

MIZORAM GAZETTE



A symphony of scenic beauty and traditions, Mizoram, which means "Land of the Highlanders" in the local language, is covered with verdant forests dominated by thick bamboo groves, teeming with vibrant wildlife, sheer cliffs, and breathtaking waterfalls. The region is dotted with unique landmarks rich in folklore and picturesque villages with houses built on stilts. It is a land of dramatic seas of morning mists that envelop islands of hills and peaks.

The entire society is knitted together by a peculiar code of ethics 'Tlawmngaihna' an untranslatable term meaning on the part of everyone to be hospitable kind, unselfish and helpful to others.

A LAND OF BEAUTY, CULTURE AND WARMTH

SPECIAL REPORT



Mizoram welcomes over 1.96 lakh tourists in 2023: Tourism department reveals

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In 2023, Mizoram experienced a surge in tourism, welcoming over 1,96,000 visitors, as per the state tourism department. Domestic tourists constituted the majority, with 1,93,445 arrivals, while 3,435 were foreigners, indicating Mizoram's growing appeal internationally.



India's youngest certified paragliding pilot from Mizoram inducted by International Book of Records

Jun 03, 2024

An 11-year-old boy from the Saitual District of Mizoram has been inducted into the International Book of Records.



On Buddha Purnima, auto driver offers free rides in Mizoram's Kamalanagar

May 23, 2024

The auto driver who has been carrying forward with this selfless service wishes to remain anonymous while turning his vehicle into a symbol of selfless service.



Mizoram: World War II Hero Subedar Thanseia passes away at 102, leaves lasting legacy

Apr 01, 2024

India mourns the loss of Subedar Thanseia, a distinguished World War II veteran of the Indian Army's Assam Regiment, who passed away at the age of 102 on March 31 after a brief illness.

WEAVING STORIES, CRAFTING TRADITIONS

Handloom and handicrafts represent the oldest industries in Mizoram, utilizing the local resources available in the region. The array of Mizo crafts includes weaving, shawls, cane and bamboo work, and basketry. Mizo women, often seen as natural weavers, have long practiced handloom weaving, adhering to traditional patterns, motifs, designs, colors, and styles for generations on their looms. These artists possess exceptional skill in transforming simple raw materials into captivating items. The beautiful handicrafts from Mizoram are renowned for their durability as well.



Cane and bamboo are used to create both utility and decorative items. Artisans craft a variety of products, including baskets, utensils, hats, furniture, flower vases, and other decorative pieces. Basketry is particularly popular among the tribes, who produce baskets in various designs and shapes, with or without lids. These baskets serve various purposes, such as storing cotton, vegetables, firewood, and grains. A distinctive bamboo product is the 'Khumbeu ceremonial hat,' made from the waterproof leaves of Hnahthial.



Timeless Craft

Weaving holds great significance in the cultural life of the people of Mizoram. The textile industry in Mizoram produces a wide range of garments, widely used throughout the north-east. Many Mizos, particularly women, are skilled weavers who primarily work on the loin loom. The primary garment woven is the traditional Puan, a type of lungi or sarong worn as a wrap-around skirt, often paired with a matching top called Kawr chei. Puans come in various styles, each design, motif, and color carrying cultural significance for the Mizos.



DID YOU KNOW?
Mizoram has the second-highest literacy rate in India after Kerala



IN AUGUST 2019, THE PATENT INFORMATION CENTER (PIC) IN MIZORAM REGISTERED FIVE TRADITIONAL MIZO CLOTHS, OR PUAN, UNDER THE GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION REGISTRY IN CHENNAI:

- PUANCHEI
- HMARAM
- TAWLHLOHPUAN
- NGOTEKHERH
- PAWNDUM



THE VIBRANT TAPESTRY OF MIZORAM'S FESTIVALS

'Jhum Cultivation' is a significant practice in Mizoram, involving the slashing of jungles, burning of leaves, and cultivation of the land. Major agricultural activities and festivals in Mizoram revolve around the operations of Jhum.

The celebration of fairs and festivals in Mizoram is imbued with an extraordinary tribal flavor. With Christians making up the majority of the population, New Year's and Christmas are the most important celebrations. Additionally, several traditional festivals play a major role in the cultural celebrations. Kut festivals are the traditional celebrations of Mizoram. Some of the most prominent ones, celebrated with great pomp and show, include:

CHAPCHAR KUT

One of the most important spring festivals in Mizoram. Celebrated with great fervor after the clearing of forests for jhum cultivation. People don bright costumes and attractive headgear, engaging in singing, dancing, and merrymaking. Folk dances and traditional songs are performed by men and women, accompanied by the beats of drums and cymbals.

