



MIZORAM : An Introduction

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LOCATION:



Area: 21,081 sq.km.

No. of villages – 704

Districts – 8 nos

Borders:

National : Assam (123km)
Tripura (66 km)
Manipur (95 km)

International :

Myanmar (404 km)
Bangladesh (318km)



Population

Population: 1,097,206 (2011 census)

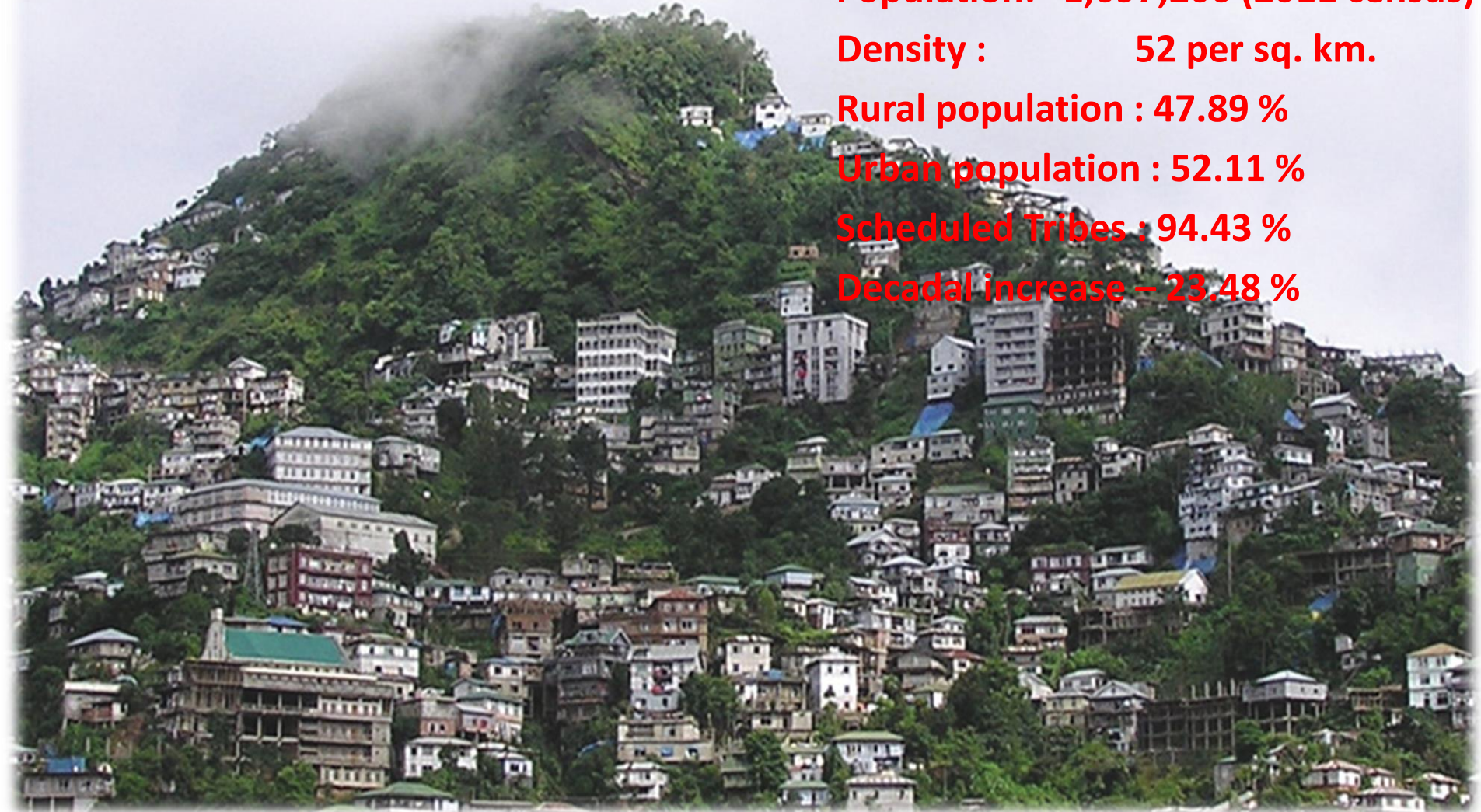
Density : 52 per sq. km.

Rural population : 47.89 %

Urban population : 52.11 %

Scheduled Tribes : 94.43 %

Decadal increase – 23.48 %





**Terrain: Hilly with valleys and rivers.
More than 21 hill ranges.
Highest point :
“Phawngpui” – 2165 m ASL
Longest river : Tlawng – 185.15 kms.
Biggest river Kolodyne from Myanmar
Biggest Lake : “Palak” – 30 ha.**

Religion: Christianity

Literacy (crude) rate:

91.33% (2011 census)

Rainfall – 250 cm/annum



History

Origin – Shrouded in mystery

Most accepted – Mongoloid migration from Shinlung / Chhinlungsan, on the banks of river Yalung in China.

1895 – Part of British India.

