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MIZORAM STATEHOOD DAY

February 20: Mizoram Statehood Day

Feb 20, 1987: Mizoram became the 23rd state of India

Aibawk cluster in the Aizawl, Mizoram becomes the first cluster to be completed under the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission

State has the second-highest literacy rate in India

(Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region)

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"Greetings to the people of Mizoram on their Statehood Day. India takes great pride in the vibrant Mizo culture and the contributions of Mizoram to national progress. I pray for the good health and well-being of the people of Mizoram."

[Prime Minister, Narendra Modi](#)

INTRODUCTION

Mizoram is one of the states of Northeast India, with Aizawl as its capital city. The name is derived from Mi (people), Zo (lofty place, such as a hill) and Ram (land – in Mizo language), and thus Mizoram implies "Land of the hill people".

Like several other north-eastern states of India, Mizoram was previously part of Assam until 1972, when it was carved out as a Union Territory. It became the 23rd state of India, a step above Union Territory in federal autonomy, on 20 February 1987.¹



LITERACY RATE

A comparative analysis of the literacy rate in Mizoram and India shows that the literacy rate of Mizoram was **reasonably high even in 1991** with a wide difference in female literacy rate from the national average. The literacy rate improved for both males and females in the 2001 and the 2011 Census:

¹ <https://mizoram.gov.in/page/know-mizoram>

As per Census 1991-2011, the literacy rate of Mizoram surpassed the literacy rate of the national average. The literacy rate of Mizoram in 2011 stood high at 91.33%, with male and female literacy at 93.35 and 89.27% respectively, rendering it to be the second-highest literate state in the country next to Kerala.²

Table 11.12 : Literacy rate, Mizoram and India

State	1991			2001			2011		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Mizoram	82.3	85.6	78.6	88.8	90.72	86.75	91.33	93.35	89.27
India	52.21	64.13	39.28	64.83	75.26	53.67	72.99	80.89	64.64

Source: Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner

DEVELOPMENT IN MIZORAM

Aibawk cluster

Aibawk cluster in the Aizwal district of Mizoram has become the first cluster to be completed under the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM). SPMRM was launched by the Prime Minister in February 2016 with a vision to provide urban amenities to rural areas and have the potential to stimulate local economic development. Such clusters were selected for well-planned and holistic development.³



²<https://planning.mizoram.gov.in/uploads/attachments/2022/02/5040f97f2c404c9c2bce7c6866f333e9/economic-survey-of-mizoram-2021-22.pdf> (at pg 127)

³ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1873772>

Tuirial Hydropower Project

PM dedicated a 60-MW Tuirial Hydropower Project to the nation on 16th December 2017 in Aizawl, Mizoram. ⁴



VSAT-based Telemedicine Nodes

One Telemedicine Node was e-inaugurated in Mizoram by defence Minister, Rajnath Singh on Jan 03, 2023. Telemedicine nodes will be connected with Service hospitals through VSAT (**Very Small Aperture Terminal**) satellite communications system. It will provide prompt medical intervention for medical & surgical emergencies through Telemedicine consultation with specialists at Service hospitals using SATCOM VSAT communication. ⁵

CONNECTING MIZORAM

Railways saw the light of day in Mizoram when the 1st Broad Gauge train chugged into Mizoram on 27th May, 2016 when Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi flagged off the Silchar – Bhairabi daily passenger train. ⁶

- ✓ Gauge Conversion of Katakhal to Bhairabi (Length – 83.55 km) in the State of Assam and Mizoram was completed in 2016. ⁷
- ✓ Bhairabi Railway Station in Mizoram has been provided with 100% LED luminaires during 2017-18. ⁸
- ✓ Wi-Fi services were provided at Bhairabi station during 2019-20. ⁹
- ✓ As per Railway Board Policy of 100% electrification by 2023, all routes up to Bhairabi are targeted for commissioning by March, 2023.
- ✓ 125 freight trains arrived in Mizoram, of these 110 with essential commodities up to March 2022¹⁰

⁴ https://www.pmindia.gov.in/en/news_updates/pms-address-at-the-ceremony-to-dedicate-the-tuirial-hydro-electric-power-project-to-the-nation-in-aizawl-mizoram/?tag_term=mizoram&comment=disable

⁵ <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1888274>

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⁷ <https://pib.gov.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=186913>

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⁹ https://indianrailways.gov.in/railwayboard/uploads/directorate/prd/Booklets/STATEWISE_ACHIEVEMENT/2022/Mizoram_English.pdf

¹⁰ https://indianrailways.gov.in/railwayboard/uploads/directorate/prd/Booklets/STATEWISE_ACHIEVEMENT/2022/Mizoram_English.pdf (at pg 5)

PROGRESS OF FLAGSHIP SCHEMES IN MIZORAM

- **Swachh Bharat Mission-** The village of South Maubuang in Aibawk block of Aizawl district in Mizoram has been declared a model ODF Plus village, having fulfilled all the criteria as per SBM-G Phase II guidelines. ¹¹
- **Jal Jeevan Mission-** As on the date i.e. Feb 10,2023, 74.62% of Households in Mizoram have tap water connections. ¹²
- **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri - Jan Arogya Yojana-** [As on date 10 Feb 2023](#), a total of 85,329 hospital admissions and 4,33,544 Ayushman cards have been created in Mizoram. ¹³

