



PM-DevINE and NESIDS Schemes

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Why in News?

Recently, The [Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North Eastern Region \(PM-DevINE\)](#), designed to bolster **North-East India's development**, has undergone crucial revisions to align with the region's needs and aspirations.

- These new guidelines govern all PM-DevINE projects effective from 12th October 2022 onwards.
- Additionally, the **Ministry of Development of the North Eastern Region (MDoNER)** releases new Scheme Guidelines for implementing Cabinet-approved **North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS)** during the [15th Finance Commission's balance period \(2022-2026\)](#).

What are the Revised Guidelines of the PM-DevINE Scheme?

- **Project Oversight and Governance:**
 - MDoNER will oversee **project selection, approval, and monitoring** in consultation with State Governments, [North Eastern Council \(NEC\)](#), and concerned Central Ministries, with implementation through NEC or Central Ministries/agencies.
 - The guidelines outline the **process, including project identification, selection, DPR preparation, sanction, fund release, monitoring, and completion.**
- **Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC):**
 - Establishment of EIMC to oversee various functions within PM-DevINE.
 - Chaired by the Secretary of the MDoNER.
- **State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC):**
 - Creation of SLEC at the State level for project review and approval.
 - Composition of SLEC including **Chief Secretary, relevant Secretaries, and representation from NEC.**
- **Regarding Project Selection:**
 - North Eastern States must establish **Gati Shakti implementation mechanisms like Empowered Group of Secretaries, Network Planning Group, and Technical Support Unit**, along with notifying a State Logistics Policy and updating Gati Shakti National Master Plan data layers, including land revenue maps.
 - States not meeting these criteria **won't receive new PM-DevINE project sanctions from 2023-24 onwards.**

What is PM-DevINE?

- **The Genesis of PM-DevINE:**
 - The PM-DevINE scheme as a Central Sector scheme, was introduced as a part of the [Union Budget 2022-23](#).
 - The Cabinet granted approval for the PM-DevINE scheme on 12th October 2022. It **has been granted 100% Central funding**, ensuring that resources are directly allocated to the development initiatives.
 - It will be implemented by the **Ministry of Development of the Northeast Region**.
- **Objectives of PM-DevINE:**
 - **Infrastructure Development:** In line with the spirit of [PM GatiShakti](#), PM-DevINE aims to fund infrastructure projects in a cohesive manner, ensuring **seamless connectivity and accessibility across the NER**.
 - **Supporting Social Development Projects:** Recognizing the unique needs and challenges of the NER, the **scheme endeavours to support social development projects** that address critical issues and improve the overall quality of life for the region's inhabitants.
 - **Empowering Youth and Women:** PM-DevINE seeks to create **livelihood opportunities specifically targeting the youth and women of the NER**, enabling them to participate actively in the region's development and progress.
- **Ineligible Projects under PM-DEVINE:**
 - Projects providing long-term individual benefits or **"Direct Benefit Transfer"** elements.
 - Projects for administrative buildings of **government offices/agencies or institutional needs**.
 - Sectors covered by other **MDoNER schemes and those specified in the Negative List by the Ministry of DoNER**.

What is the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS)?

- NESIDS, a [central sector scheme](#) with **100% central funding**, receives a renewed approved outlay of Rs. 8139.50 crore for 2022-23 to 2025-26.
- The scheme encompasses two components: **NESIDS-Road and NESIDS-Other Than Road Infrastructure (OTRI)**.
- The merger of the **former North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS)** into NESIDS-Road led to the formulation of fresh guidelines.
- NESIDS aims to foster infrastructure development, especially connectivity, in identified sectors across the North Eastern States.

What are Other Initiatives Related to the Development of the Northeast Region?

- [North Eastern Council \(NEC\)](#)
- **Connectivity Projects:** [Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Project \(Myanmar\)](#) and [Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar \(BCIM\) Corridor](#).
- [Bharatmala Pariyojana](#) (**5,301 km road stretches in NER for improvement**)
- **North East has been kept as a priority area under [RCS-UDAN](#) (to make flying more affordable).**

UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Questions (PYQs)

Q. Cross-border movement of insurgents is only one of the several security challenges facing the policing of the border in North-East India. Examine the various challenges currently emanating across the India-Myanmar border. Also, discuss the steps to counter the challenges. **(2019)**

