

Good Governance Initiatives in NEC Secretariat

Introduction to NEC

- The eight States of the North East Region constitutes the North Eastern Council (NEC)
- NEC constituted as a statutory advisory body in 1971 by an Act of Parliament. The NEC (Amendment) Act, 2002 mandates NEC to function as the <u>Regional Planning Body</u> for the North Eastern Region.
- Schemes and projects that benefit two or more states would be given priority, except for Sikkim where stand alone projects are also allowed.
- The schemes are to ensure integrated socio-economic development of the eight States of North Eastern Region including Sikkim.

Mandates of the NEC

- Preparation of integrated and holistic regional perspective plans to achieve specific short-term and long-term objectives, by taking into account the aspirations, needs and sensitivities of the people of the region.
- Identifying the strengths of the region and focusing on the opportunities for accelerating the pace of socio-economic development in the NER through participatory planning and implementation.
- **Synergizing and building convergence** in the efforts of Central/State Government/other stakeholders for balanced development of the region.
- Evolving a coordinated common approach for all agencies working for the development, public order and security in the region.
- Evolving and aiding in the formulation of innovative and appropriate policies and strategies suited for the region for its all round rapid development.

Strengths of NEC

- Involvement of Governors & Chief Ministers at Apex Level –
 Plenary Council.
- Located closer to the ground Secretariat at Shillong.
- Sector Experts from Government and Industry as Members and Advisers.
- Collective voice of the North Eastern People.
- Nearly hundred percent utilization of allotted funds in the budget for the development needs of the Region.

Good Practices of NEC

- Revenue (Non-Plan) expenditure of NEC is only 1.4% of the total budget of the NEC during 2016-17.
- Robust Information System: Monthly Progress Reports, Project Inspection Reports placed on the website for transparency.
- Review meetings with State Governments are being held by Secretary, NEC in their respective States for better understanding, monitoring and immediate resolution of any issues.

Multi Level Monitoring System:

- Evaluation & Monitoring Division of NEC is headed by Economic Adviser (E&M) assisted by Consultants having engineering and economics background. The Consultants take up regular monitoring of projects and mandatory inspection before release of final instalments for projects.
- NEC has engaged Regional Level Monitors (on the same lines as National Level Monitors for PMGSY under Min. of Rural Development) who are retired senior officers with domain expertise for evaluation of projects.
- NEC also engages Institutes/ Organizations like WAPCOS, WEBCON, IIE etc. for conducting Impact Assessment Studies of the NEC assisted projects.

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Good Practices in NEC (Contd./-)

- NEC e-office launched by Hon'ble Chairman, NEC in May, 2017.
- All funds to the State Government, other agencies, etc are released through PFMS. From October, 2017, EAT module of PFMS has been activated.
- Information about release of funds are being uploaded in NEC website.
- Standing Committee for Retention of Projects select the projects for implementation.
- List of retained projects sent to the States for submission of DPRs
- Pursuant to Hon'ble Prime Minister's direction in the 65th Plenary, NEC is already in the process of developing into a-state-of-the-art resource centre for the NE States.

Other initiatives/ recognitions

- Mobile App: The NEC's Online Approvals and Sanctions Information System (OASIS) - Mobile Version was awarded the Winner for the year 2016 in the Mobile for Social Services Category at the eNorth East Award Summit held in Shillong in February 2016. Award is given by Digital Empowerment Foundation.
- Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) GOLD award to the NEC Secretariat, Shillong in June 2017.
- Full e-payment compliant All payments in NEC made electronically
- **Direct Benefit Transfers for** NEC Chairman's Sportspersons Award whereby cash award to the sportspersons were transferred directly to their bank accounts.
- Implementation of NEC Citizen's Charter August 2017. Website has a section on it.

Other initiatives/ recognitions (Contd./)

- OASIS software is being extended to the State Governments for online submission of Utilization Certificates, photographs etc.
- Collaboration with NESAC
- (i) Satellite enabled monitoring of infrastructure projects initiated in collaboration with NESAC based on coordinates.
- (ii) Mobile app based monitoring & uploading in the website.
- (iii) Monitoring of projects through Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) initiated. NEC has sponsored UAVs for all the States and necessary training through NESAC.

Centre for Policy Research and Analysis

'Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis for North East' set up at RGIIM, Shillong to provide strategic policy vision in the following areas:

- 1. Livelihood Mission
- 2. Act East Policy with special emphasis on connectivity to South East Asia, Border Trade, development of MSMEs, Tourism promotion and socio-cultural ties;
- 3. Research and innovation in sustainable development, biodiversity, organic food basket, bamboo mission, horticulture and handloom.

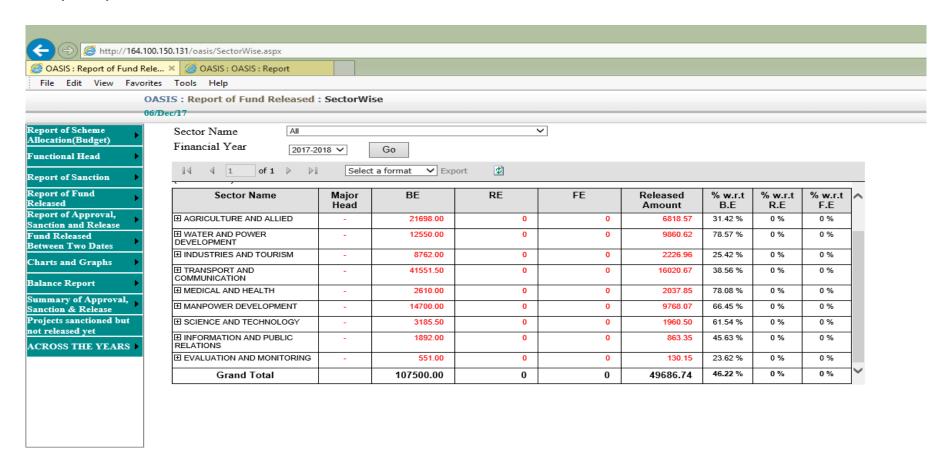
Collaboration between IIM Shillong, Ministry of DoNER and NEC

Sectors identified viz., (1) Tourism, (2) Business Processing Outsourcing (BPO), (3) Logistics Development, (4) Handicraft, (5) Horticulture etc. have been constituted.

