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The developmental challenges of Meghalaya are manifold and meeting these challenges requires a systematic approach and strategy. To empower the people and to secure peace, prosperity, and stability, it is important to have a long-term vision of development. Such a vision will help the State adopt a systematic approach towards identifying the challenges, setting targets, and working out a detailed developmental strategy. With this in view, the Government of Meghalaya entrusted the task of preparing the *Vision 2030* document to the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy.

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