



## 72nd plenary of the North Eastern Council

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At the **72<sup>nd</sup> plenary of the North Eastern Council (NEC) in Agartala, Tripura**. The Union Home Minister stressed the need for police forces in the **Northeastern (NE) States** to shift focus from **insurgency control** to ensuring **citizens' constitutional rights**, reflecting a new phase of governance in the region.

- **NEC:** The NEC, established in **1971** (by an Act of Parliament), is the **nodal agency** for the economic and social development of the NE Region, comprising Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura.
  - It aims to address developmental challenges and unlock the region's potential.
- **Achievements of the NEC:** Constructed over 11,500 kilometers of roads, improving connectivity across the NE Region.
  - Boosted power generation capacity through projects led by the **North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO)**.
  - Set up foundational institutions like the **Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS)** and various educational and technical hubs.
  - Transitioned from an **advisory body to a Regional Planning Agency**, playing a critical role in strategic decision-making.

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