



# 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** from 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 [Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade \(DPIIT\)](#) will implement the scheme in collaboration with states, overseen by national and state-level committees.

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## 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 **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)**

