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Nagaland Statehood Day

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“On the special occasion of Nagaland’s Statehood Day, greetings to the wonderful people of the state. Naga culture personifies valour and humane values. The people of Nagaland are making rich contributions to India’s growth. I pray for Nagaland’s progress in the years to come.”

- [Prime Minister Narendra Modi](#)

Nagaland is one of the eight north eastern states and is located on India’s farthest east side. It was formally inaugurated on [December 01, 1963](#),¹ as the 16th state of the Indian Union. The state is bordered by Myanmar in the east, Arunachal Pradesh in the north, Assam in the west, and Manipur in the south.

Nagaland consists of [16 Administrative Districts](#), inhabited by [17 major tribes](#) along with other sub-tribes. Each tribe is distinct in character from the other in terms of customs, language and dress.



NAGALAND – LAND OF FESTIVALS

[Nagaland](#)² is known as the land of festivals. The State is replete with festivities throughout the year, as all tribes celebrate their own festivals with a pageantry of colour, music and dance. Most of these festivals revolve around agriculture, it being the main-stay of Naga society. Over [85% of the population of Nagaland](#) is directly dependent on agriculture.

The Hornbill festival reflects the rich culture, lifestyle, and food habits of Nagaland. It is the largest [celebration of the Indigenous Warrior Tribes of Nagaland & is generally celebrated for 10 days](#).

¹ <https://nagaland.gov.in/pages/nagaland-profile>

² <https://snwc.nagaland.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Annual-Administrative-Report-2021-22.pdf>

DEMOGRAPHY ³

Area: 16,579 square kilometres (6,401 sq. mi)

Population: 1,980,602 per the 2011 Census of India

Tribes: Angami, Ao, Chakhesang, Chang, Dimasa Kachari, Khamniungan, Konyak, Kuki, Lotha, Phom, Pochury, Rengma, Sangtam, Sumi, Tikhir, Yimkhiong, Zeliang.

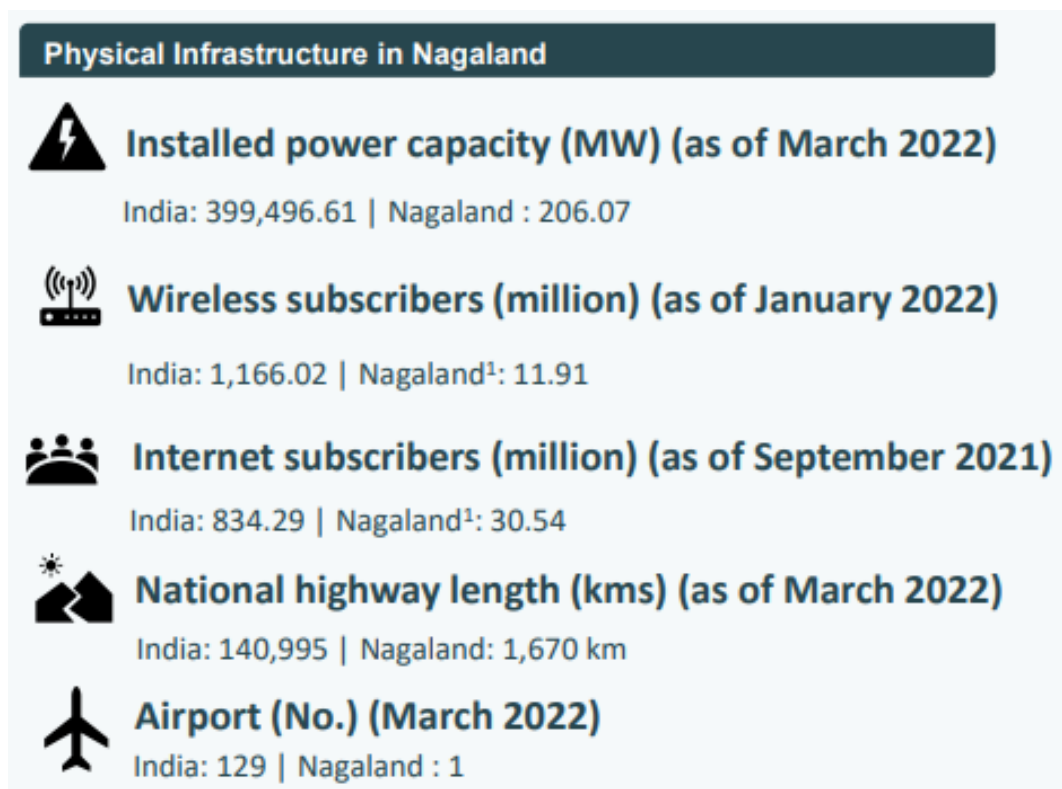
About [60% of Nagaland's population](#) is in the working age group of 15-59 years. The population of Nagaland is 2.3 million. A majority of the population in the state speaks English, which is the official language of the state.



PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Nagaland has the [longest length of National Highways \(NH\) per 1,000 sq. km.](#) in the North East Region (NER), while the region as a whole has more NH density than the national average.

Nagaland's estimated [hydropower generation potential](#) stood at 1,452 MW and the overall installed hydro capacity stood at 66.33 MW in March 2022.



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1
Central University



4
Private Universities



3
Polytechnic Institutes



46
Arts Colleges



6
Engineering Colleges (AICTE approved)



4
Industrial Training Institutes



9
Science Colleges



16
Commerce Colleges

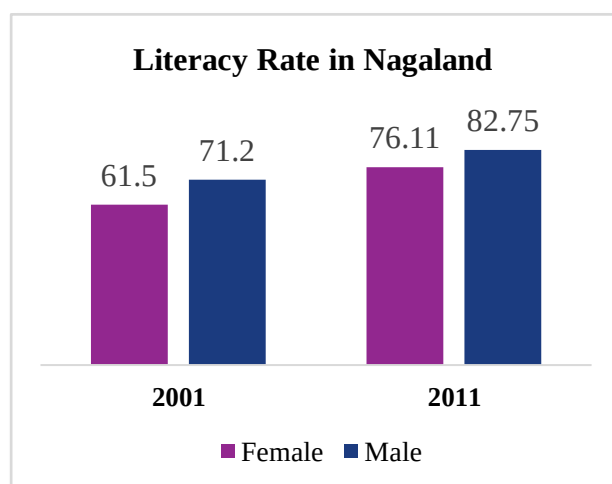
Educational Institutes & Universities in Nagaland

LITERACY RATE⁴

As per Census 2011, **the literacy rate for Nagaland is 79.55%**. The literacy rate for females and males are 76.11% and 82.75% respectively.

During the last decade, the **literacy rate was only 66.6%** with female literacy rate of 61.5% and male literacy rate of 71.2%.

The female literacy rate has **increased by 14.61%** over the last decade.



MAJOR SECTORS IN NAGALAND

BAMBOO

Bamboo is extensively cultivated in Nagaland, with bamboo growing stock covering about 5% of the total stock⁵ in the country. Nagaland had 46 species of bamboo as of 2019 which find use in various applications such as food based, medicinal usage, handicraft, art, tiles and flooring⁶.

⁴ https://statistics.nagaland.gov.in/storage/statistical_data/2017/2251601167289.pdf

⁵ https://www.ibef.org/download/1669017049_Nagaland_Sep22.pdf

⁶ [Brief_oct26-18.pdf \(indianembassyjakarta.gov.in\)](#)

NATIONAL BAMBOO MISSION

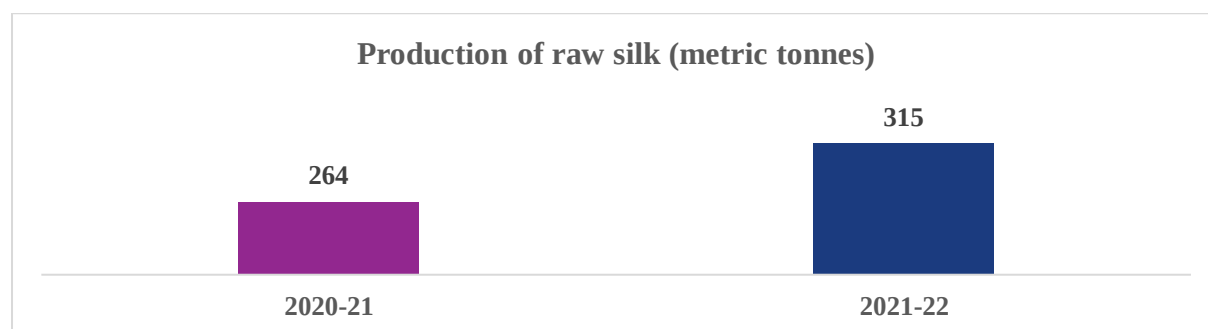
[National Bamboo Mission](#) promotes holistic growth of bamboo sector by adopting area-based, regionally differentiated strategy and to increase the area under bamboo cultivation and marketing. Under the Mission, steps have been taken to increase the availability of quality planting material by supporting the setting up of new nurseries and strengthening of existing ones.

