



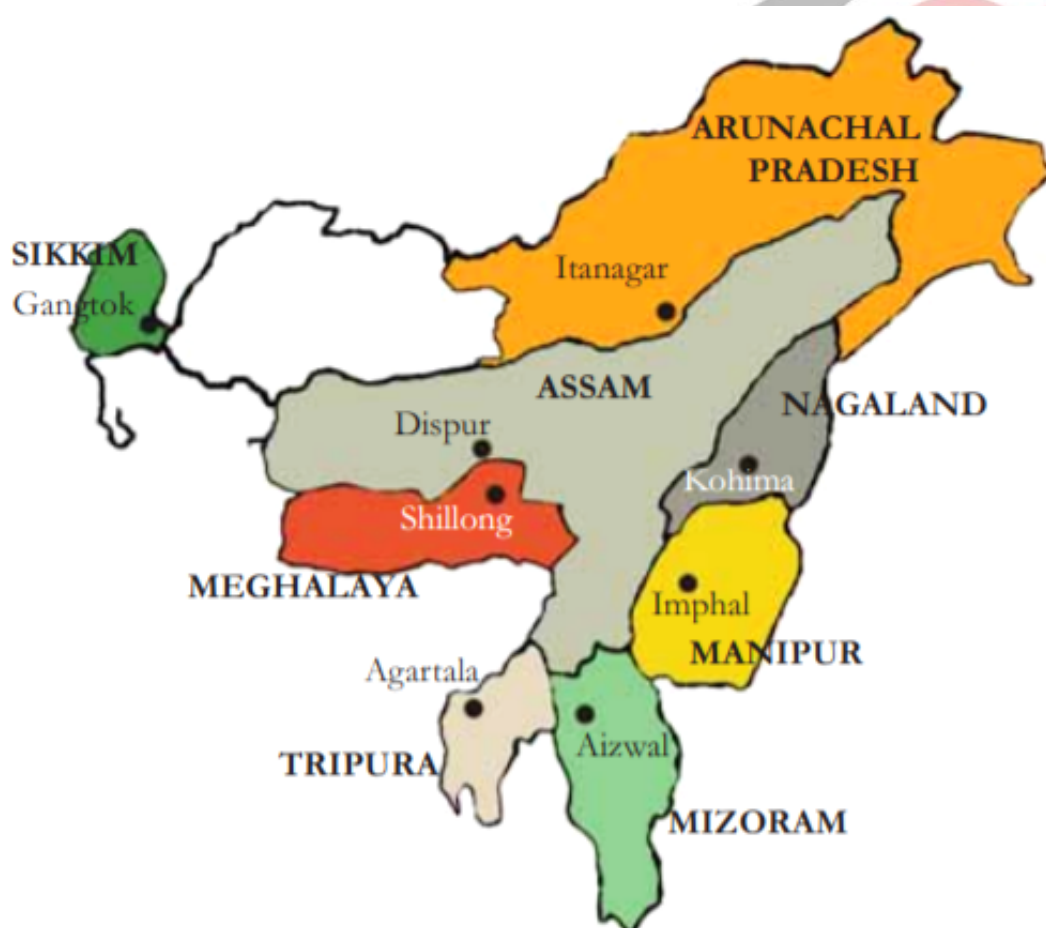
PM's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE)

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Why in News?

Recently, in a written reply to a question in the [Rajya Sabha](#), it was informed that 35 projects worth **Rs. 4857.11 crore**, including seven announced in [Union Budget 2022-23](#), have been sanctioned under [PM-DevINE](#).

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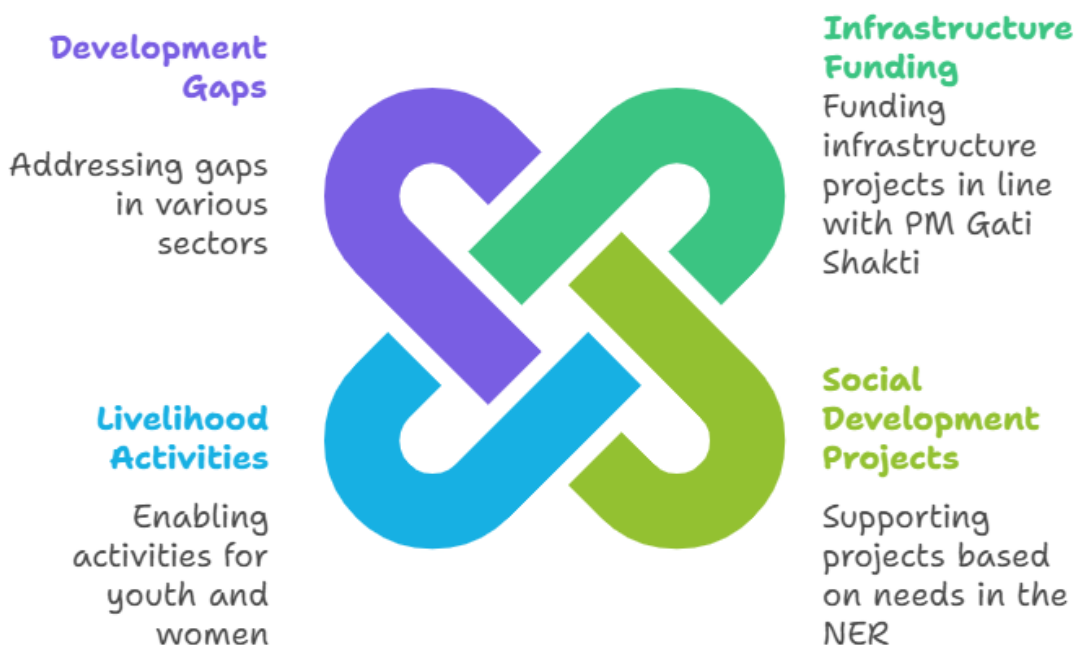
What is PM-DevINE Scheme?