1935 – Excluded Area

1947 – Lushai Hills District, Assam

1952 – Autonomous District Council

1954 – Village Councils

1959 - “Mautam”

1961 – MNF -Insurgency



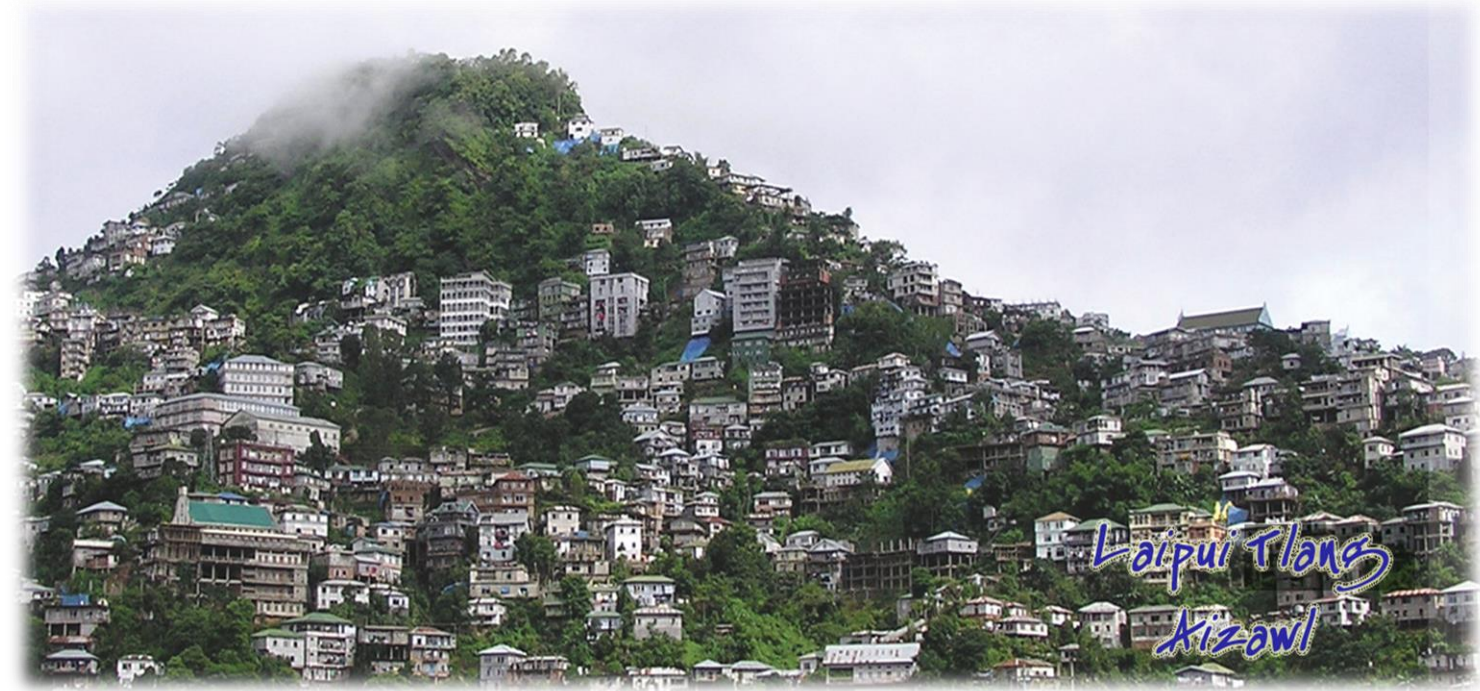


1961- Peak of Insurgency

1972 – Union Territory

1986 – Signing of Accord

1987 – Statehood



Employment

Cultivators : 55.23%

Agricultural labourers :
10.06%

Household industries :
1.89%

Others : 49.99 %

Government employees :
9.12 %



Land Use

Forest Cover : 75.2% (2012-2013)

Forest Produce:

Bamboo cover : > 30% of the forest cover

Net sown area : 6.2 %

Net irrigated area : 0.68%

Land under tree crops & groves : 41.08%

Culturable land : 0.32 %

Fallow land : 11.59%

Barren & unculturable land : 0.4%



Number of land-holdings

Marginal (≤ 1 ha.) : 50,210

Small (1.01 – 2 ha) : 29,753

Medium (2.01 – 5 ha) : 1,731

Large (> 5) : 264



Employment:

Rural areas:

Agriculture : 75.7%

Non-agriculture : 9%

Agriculture laborers : 1.1%

Other laborers : 2%

Others : 12 %



Urban areas :