In Financial Year 2021, the annual allocation in Nagaland to implement the ‘[National Bamboo Mission](#)’ stood [at approx. Rs. 60 million](#).

SERICULTURE

The government of India is promoting the sericulture sector in the North-East through various initiatives such as its [North Eastern Region Textiles Promotion Scheme \(NERTPS\)](#)⁷. Under this scheme, fabric processing in Nagaland is promoted and [400 women stakeholders](#) have been trained in the art of silk reeling and weaving.

Sericulture can [generate productive employment](#)⁸ on a large scale as one acre along with supporting activities like silkworm rearing, silk spinning, reeling and silk weaving. **Raw silk production in the state stood at 315 MT in 2021-22**, which is nearly 20% higher than that in 2020-21.



⁷ <https://www.india.gov.in/guidelines-north-east-region-textile-promotion-scheme-nertps-ministry-textiles?page=1>

⁸ https://statistics.nagaland.gov.in/storage/statistical_data/2022/3701651748392.pdf

APICULTURE

Nagaland has [immense potential](#)⁹ to produce organic honey and pollen due to its rich biodiversity, traditional knowledge, practice of beekeeping and numerous honeybee species.

Nagaland is estimated to have the potential to produce [15,000 MT of honey and 100 MT of wax](#), which together could generate around US\$ 100 million annually.

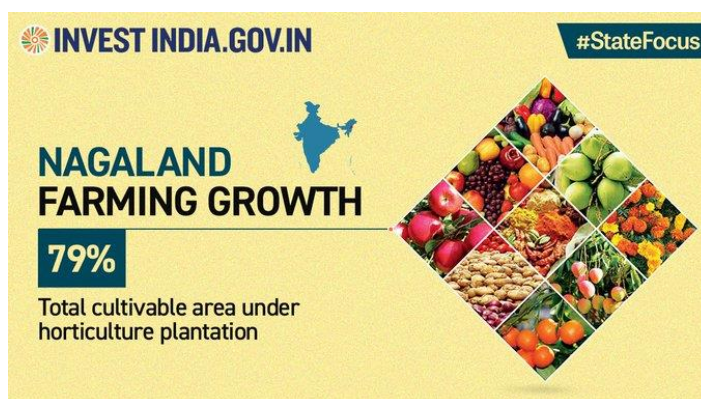
[Nagaland Beekeeping and Honey Mission \(NBHM\)](#)¹⁰, the nodal agency for honey production in the State, has implemented the Van Dhan Yojana programme solely for beekeeping activity.



HORTICULTURE & FLORICULTURE

Nagaland produces horticulture crops such as banana, pineapple, passion fruit and orange. **Naga chilli**, one of the **world's spiciest chillies**, is grown in the state. About 79% of the state's total cultivable area is under horticulture plantation.

The [Horticulture Technology Mission \(HTM\)](#) has helped to a great extent in popularizing the cultivation of horticultural crops.



The financial outlay has been increased from [INR 2600 lakhs to INR 3266.65 lakhs](#) for Annual Action Plan of Nagaland for 2021-22 under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Horticulture Division).

NAGALAND - KIWI STATE OF INDIA

Kiwi is one of the [major horticultural crops of Nagaland and is grown in an area of 500 hectares](#). The Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar in [November, 2020 expressed](#) that Nagaland has enough potential to become “**Kiwi State of India**”.

The Ministry of Agriculture is trying to provide handholding support to Kiwi farmers across the country. This is also in line with the call of ‘**Vocal for Local**’ which will help in reducing dependence on imports and building a sustainable market for locally produced Kiwi fruit variants.

⁹ <https://ipr.nagaland.gov.in/state-has-large-scope-beekeeping-mhathung-yanthan>

¹⁰ <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1775229>

HANDLOOM & HANDICRAFTS

The handcraft and handloom sector in Nagaland has enormous growth potential due to the abundant availability of skilled labour and raw materials, coupled with rich cultural traditions that people follow.