- **About: PM-DevINE**, is a [Central Sector Scheme](#) introduced in the **Union Budget 2022-23** with the aim of promoting rapid and holistic development in the [North East Region \(NER\)](#).
 - The scheme was approved by the Cabinet on **12th October 2022**, with a total financial

outlay of **Rs 6600 crore** for the period from **2022-23 to 2025-26**.

- **Implementation:** The scheme is implemented by the **Ministry of Development of the North Eastern Region (MDoNER)** to address region-specific developmental needs, ensuring efficient utilisation of resources and coordinated project execution.
- **Infrastructure Development:** In line with the scheme's objectives, a total of **17 projects** worth **Rs. 2806.65 crore** have been approved for NER.
 - It aligns with **PM GatiShakti**, focusing on cohesive funding of infrastructure projects to ensure seamless connectivity and accessibility across NER.
 - Prioritises funding for projects that tackle critical social issues and improve the quality of life for residents in NER.
 - Emphasizes creating sustainable livelihood opportunities specifically for youth and women, fostering greater participation in the region's growth.
 - Focuses on bridging developmental disparities in sectors not covered by other schemes, enhancing regional balance.
- **Achievements under PM-DevINE:**
 - **35 projects** worth **Rs 4857.11 crore** include initiatives such as cancer care facilities, university infrastructure upgrades, and radiation oncology centers.
 - **Road connectivity projects** have developed new roads, connecting remote villages, reducing travel time, and boosting local economies.
 - **Smart water supply** projects providing integrated drinking water systems have directly benefited over **1 lakh** residents.
- **Ineligible Projects:** Excludes projects involving **Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT)** or those providing long-term individual benefits.
 - Projects related to administrative buildings, government offices, or sectors already addressed by existing MDoNER schemes or listed in the **Negative List** are ineligible.

PM-DevINE Scheme Objectives



What are Various Development Initiatives and Their Achievements in the North East?

- **Infrastructure Initiatives:**
 - **Bharatmala Pariyojana**, **Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Project**,

and **the India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway** enhance regional and international connectivity, fostering trade and economic growth for the Northeast Region.

- **The Regional Connectivity Scheme** under **UDAN** works towards making air travel more affordable and accessible and linking remote areas.

▪ **Industrial Development:**

- **The North East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS) (2017-2022)** provided incentives for MSMEs to stimulate regional employment and industrial growth.
- **The UNNATI Scheme (2024)** was introduced to enhance industrialization, offering incentives such as capital investment support, interest subventions, and service-linked benefits.

▪ **Agricultural and Environmental Focus:**

- **The National Bamboo Mission** promotes sustainable bamboo development, while the **North Eastern Region Agri-Commodity e-Connect (NE-RACE)** connects farmers to global markets, enhancing agricultural income.

▪ **Digital and Scientific Innovation:**

- **The Digital North East Vision 2022** aims to transform lives through digital technologies, while **the North East Science and Technology Cluster (NEST)** promotes grassroots innovations and eco-friendly technological growth.

▪ **Tourism, Cultural, Entrepreneurial Growth:**

- The **Swadesh Darshan Scheme** develops tourism circuits to highlight the region's natural beauty and cultural heritage, promoting eco-tourism.
- Major festivals like **Hornbill Festival** and **Pang Lhabsol**, along with the **Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav**, promote regional traditions, handicrafts, and tourism.

UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Questions (PYQs)

Prelims:

Q With reference to 'National Investment and Infrastructure Fund', which of the following statements is/are correct? (2017)

1. It is an organ of NITI Aayog.
2. It has a corpus of `4,00,000 crore at present.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (d)

Mains:

Q. "Investment in infrastructure is essential for more rapid and inclusive economic growth." Discuss in the light of India's experience. (2021).

