

PM-DevINE Scheme

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In news— The Union Cabinet has recently approved a new Scheme, Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) for the remaining four years of the 15th Finance Commission from 2022-23 to 2025-26.

Key features of the scheme-

- The new Scheme, PM-DevINE, is a **Central Sector Scheme with 100% Central funding**.
- The PM-DevINE Scheme will have an **outlay of Rs.6,600 crore for the four year period from 2022-23 to 2025-26**.
- **The objectives of PM-DevINE are to:**
 - Fund infrastructure convergently, in the spirit of PM Gati Shakti.
 - Support social development projects based on felt needs of the NER.
 - Enable livelihood activities for youth and women.
 - Fill the development gaps in various sectors.
- It will lead to **creation of infrastructure, support industries, social development projects** and create livelihood activities for youth and women, thus leading to employment generation.
- It will not be a substitute for existing Central and State Schemes.
- It will be **implemented by Ministry of DoNER through North Eastern Council or Central Ministries/ agencies**.
- To limit construction risks of time and cost overrun, falling on the Government projects would be implemented on Engineering-procurement-Construction (EPC) basis, to the extent possible.
- There are other MDoNER Schemes for the development of North Eastern Region. The average size of projects under other MDoNER Schemes is about Rs.12 crore only.

- **PM-DevINE will provide support to infrastructure and social development projects which may be larger in size** and will also provide an end-to-end development solution instead of isolated projects.
- PM-DevINE, was announced in the Union Budget 2022-23 to address development gaps in the North Eastern Region (NER).
- The justification for announcement of PM-DevINE is that the parameters of NE States in respect of Basic Minimum Services (BMS) are well below the national average and there are critical development gaps as per the BER District Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Index 2021-22 prepared by NITI Aayog, UNDP and MDoNER.
- The new Scheme, PM-DevINE was announced to address these BMS shortfalls and development gaps.