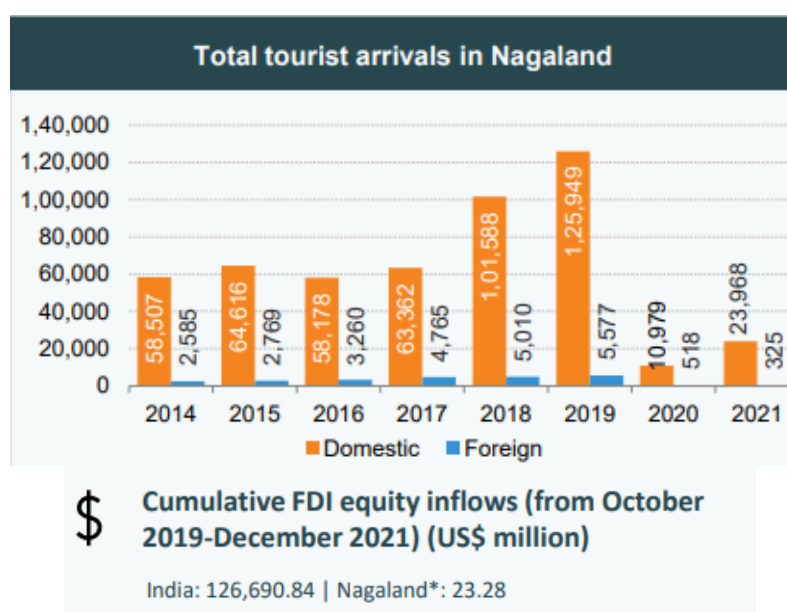


The Government of India has taken a number of steps to on-board Handloom weavers/agencies on Government e-Marketplace (GeM) to enable them to sell their products directly to various Government Departments and organizations. As on April 06, 2022, [1,178 weavers and handloom organizations¹¹](#) from Nagaland have been on-boarded on the GeM portal.

TOURISM

[Nagaland is a tourist's paradise¹²](#) due to its pleasant climate, green hills, criss-crossing rivers, interspersed lakes, vibrant culture, colourful handicrafts and weavings, and numerous festivals. Under the State Budget 2022-23, the Department of Tourism, Nagaland has been provided with an allocation of Rs. 9 crore (US\$ 1.17 million).

The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, has included **24 villages in Nagaland under the rural tourism scheme** in order to promote traditional rural art, craft, textile and culture.



¹¹ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1814207>

¹² https://www.ibef.org/download/1669017049_Nagaland_Sep22.pdf

MINING

Nagaland has more than [1000 MT of high chemical grade limestone reserves](#) in the eastern region and 600 million MT of crude oil.

There are more than 20 million tonnes of hydrocarbon reserves underneath seven oil belts, spread across five districts of Nagaland.

The Government of India is also [funding projects in Nagaland through National Mineral Exploration Trust \(NMET\)](#).¹³

Two mineral exploration projects of limestone & Iron ore of Nagaland funded by NMET have been already completed.



3rd highest producer of cobalt in India



600 mn MT of crude oil capacity

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN NAGALAND DURING THE LAST 8 YEARS

PROGRESS IN FLAGSHIP SCHEMES

- **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM):** As of November 30, 2022, in Nagaland [2,05,521 lakh out of 3,77,286 lakh households](#) have tap water connections since the launch of JJM.

Status of progress in village



- **Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat:** [As on November 24, 2022](#), a total of 30,705 hospital admissions and 2,98,265 Ayushman cards have been created in Nagaland.



2,98,265
Ayushman cards



30,705
authorized
hospital admissions



141
hospital empanelled

¹³ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1872392>

OTHER MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN NAGALAND

- The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu inaugurated/laid the foundation stone for various projects related to education, road infrastructure and financial sector at Kohima on November 02, 2022.



- The Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) Disturbed Area Notifications has been withdrawn from 15 police stations in 7 districts of Nagaland.
- 13 projects sanctioned under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) in Nagaland and an amount of Rs. 233.68 crores have been allocated.
- A major project of Construction of 220 K/V F/C Transmission Line from Dimapur to Zadima in Nagaland at Rs. 108.16 crore¹⁴ sanctioned under **Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) Scheme**.
- A second airport after Dimapur is being planned for Kohima.
- The Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari on December 04, 2020 inaugurated a major NH project in Nagaland and laid foundation stone for 14 other NH projects with total length of about 266 KM and cost of about Rs 4127crore¹⁵.
- The Union Minister of AYUSH, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal announced a major investment of **more than ₹100 crores to develop the AYUSH Healthcare sector**¹⁶ in the state.
- As on January 31, 2022, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has recognized 21 Start-ups in Nagaland.
- Nagaland's first and India's 61st Software Technology Park of India (STPI) centre was opened on September 17, 2021, in Kohima. It will help in promoting the region as one of the preferred IT destinations.

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