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%
Religion: Christianity
Literacy (crude) rate:
   91.33% (2011 census)
Rainfall – 250 cm/annum

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.
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
• 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*