

UNNATI 2024

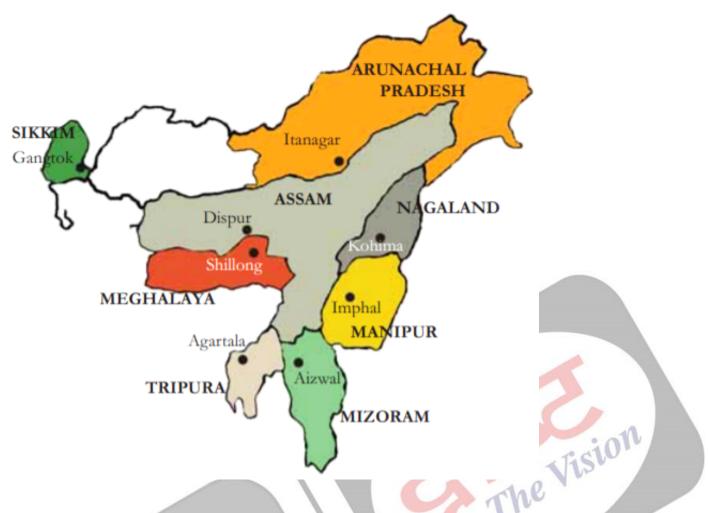
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Why in News?

The Union Cabinet has approved the **Uttar Poorva Transformative Industrialization Scheme (UNNATI), 2024** to foster industrial growth and employment generation in the **northeastern region.**

What is UNNATI 2024?

- Objective:
 - It is aimed at developing industries and generating employment in the Northeast region.
 - It focuses on attracting new investments, nurturing existing ones, and promoting industries like renewable energy and Electric Vehicle charging stations while restricting environmentally harmful sectors such as cement and plastic.
- Salient Features:
 - Scheme Period: Effective from the date of Notification until 31.03.2034, with 8 years of committed liabilities.
 - The scheme's total cost is **Rs. 10,037 crore**, covering a 10-year period with an additional 8 years for committed liabilities.
 - **Commencement of Production:** All eligible Industrial Units to commence their production or operation within **4 years fr**om the grant of registration.
 - Zone Classification: Districts are categorised into Zone A (Industrially Advanced) and Zone B (Industrially Backward) for incentives.
 - Funds Allocation: 60% of Part A outlay earmarked for 8 North Eastern states and 40% allocated on a First-In-First-Out (FIFO) basis.
- Incentives for Investors: The scheme offers various incentives to investors for setting up new units or expanding existing ones, categorised based on GST applicability, like:
 - Capital Investment Incentive
 - Central Capital Interest Subvention
 - Manufacturing & Services linked incentive (MSLI) for new units linked to Net Payment of GST, with upper limits based on zones.
- Implementation Strategy: The <u>Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)</u>
 will implement the scheme in collaboration with states, overseen by national and state-level
 committees.



What are the Other Government Initiatives Related to the North Eastern Region?

- Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) Scheme: Launched in the Union Budget 2022-2023 and approved by the Union Cabinet in October 2022, PM-DevINE aims to fund infrastructure and social development projects in the NorthEast Region (NER).
- Advancing North East Portal: It is a digital platform and web-based initiative developed by NEC through the North Eastern Development Finance Corporation (NEDFi) which provides much-needed knowledge and guidance for the youth of NER.
- 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).**
- North East has been kept as a priority area under <u>RCS-UDAN</u> (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)**

