



National Web- Conference on
REVISITING NORTH EASTERN REGION VISION 2020: ACHIEVEMENT,
EMERGING CHALLENGES AND REORIENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY FOR FUTURE

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CALL FOR PAPERS

IMPORTANT DATE

Registration and Submission of Extended Abstract on or
before February 20, 2021

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CONCEPT NOTE

North East Region of the Country (India) is considered to be a development deprived region despite having advantage in natural resources and social capital. To set up the developmental goals, identify the challenges and to suggest implementation strategies of various sectors of development in this Region, a vision document 'Vision 2020' was prepared in 2008 for a time period up to 2020. The sectors included in the 'Vision 2020' were connectivity, power, poverty eradication, human resource development, industry, tourism, ICT, health, rural development, financial services, look east policy, sports-art & culture etc. By including different sectors the Vision 2020 presented a framework to bring concerned sectoral departments at one platform for the development of the North Eastern Region.

To realize the major thrust area identified in the Vision document, several statutory and sectoral initiatives such as mandatory earmarking of at least 10% of GBS of Central Ministries/Departments for North Eastern Region (NER), creation of Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR), have been undertaken in the past years. According to the Ministry of DoNER Rs.1573.56 crore was released for development of infrastructure like roads and bridges, ISBT, airports, railway in North Eastern Region in the last five years (2014-19). Similarly, several other sectoral initiatives have been undertaken to promote tourism, air connectivity, telecommunication, value chain development, and textile promotion of livelihoods keeping in view the areas in which the region has a comparative advantage. Several special projects for development of textile, roads, rails, and livelihood were undertaken such as NERTPS, SAMPADA, Mission Organic Value Chain Development, SARDP-NE, Bharatmala Pariyojana, RCS- UDAN, Swadesh Darshan etc.

Now, more than 11 years have been passed and some progress have also been made especially in road, rail air and telecommunication connectivity , however, the majority of the major thrust areas are yet to get sufficient attention and investment. Incidence of poverty is still high, youths are migrating to the other part of the country on higher scale, harnessing of industrial potential is yet to start, the health care system is very poor and now it require special attention considering the COVID 19 pandemic, skilling human resources, water management, value chain promotion, MSME promotion,

scaling up of financial services, especially for poor. The full potential of tourism is yet to be explored, capacity building etc. are need to be relooked once again in the changing environment. The Act East Policy potentials are waiting for mutually gainful engagement with neighbouring countries. In this background, NIRDPR-NERC propose to organize a national conference to bring experts, academia, policymaker, planners, people's organization other Stakeholders on a platform to revisit the NER Vision 2020, identify the gap and to reorientation the development strategy of States for future.

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide a platform for sharing the learnings with special reference to NER Vision 2020.
- To assess the progress and gap of various sectoral programmes undertaken for the people, environment and sustainable development in the States
- To identify the emerging challenges and reorientation of development programmes strategy for promoting peace and prosperity; in the region;
- MSME
- To arrive at strategies and action framework to develop and promote practical policy options for sustainable development.

SUB THEMES:

- ✚ Infrastructure, Connectivity and Communication, ICT
- ✚ Electricity/ Power, Renewable Energy
- ✚ Land, Water and Forest
- ✚ Agriculture, Horticulture & other Allied Sectors
- ✚ Rural Development, Poverty Eradication
- ✚ Skill Development, Livelihoods Options
- ✚ Industrial Development, Bottle Neck- Large and Medium
- ✚ Small Scale and Home Based Industry
- ✚ Food Processing, Value Addition
- ✚ Tourism, Eco-tourism, Rural Tourism
- ✚ Modern Health, Medicinal Plants
- ✚ Financial Inclusion, Financial Services, Microfinance and Financial Literacy
- ✚ Fiscal and Financial Aspects of North Eastern States
- ✚ Environmental Conservation and Climate Change

- ✚ Education, Youth, Sports, Art & Culture
- ✚ Rural Products and Markets
- ✚ Ethnicity, Insurgency, Peace Process
- ✚ Mines & Minerals, Oil
- ✚ Local self-governance
- ✚ Women Empowerment, Women and Child Development
- ✚ Act East Policy
- ✚ Any other relevant issues related to the main theme i.e. History of North East India, Communities of North East India, Administration of Justice and Dispute Resolution in Communities of North East India

OUTCOMES EXPECTED:

- Discussion will be generated on important aspects of development policy adopted under the NER Vision 2020 and its relevance;
- Assemblage of ideas and suggestions pertaining to the development constraints and will be a background policy document for future course of action;
- Central Ministries and State's Department will be provided with the Inputs on/ for policy through recommendations of the conference; and
- Presented papers and views will be culminated in book for future reference.

TARGET STAKEHOLDERS and PARTICIPATION:

- ❖ States Representatives, Policymakers, Planner, Experts from different Sectoral Domain, Academia, Researchers from University and Institutions, Officers from different Govt Departments, NEC, Faculty from SIRDPRs, Practitioners from renowned CBOs/NGOs etc.

The participation will be by invitation and through submission of extended abstracts. The presentations shall be in the form of PPT, Oral and Poster.

Interested participants may send their extended abstracts and full papers through email on seminar.nird.ghy@gmail.com and mkshrivastava.nird@gov.in.

GUIDELINES FOR POLICY/ RESERACH PAPERS:

It is also recommended that the length of the abstract and full paper should not exceed 500 words and 6,000 words, respectively, excluding preliminary pages, annexure and references. It should be written in Times New Roman, 12 pt. and line spacing- 1.15 lines. For reference we recommend the APA style.

The abstract should include the title of the proposed paper, Name of author/s, Institutional affiliation, Email address, Mobile No and Postal address, key words

upto six and finally a paragraph of not more than 500 words summarizing the main findings and the argument of the proposed paper, and its significance.

The full paper should be arranged as follows: Title page, the presenter's name, institutional affiliation (if any), email address and postal address, Abstract, Key- words, Introduction, Methods, Findings, Discussion, Citations and references.

REGISTRATION: THERE IS NO PARTICIPATION FEE.

Registration Link:

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Date for Submission of Abstract: February 15, 2021
- Submission of Full Paper: February 28, 2021

VENUE OF THE CONFERENCE: ONLINE MODE

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