HORTICULTURE

- Fruit crops in Mizoram like Mandarin Orange, Banana, Mango, Strawberry, Grapes, Pineapple, etc. and recently introduced Dragon fruit thrive well in the State. ¹⁴
- Mizoram is the **4th largest producer of strawberry in India.** ¹⁵
- Bamboo plantation covers 51% of the state's geographical area. ¹⁶
- The first Dragon Fruit juice processing plant, which will also process Bananas, is being set up in Mizoram by NERAMAC as the Implementing Agency. ¹⁷



TOURISM

Mizoram has always been known for untapped tourism potential because of its mesmerising landscape, lush green hills and captivating topography. The state has 90% of its area under forest cover with its attitude, geographic location and pleasant climate as its strongest points. There is ample scope for eco-tourism as well as adventure tourism. Mizoram is the Happiest State in India as per the **India Happiness Report, 2020**.

There are a variety of untouched and unexplored tourist attractions that can offer a dream destination to enterprising tourists and travellers. **Under the Swadesh Darshan scheme** of the Government of India, tourist destinations such as Thenzawl which is located in Serchhip District, in the central part of Mizoram, at a distance of 112 kms from Aizawl are being developed. It offers a perfect blend of eco-tourism, rural experience, natural beauty, culture and adventure. Many tourist spots have come up in the previous years at Thenzawl, which is one of the two Sub-Divisions of Serchhip District. The most important attraction here is the Thenzawl Golf Course and Resort. This Golf Course and Resort was built under the Swadesh

¹¹ <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1792971>

¹² <https://ejalshakti.gov.in/jjmreport/JJMIndia.aspx>

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¹⁴ <https://horticulture.mizoram.gov.in/page/Welcome%20to%20Department%20of%20Horticulture>

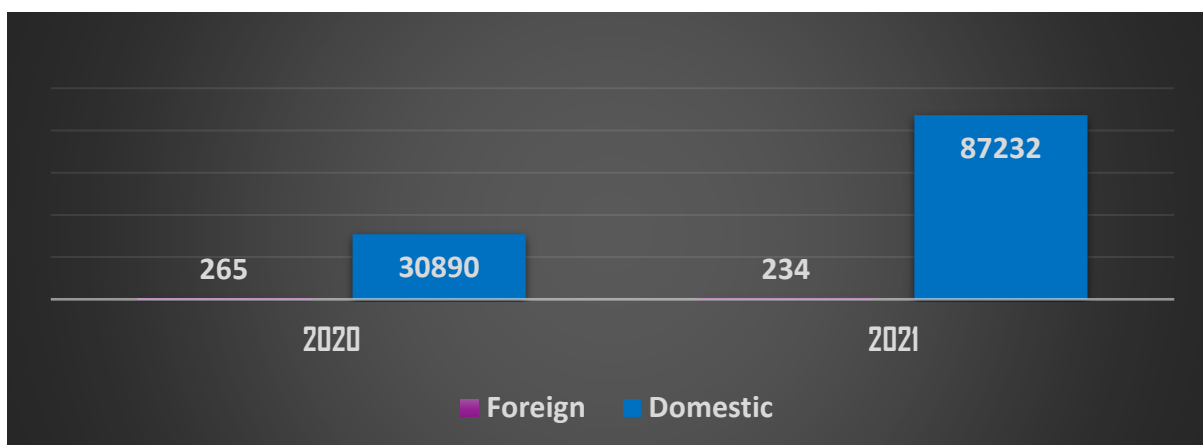
¹⁵ <https://www.investindia.gov.in/state/mizoram>

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Darshan Scheme. It is one of the highest rated all season Golf courses in the North East India offering one of the best Pay & Play facility that caters to all levels of ability.

Following is Domestic and Foreign Tourist visits during FY 2020-21 ¹⁸



Invest India facilitated the Ministry of Tourism in organising the 10th edition of '**International Tourism Mart**' in Aizawl, Mizoram on 24 Dec 2022. ¹⁹ The objective of ITM 2022 was to highlight the tourism potential of the Northeast region in domestic and international markets. ²⁰

Mizoram Tourism in association with the Department of Tourism & Hospitality in Mizoram University cleaned up Khawhpawp to commemorate **National Tourism Day 2023**. ²¹



¹⁸ <https://tourism.gov.in/sites/default/files/2022-09/India%20Tourism%20Statistics%202022%20%28English%29.pdf> (at pg 157)

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²¹ https://twitter.com/Mizoram_Tourism/status/1618233192615653377?s=20&t=kpGfzQfnD8XoA-YLyb0HeA

Mizoram Tourism in Surajkund Mela 2023

Surajkund Mela attracts tourists and people from different parts of India as well as abroad. It showcases handicrafts, sculptures, textiles, home decor and a platform for folk dances, songs, along with varied Indian cuisines.²²



OTHER INITIATIVES TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT

- ✓ Workshop-cum-Buyer Seller Meet (BSM) organized in Aizawl on Dec 02, 2022 to promote organic agricultural products of Mizoram and North Eastern Region (NER).²³
- ✓ Government of India, started border fencing in Assam; thereafter in other North-Eastern States of Tripura, Meghalaya and Mizoram to check the influx of illegal migrant.²⁴



²² https://twitter.com/Mizoram_Tourism/status/1622576950421393408?s=20&t=kpGfzQfnD8XoA-YLyb0HeA

²³ <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1880468>

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