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**Government of India Focuses on Holistic Development  
of North East with Enhanced Connectivity: Ajay Tamta**

In a review meeting held at the Khowai District Magistrate's office, Union Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways Ajay Tamta emphasized the Government of India's commitment to the holistic development of the North Eastern region, including Tripura. He outlined a comprehensive plan to improve connectivity, aiming to boost the overall socio-economic standards of the people. The Union Minister highlighted that better infrastructure and communication networks are essential for accelerating development in the region. During the meeting, Tamta pointed out that infrastructure improvements, especially in the road transport sector, play a crucial role in uplifting the economic conditions of the North Eastern states. The government's multi-pronged strategy focuses not only on connectivity but also on income generation and self-reliance for the people of the region. The Union Minister also discussed efforts to preserve and promote the traditional art, culture, and heritage of the North East. During the review meeting, District Magistrate Chandni Chandran presented a comprehensive overview of various development programs in Khowai district through a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation covered key sectors such as agriculture, horticulture, fisheries, livestock development, road transport, the Jal Jeevan Mission, education, and health. In attendance were NHIDCL Executive Officer Ajay Bishnoi, Additional District Magistrates Sumit Kumar Pandey and Abhijit Chakraborty, Khowai Sub-Divisional Magistrate Charu Verma, and Teliamura Sub-Divisional Magistrate Parimal Majumdar, along with other departmental officials. Minister Tamta inaugurated the new conference hall of the Padmabil block, an exhibition stall showcasing the products of self-help groups, and a public library at Khirodnagar village near Padmabil market. The Union Minister also toured various roads in the Khowai district. Local dignitaries, including MLA Ranjit Debbarma, Khowai Municipality Chairperson Debasish Nathsharma, and District Magistrate Chandni Chandran, accompanied the Minister during the inspection visit.

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