



Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia Participates in Hornbill Traditional Naga Stone-Pulling; Unveils Over ₹645 Cr Development Push Powered by PM Modi's Act East Vision

Big Push to Health, Roads, Power, Education & Innovation Infrastructure in Nagaland

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Union Minister of Communications and DoNER, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, marked a significant day in Nagaland as he participated in the traditional Naga stone-pulling ceremony at Tuophema Village as part of the Hornbill Festival, followed by unveiling a major development package for the state. The day saw the inauguration of completed projects worth over ₹202 crore and the laying of foundation stones for new initiatives of about ₹443 crore, taking total investments to over ₹645 crore.

Participation in Traditional Stone-Pulling Ceremony

Dressed in traditional Angami attire, Scindia joined the community in the culturally revered act of stone pulling, witnessing firsthand the unity and collective strength that define the Angami way of life.

He said, "This tradition is not merely a display of physical strength but a living reminder of how heritage binds communities together. Standing here among the people of Tuophema, I felt the deep wisdom of a society that safeguards its roots while embracing progress."

Inauguration and Unveiling of Key Development Projects

Following the ceremony, the Minister unveiled a significant development package for Nagaland, inaugurating and launching projects totaling over ₹645 crore across critical sectors. As part of the Government of India's unwavering focus on enhancing strategic connectivity in the Northeast, special impetus has been placed on strengthening key road corridors and improving airport-linked connectivity through major route upgrades.

He inaugurated five completed projects amounting to over ₹202 crore, including:

- 132 kV Sub-Station Upgrade, Nagarjan, Dimapur – ₹24.46 Cr
- Teachers Training & Exam Centre with Residential Facilities – ₹20 Cr
- ICT Infrastructure in 190 Schools – ₹18.95 Cr
- Chendang Saddle–Kohima Road (Phase-II, 12.57 km) – ₹45.59 Cr
- AT Road Upgrade, Tssurang to Impur (26.335 km, 3 bridges) – ₹93.98 Cr

He also laid the foundation stones for ten new projects worth around ₹443 crore, covering health, sports, innovation, energy, and major road development, including:

- Multispeciality Hospital, Chümoukedima (PM-DevINE) – ₹58.7 Cr
- 50-Bed Hospital, Peren HQ (PM-DevINE) – ₹44.6 Cr
- Kohima Sports Centre, IG Stadium (PM-DevINE) – ₹72.6 Cr
- Nagaland Innovation Hub – ₹19.6 Cr
- 11.5 MW Dzuza Small Hydro – ₹22.8 Cr
- New DLC Complex, Peren Township – ₹21.9 Cr
- Old Peren–Chalkot Road (16.50 km) – ₹46.3 Cr
- Phomching–Longding Road (20.9 km) – ₹58 Cr
- Thizama–Chiethu Airport Road (18.24 km) – ₹42.6 Cr
- Khonomo–NH-29 Road via Dzudza River (9.15 km) – ₹26.5 Cr
- Emloi–Ghukey Junction Road (13.70 km) – ₹29.8 Cr

Highlighting Prime Minister Modi’s transformative vision for the Northeast, Scindia noted that the renewed thrust on the Act East Policy has accelerated growth across the region, reshaping its development trajectory and creating unprecedented momentum in infrastructure building from connectivity and healthcare to innovation and youth development.

Scindia emphasised that Nagaland’s young and aspirational population has the potential to drive not only the state’s progress but also contribute significantly to India’s overall growth story. He added that several more projects were already in the pipeline and would be advanced in close coordination with Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, further strengthening development initiatives across the state.







To witness & partake in the Naga tradition of stone pulling in its full splendour was an honour and a truly grounding experience, where the village of Tuophema breathed as one body and their rich Angami heritage rose as a living force.

Standing here this morning, I felt the... pic.twitter.com/uqEVwnCd8j

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