</p> <p>(i) It is to be clarified whether the land is from forest/government/revenue area.</p> <p>(ii) The timelines and project duration may be prepared taking into account that</p>	To be placed in the next EIMC meeting.

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		<p>gestation period for Agarwood is 6-7 years approx.</p> <p>M/o Environment & Forest supported the proposal during the meeting.</p> <p>D/o Agriculture & Farmers Welfare stated that the proposal is being examined in their Horticulture Division and the comments would be submitted in the next two days.</p> <p>During the meeting, NITI Aayog supported the proposal in-principle and requested to address the following concerns in the DPR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity of NERAMAC to implement such a project may be limited considering that its experience is mostly in small agricultural projects. • NERAMAC would need to establish a Raw Material Supply Chain and give its details in the DPR • NERAMAC may do a Market Study given that Vietnam and Malaysia are presently dominating the market in this sector. • The staff component, their salaries etc fall in the Negative List of PM-DevINE Scheme Guidelines. <p>With regard to the observations of NITI Aayog, it was informed that an Inter-ministerial Task Force was constituted by the Government, who undertook a detailed study, which included online consultations with Malaysia and Indonesia through our respective Embassies. Accordingly, based on the said study, the project proposal was formulated. It was also asserted that Agarwood is a sunrise sector having huge export potential in NER; and NERAMAC should be encouraged and groomed by enhancing its capacity under this project. Experts will be onboarded for the project as a part of capacity building to handle such important project. Considering all factors, NERAMAC has been found to be the best option to implement such a project in the North East.</p> <p>It was clarified that the project was still at</p>	
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		<p>the concept note stage, and detailed information will be incorporated at the stage of DPR.</p> <p>It was decided that the points made above would be addressed and incorporated in detail in the DPR.</p> <p>D/o Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare sought one week's time to furnish their comments on the proposal, which was agreed to by the EIMC.</p>	
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Agenda V – Proposals for change in Scope:

Sl.	State/ Agency	Title of the Project	Deliberations	Decision
1.	Mizoram	Pilot project for (i) construction of Bamboo Link Roads- from Tuirial Airfield to North Chaltlang (18 km) at a cost of Rs.33.58 crore; and (ii) from Lengpui to Saiphal Bamboo Plantation (41 km) at a cost of Rs.66.42 crore.	<p>State Govt. stated that change in scope of the project has become necessary due to unforeseen site conditions; cyclone induced damages, and increased water discharge.</p> <p>The total increase in cost would be Rs.13.42 cr., and the same is within the approved project cost of Rs.100 crore as the tendered cost of the originally approved components is lesser than the approved total project cost.</p> <p>SLEC in its meeting held on 18.02.2025 recommended the change of scope proposal.</p> <p>IFD and Technical Wing of MDoNER supported the proposal.</p> <p>MoRTH supported the proposal for change in scope.</p> <p>NITI Aayog on 19.06.2025 made certain observations related to cost estimates, disaster resilience measures, traffic analysis etc.</p> <p>The State Govt submitted its clarifications to the observations of NITI Aayog on 15.7.2025. During the meeting, NITI Aayog expressed the view that absence of proper hydrological analysis for proposed</p>	Approved for change in scope