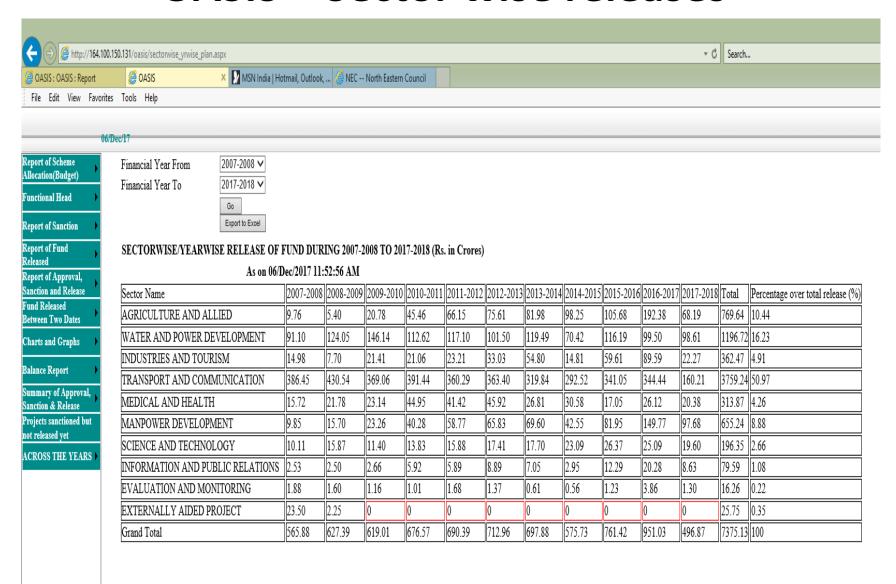
Projects Information System - OASIS

Online Approvals and Sanctions Information System (OASIS) -

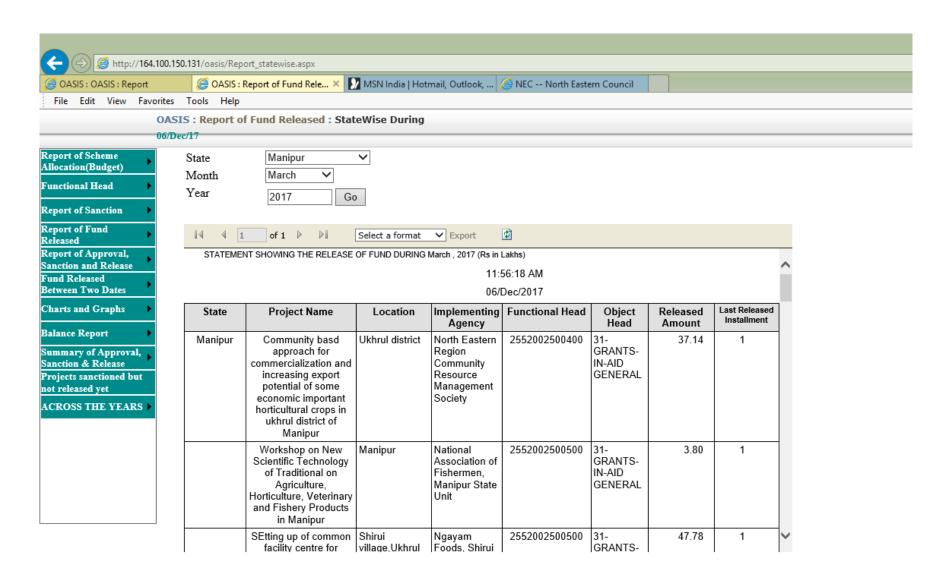
It is an application to disseminate information about the Administrative Approvals, Sanctions and Releases of the various schemes and projects of the North Eastern Council (NEC)



OASIS – Sector wise releases

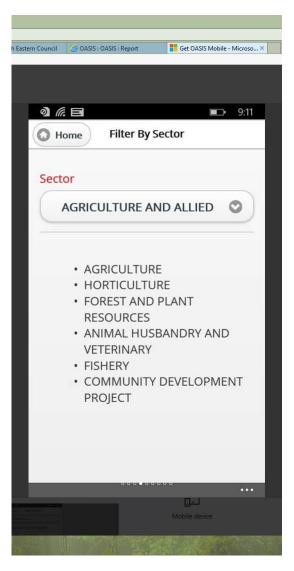


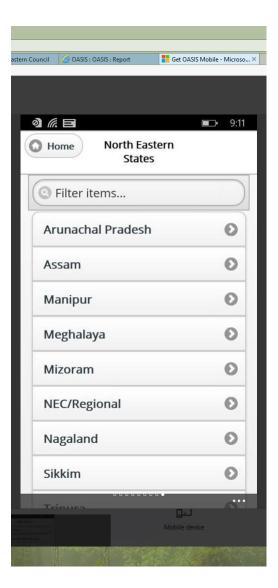
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OASIS – Mobile App version







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