MIM KUT

Also known as the Maize Festival, is celebrated after the maize harvest. Typically held in August or September, this festival features singing, dancing, drinking rice beer, and general merrymaking.

PAWL KUT

The most significant festival in Mizoram, Pawl Kut known as the Harvest Festival, is celebrated with great joy once the harvest is complete, it usually takes place in December or January.



MIZORAM ON FRIDAY SET A NEW GUINNESS RECORD IN BAMBOO DANCE LOCALLY CALLED CHERAW. THE RECORD WAS SET BY 10,736 PERFORMERS – HALF OF THEM GIRLS – WHO DANCED TO TRADITIONAL MUSIC FOR EIGHT MINUTES.

INDIAN FOLK AND TRIBAL DANCES ARE SIMPLE AND ARE PERFORMED TO EXPRESS JOY. FOLK DANCES ARE PERFORMED ON EVERY OCCASIONS LIKE BIRTH OF A CHILD, FESTIVAL, WEDDING AND ARRIVAL OF SEASONS ETC.

Write in short about one folk dance of your state.



EXPLORE THE UNTAMED BEAUTY

Mizoram, renowned for its breathtaking natural beauty, boasts an endless variety of landscapes adorned with rich flora and fauna. The state's wildlife sanctuaries covers the wooded slopes of its mountainous regions, preserving a diverse array of rare and unique plant and animal species that thrive in these forests.



The caves of Mizoram provide an exhilarating experience for adventure-seeking tourists. With their thrilling, pleasurable, and exciting atmosphere, these caves are a significant attraction in Northeast India. Anyone embarking on an adventure tour to Mizoram should definitely include a visit to these caves in their itinerary. Some of these caves are-

Pukzing Cave, Milu Puk Cave, Lamsial Puk Cave, Kungawrhi Puk Cave



After Archeological Survey of India declared menhirs and megaliths of Vanchhia village in northeastern Mizoram as archeological site, INTACH Mizoram Chapter said that the historical site is under UNESCOs radar.



TOP STORY



Northeast News
Mizoram caves set to rewrite history of Mizoram civilization
 by NE NOW NEWS May 11, 2018 9:14 am
 Mizoram caves are going to come alive with activities by Anthropological Survey of India in collaboration with the Mizoram chapter of Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) in coming days. An exploration study of the skulls and skeletal remains of human beings found in several caves of Mizoram will be done by [...]

Sibuta Lung is a memorial stone found at Tachhip village, 20 Km from Aizawl town. it was believe to have been built by an orphan adopted by the chief of the village.

Can you find out other memorial stones found in the state?