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		<p>structures could potentially inflate the cost; and expressed the need of an environmental management plan, focus on hazard zone mapping, slope stability analysis, and hydrological assessments.</p> <p>State Govt. clarified that Cyclone 'Remal' in 2024 had caused unusual and unforeseen situation, leading to significant changes in river bank requiring an increase in the span of river structures. They stated that without these modifications, the work cannot be completed.</p> <p>State Govt. also mentioned that an existing PMGSY road was damaged due to the cyclone, necessitating the construction of a new pavement over the existing base using GSB with WBM. Landslides also required gabion wall construction.</p> <p>Chief Secretary, Mizoram further mentioned that Disaster Resilience measures were proposed because the intensity of disasters like Remal Cyclone was higher than any reasonable anticipation. Further, he informed that the unit cost for flexible pavement has been reviewed, and traffic analysis has also been done. He stated that reply to all the observations of NITI Aayog has been furnished and requested that the proposal for change in scope be approved.</p> <p>Representative of M/o Road Transport and Highways was of the view that due to cyclones and heavy landslides the ground conditions changed, and the hydrological data are not readily available. He observed that the changes are reasonable and MoRTH has already supported the proposal; and that further delay may lead to cost escalation.</p> <p>After detailed deliberations, the EIMC noted that the observations of NITI Aayog were adequately answered by</p>	
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		State Govt. and technicalities have also been scrutinized by the MoRTH and found them reasonable. Hence, the EIMC decided to approve the proposal of the State Govt. for change in scope.	
2.	NEHHDC	<p>To establish an Artist's village for promotion of World's most unique Pottery Art form Longpi Black Pottery of Manipur. (Rs. 32.32 Crore)</p> <p>The project was sanctioned at cost of Rs.32.32 core. The project has two major components—(i) the CPWD component costing Rs.24.88 crore, to be executed by CPWD, and (ii) the NEHHDC component costing Rs.7.44 crore, to be executed by NEHHDC. As per the revised estimates, the cost of the CPWD component has increased from Rs. 24.88 crore to Rs. 28.80 crore, resulting the total revised project cost to be Rs.36.24 cr. which is approx 12.13% above the originally approved cost of Rs.32.32 crore.</p> <p>NEHHDC submitted the following reasons for change in scope:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Electrical development work with rooftop solar photovoltaic power generation system with Estimated cost: ₹3.72 Cr (approx.) not considered in the earlier estimate has been included now; Cost escalation has been included as per CPWD norms; and The cost Index for Longpi, Ukhrul has been considered as 193 in place of earlier 204. <p>IFD, MDoNER and Technical Wing, MDoNER had no objection to the proposal.</p> <p>Change of scope proposal was shared with M/o Culture, M/o Textiles, M/o Tourism, and NITI Aayog on 15.05.2025.</p> <p>M/o Culture supported the proposal on 2.6.2025.</p> <p>M/o Tourism supported the proposal on 28.07.2025.</p>	<p>Approved for change in scope.</p>

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			<p>NITI Aayog supported the proposal on 23.07.2025.</p> <p>After detailed deliberations, the EIMC decided to approve the proposal of the NEHHDC for change in scope.</p>	
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Agenda VI – DPRs of In-principle recommended project proposals awaited:

Sl.	State Central Agency	Title of the project	Deliberations	Decision
1.	Manipur	Construction of Manipur International Convention Centre, Imphal Phase-I (Rs.167 crore)	<p>The project was recommended in-principle in the 15th EIMC meeting held on 12.03.2025.</p> <p>State Govt. informed that they have received the vetted DPR, which is likely to be considered by the SLEC by 31st July, 2025.</p>	State to expedite DPR/ documents

Agenda VII – Work Orders of sanctioned projects awaited:

Sl.	State Central Agency	Title of the project	Deliberations	Decision
1	Arunachal Pradesh	<p>Construction of Integrated State of Art Convention Centre at Tawang</p> <p>Project Cost: Rs. 146.83 crore.</p> <p>AFS Date: 10.06.2025</p>	SG stated that the work would be awarded by 20 th of August, 2025.	State to award and start the work.
2	IICA	<p>Establishment of a regional campus of Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) at Shillong.</p> <p>Project Cost: Rs.100.95 crore.</p> <p>AFS date: 05.03.2025</p>	IICA stated that the work would be awarded by 20 th October, 2025.	IICA to award and start the work.

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3	Nagaland	Setting up of 50 Bedded Hospital at New District Headquarter Peren, Nagaland Project Cost: Rs. 44.65 crore. AFS date 29.04.2025	SG stated that the work would be awarded by 7 th of August, 2025.	State to award and start the work.
4	Nagaland	Multi-speciality hospital in Chumoukedima Project Cost: Rs.58.72 crore. AFS date 09.06.2025	SG stated that the work would be awarded by 15 th of August, 2025.	State to award and start the work.

3. On the Concept Note for the project "Works proposed by SAI centres in North East (Rs.75 crore)" proposed by the Sports Authority of India (SAI), the Competent Authority made the following observations:

- i. Department of Sports and & SAI may present on their plans for the North East.

The Department of Sports and the SAI may take further necessary action accordingly.