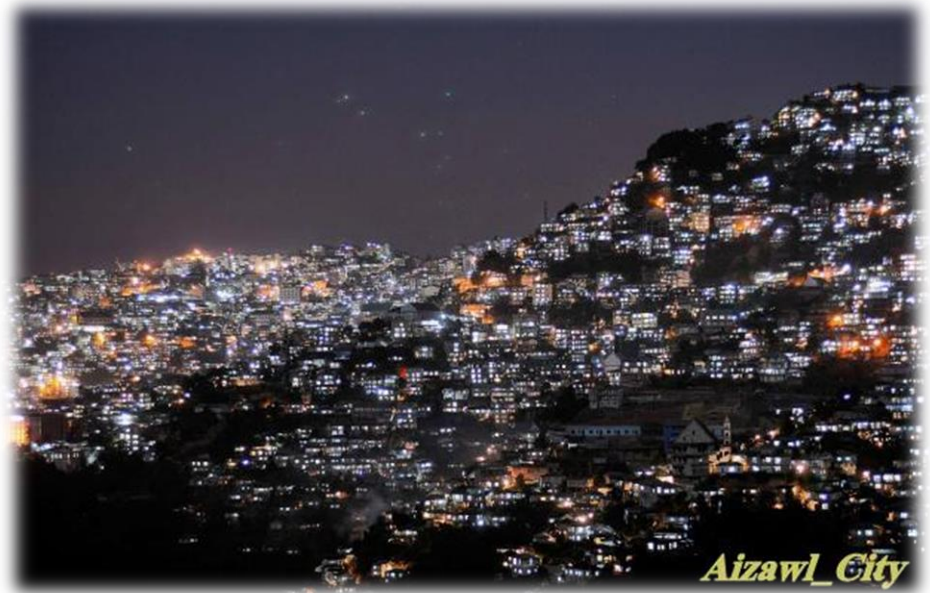
Salaried : 50.2 %

Self-employed : 34.1 %

Casual labour : 7.2 %

Others : 8.6 %

(Source: Household Consumer Expenditure of Mizoram, Directorate of Economics & Statistics.)



Agriculture

JHUMMING

- Main system of cultivation is Shifting/ Jhum
- 66% of cultivated area is under jhum cultivation
- 83% of cultivator families are jhum cultivators
- Yield is 1.474 MT/ha
- Annual av. forest cleared is 200,000 acres



Govt program

NLUP

- 1st Introduction : 1985- 1992
- 2nd Introduction : 1993 – 1998
- 3rd Introduction (present) : 14th Jan 2011

* Objectives

- permanent livelihood
- self-sufficiency
- do away with jhumming

* Sanction : Rs. 2,800 crores (\$43 million)

- GOI : 90 %
- Beneficiaries : 10%

* 8 Depts of GOM + 2 Depts + District Admn.

Material & Monetary Distribution

- * Beneficiaries : 120,000 families in three phases.
- * Rs.100,000 to each family in installments.
- * 52 Trades identified
- * Central Sector Schemes merged.





State bird- VAVU
(Hume's Pheasant)

Syrmaticus humiae



State tree- Herhse (*Messua ferrea*)

State flower- Senhri

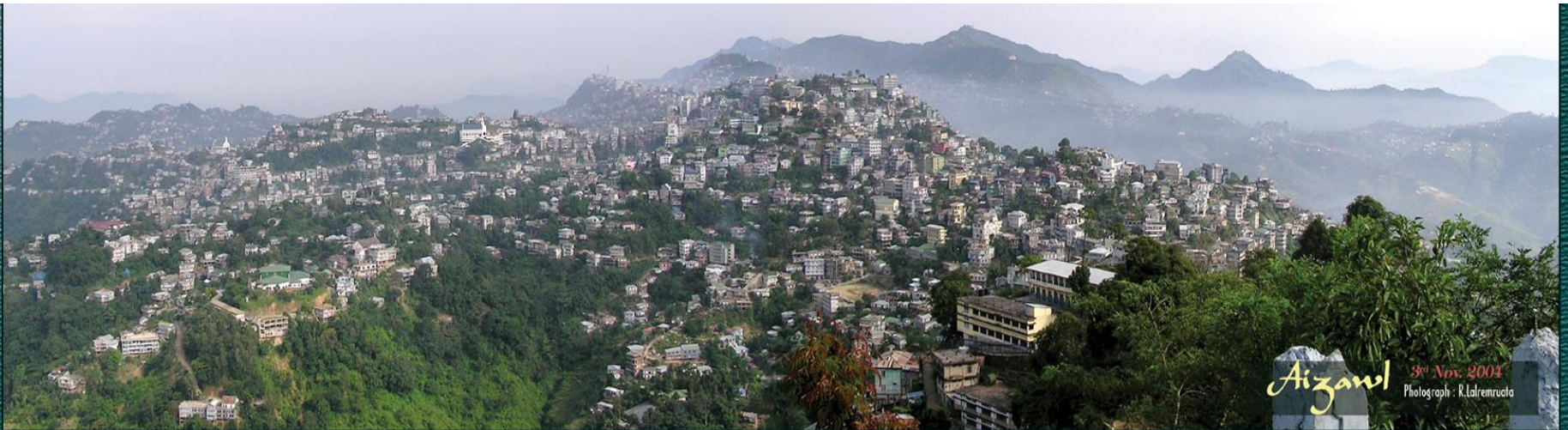


State Animal: *Hoolock gibbon*





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