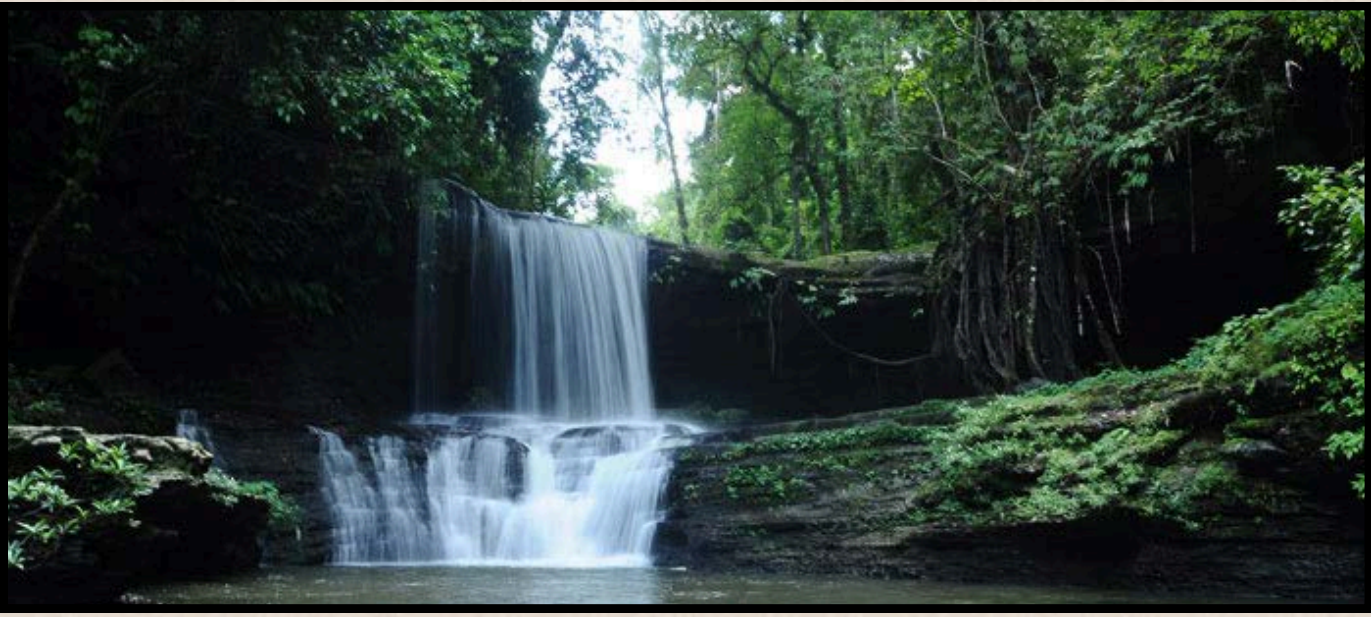


Vantawng Khawhthla or Vantawng Fall, located about 137kms from Aizawl is the highest and most spectacular of all the waterfalls in Mizoram.

DID YOU KNOW?

MIZORAM PRODUCES OVER 7 MILLION TONNES OF ANTHURIUM (SHOWN), SUPPLYING THE DOMESTIC MARKET AS WELL AS EXPORTING IT TO UAE, UK AND JAPAN. THE MAJORITY OF PRODUCERS AND INCOME EARNERS FROM THIS BUSINESS ARE MIZORAM WOMEN.





The charming lakes of Mizoram are a significant tourist attraction in Northeast India. The state is home to numerous lakes scattered across various regions. In addition to their stunning scenic views, these lakes provide excellent opportunities for fishing and boating. Some of the lakes of the state are:

Tamdil Lake, Palak Lake, Rungdil Lake, Rengdil Lake

The state's wildlife sanctuaries, covering the wooded slopes of its mountainous regions, protect a variety of rare plant and animal species that inhabit these forests.



DAMPA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Established in 1985, the Dampa Wildlife Sanctuary is the largest in Mizoram. Declared a Tiger Reserve in 1994, it is located in the Kolasib district and shares a border with Bangladesh. Covering an area of 550 square kilometers, the sanctuary is home to a diverse range of flora and fauna. Its landscape features hills, valleys, forests, and streams.



NGENGPUI WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Ngengpui Wildlife Sanctuary, a significant sanctuary in Mizoram located near the borders of both Myanmar and Bangladesh. Spanning 110 square kilometers, the sanctuary's altitude varies from 200 meters to 1200 meters and is surrounded by seven nearby villages. The sub-tropical evergreen and semi-evergreen forests of the sanctuary are a natural habitat for diverse wildlife. Visitors can observe a variety of botanical species, with bamboo being the most prominent flora.

SPECIAL REPORT

New toad species discovered in Dampa tiger reserve of Mizoram

The new species from Mizoram is different from the co-generic (similar) species in interdigital webbing, colouration, skin tuberculation, and the presence of ovoid, tuberculated and depressed parotid glands



Mizoram's Dampa: A tiger reserve without tigers

Tiger-free for two years, this biodiversity hotspot faces poaching from both sides of the border. Just village guards offer hope.



The Dampa Tiger Reserve has the highest density of tigers reported in the world. Photo credit: WWF-India

CAN YOU NAME SOME OF THE FAUNAS FOUND IN MIZORAM?




MIZORAM ON YOUR PLATE

Mizo cuisine has a blend of unique taste. Rice is the staple, often served with a variety of meats, fish, and vegetables. Locally-sourced ingredients like bamboo shoots, wild mushrooms, and diverse greens and herbs are commonly used.

The cuisine features a wide range of meats, including chicken, pork, fish, and wild game such as deer and wild boar. Popular dishes include bamboo shoot fry, smoked meat, fish, and traditional stews. Known for its spiciness, Mizo cuisine generously incorporates ginger, garlic, and chili peppers. Fermented foods, such as fish, meat, and vegetables, add a unique sourness to the dishes. Fermented soya bean, known as "Sattu," is a staple in many households and is used in chutneys, stews, and curries.