4. NITI Aayog and line Ministries were again requested to furnish their comments within the stipulated time, i.e., two weeks from the receipt of the Concept Notes and within 30 days from the receipt of the DPRs through the Poorvottar Vikas Setu Portal, as per the new guidelines issued by MDoNER. State Governments were also requested to reply timely to the observations made by the line Ministries or NITI Aayog. The State Governments were further advised to expedite physical progress of the ongoing projects and utilize the funds allocated under the scheme during the Current Financial Year 2025-26, by incurring expenditure from the funds available with CNA and also raising more fund demands through PVS Portal.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure

List of the participants to the 19th meeting of the Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC) of Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North Eastern Region (PM-DevINE) scheme held on 29.07.2025 at Jodhpur Officer's Hostel, New Delhi.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS ATTENDED THE 19 TH EIMC MEETING OF PM-DEVINE HELD ON 29.07.2025			
Sl.No.	Ministry/Department/ State	Name	Designation
1.	Ministry of DoNER	Shri Chanchal Kumar	Secretary - In Chair
2.	Tripura	Dr. Brahmneet Kaur	Spl. Resident Commissioner
3.	Nagaland	Smt. Sharon Longchari	Joint Resident Commissioner
4.	Meghalaya	Shri Sabrella B. Marak	Add. Resident Commissioner
5.	Sikkim	Shri Ashwani Kumar Chand	Resident Commissioner
6.	MCA	Shri D.Kalita	OSD, IICA Shillong
7.	MDoNER	Shri Angshuman Dey	Joint Secretary
		Shri Sandeep Verma	Deputy Secretary
		Shri S.D. Meena	Deputy Secretary
		Shri Sachin	Section Officer
		Mohd. Mohsin	Consultant
		Shri Ankush	Consultant

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS ATTENDED MEETING THROUGH VC		
Ministry/Department/ State	Name	Designation
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh	Shri R.K Sharma	Secretary, Planning Department
	Shri Doba Jini	Chief Engineer, PWD
	Shri Sanjay Phukan	Joint Director
Govt. of Assam	Shri Vijay Bhaskar Reddy	Secretary, T&D
	Shri Arjun Mandal	SE, PWBD
	Shri Rajit Dutta	AE, PWRD
	Smt. Pranita Devi Mahanta,	Asst Director, T&D deppt.
Govt. of Manipur	Shri Anurag Bajpai	Additional Chief Secretary
	Shri N. Subhas	Chief Engineer, PWD
	Shri L. DOHNSON Singh	EE/ M Q CD, PWD
	Dr. R.K. Radhesana Devi	Director, Planning
Govt. of Meghalaya	Dr. Vijay Kumar D	Commissioner&Secretary
	Shri K. Hynniewta	JS, OSD & Ex-officio Joint Secretary,
Govt. of Mizoram	Shri Khilliram Meena	Chief Secretary
Govt. of Nagaland	Smt. Temsunaro Aier	Development Commissioner, Planning Department
	Shri Robert Ngullie	Commissioner & Secretary
	Smt. Tainiu	Secretary, H&FW
	Shri Imlikokba Longkumer	Asstt. Development Commissioner, PD
	Dr. Hokugha Sema	Nodal Officer, H& FW
	Shri Kethosituo Sekhose	Director, YRS department
Govt. of Sikkim	Shri Raj Yadav	Commissioner cum secretary
	Shri Jigme S Basi	Addl. Secretary, Planning.
	Shri Tshering Yangchen Bhutia	Joint Director

	Shri Tshering Kee Chingapa	Director
NITI Aayog	Mohd Zubair Ali Hashmi	Director
	Ms. Archana Gupta	Consultant
Department of Sports	Shri OP Chanchal	Under Secretary
Ministry of Power	Shri Om Kant Shukala	Director
MEA	Shri Hermon	US (States)
MoHUA	Shri Hira Lal Mishra	Under Secretary
M/o Tourism	Shri Synrem	Joint Secretary
	Shri Pawan Tewatia	Under Secretary
M/o Culture	Shri Mohit Rawat	Section Officer
MHA	Shri Rajesh Kumar	Under Secretary
DPIIT	Shri Sher Singh Meena	Under Secretary
NEHHDC	Shri Mara Kacho	Managing Director
NECTAR	Dr. Arun Kumar Sarma	Director General
M/o Ayush	Dr. M.A Qasmi	Advisor
D/o Agriculture	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Director
MoRTH	Shri Vivekenand	Executive Engineer
M/o Textiles	Shri J D Barman	Director
MDoNER	Shri Asit Gopal	AS&FA
NERAMAC	Shri Kayio Kayina	Managing Director
M/o Corporate Affairs	Shri JP Singh	Under Secretary