BAI

A signature dish of Mizo, it is a stew prepared out of an assortment of vegetables. Bai can be prepared in a variety of ways by combining different seasonal vegetables. 



SANPIAU

One of the most popular dishes of Mizoram. Sanpiau recipe comes from the type of Burmese Congee called 'Hysan byok'. This snack is very much famous in Mizoram and is enjoyed by the people of Mizoram as a snack.



MIZO VAWKSA

Mizo Vawksa is a widespread traditional non-veg dish of Mizoram. The cuisine of Mizoram is based on non-vegetarian dishes. The dish is prepared with pork and other herbs. Mizo Vawksa is the most famous smoked pork dish of Mizoram which represents their tribe's culture.



BAMBOO SHOOT FRY

The other popular snack in Mizoram is 'Bamboo shoot fry'. The bamboo shoot is fried with locally found herbs and is served hot. It is a light dish and can be consumed with steamed rice.



CHHUM HAN

Chhum Han is a mixed vegetable dish. The dish is cooked sans the use of any masalas and the vegetables are steamed till its tender. Ginger is added into the dish for extra flavour. It is a very quick and healthy recipe which can be consumed by people on diet as well.



**DID YOU KNOW?
CHAMPHAI IS
KNOWN AS THE
"THE RICE BOWL
OF MIZORAM".**

Instagram



Chillies from Mizoram gets Geographical Indication (GI) tag as hottest chilli in the world.

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northeasttoday #Mizoram | Mizo Chillies have been granted the geographical indication (GI) tag from the government as a hottest chilli among the world.

The move will help the growers of this product get a premium price as no other producer can use the name to market similar goods.

This will give a fillip to the production of the special variety of Chillies from Mizoram.

As a part of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Govt of Mizoram initiative, these chillies are being dried, ready to hit the kitchen.

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INSIGHTS

Aizawl, the largest city and capital of Mizoram, situated in the state's northern region. Perched on a ridge at 1132 meters (3715 feet) above sea level, Aizawl lies between the Tlawng river valley to the west and the Tuirial river valley to the east.

Aizawl is a stunning city with numerous tourist attractions for visitors and residents alike. In addition to its breathtaking scenery, it houses key government offices, the State Assembly House, and the Civil Secretariat. The city is home to various Mizo communities who live in peaceful coexistence. Aizawl also offers a variety of jungle products, monuments, and memorials steeped in legends and folklore.



FIND THE DISTRICTS OF MIZORAM IN THE WORD SEARCH BELOW

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State Symbols

Animal



Himalayan Serow

Bird



Mrs. Hume's Pheasant

Tree



Indian Rose Chestnut

Flower

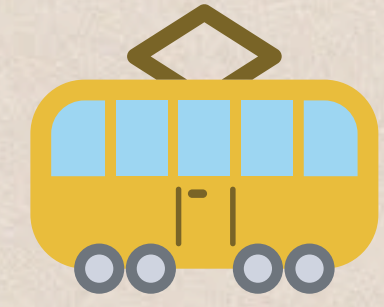


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HOW TO REACH MIZORAM:



Air: Aizawl is the only airport of Mizoram which connects it to Guwahati and Calcutta.

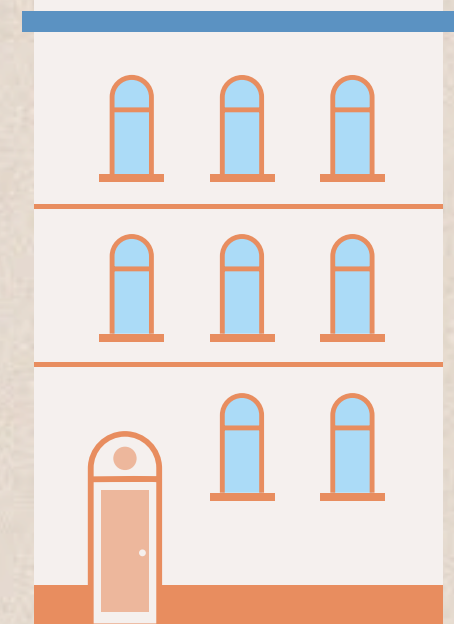


Rail: There is no railway station in Mizoram. The nearest railway station is at Silchar in Assam.



Road: Mizoram is well connected with places within and outside the state.

HOTEL



Where to stay?

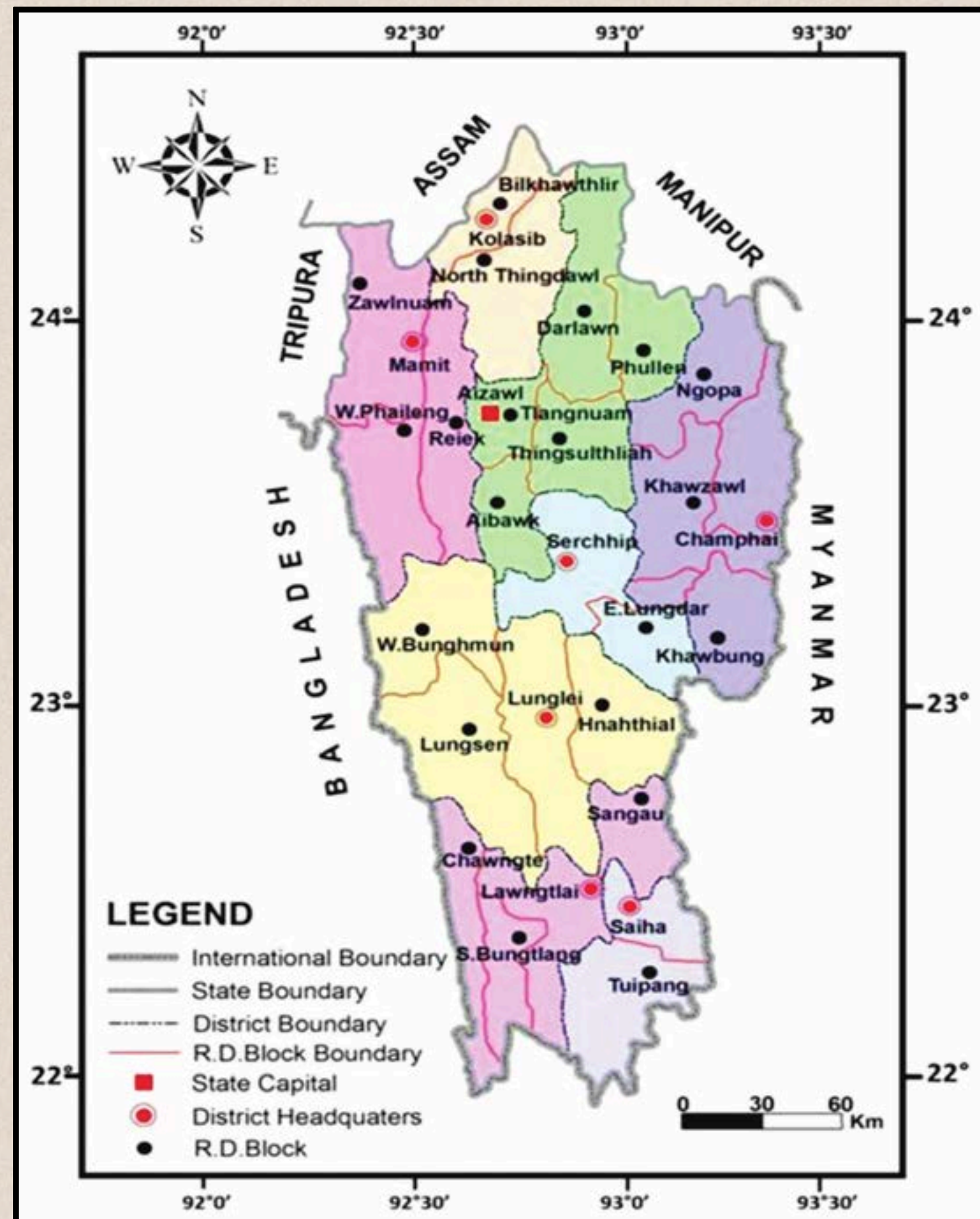
Mizoram has a wide variety of hotels catering to different needs and budget of the tourists. Famous hotels are Berawtlang Tourist Recreation Centre, Royale Hotel, Ritz hotel, Chief hotel and Chaltalang Tourist Lodge.

SHOP



Shopping

The major shopping areas spots are the State Government Handloom Emporium, Bara Bazar, Ritz market, Bazar Bungkawn, Thakthing Bazar, Burma Lane, Solomon Cave and New Market.



Climate:

Mizoram' climate is a little hot and humid. It is pleasant during the months between November to March.

Planning ot visit Mizoram?

We got you!!

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