Facts about Meghalaya Indian State

Meghalaya is located in the Northeast of India. The state shares its border on the north and east with Assam and on the south and west with Bangladesh.

Meghalaya, with an average annual rainfall of 1,150 cm, receives the highest amount of rainfall in the country. The diverse range of soil types, including red-loamy and laterite, support various agricultural crops like rice, maize, pulses, oilseeds, cotton, jute and mesta. The state has achieved success in the cultivation of non-traditional crops like tea, cashew nut, oilseeds, tomato, mushroom, wheat, etc. During 2018-19^, the state produced 324.67 thousand tonnes of fruits and 91.70 thousand tonnes of spices.

Meghalaya, one of the most picturesque states in the country, has two National Parks and three wildlife sanctuaries. It offers many adventure tourism opportunities like mountaineering, rock climbing, hiking & trekking, water sports, etc. Passenger traffic at Barapani airport, Meghalaya stood at 12,957 and 12,482 in 2017-18 and 2018-19, respectively.

CAPITAL : Shillong

ESTABLISHED : January 21, 1972

CHIEF MINISTER : Shri Conrad Kongkal Sangma

GOVERNOR : Shri Ravindra Narayana Ravi

HIGH COURT : Shillong, 2013

DISTRICTS : 11

LANGUAGES : Garo, Khasi, English

POPULATION : 29, 66, 889 (23rd)

[Males = 14, 91, 832 & Females = 14, 75, 057]

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AREA : 22, 429 sq km (23rd)

Density : 140 per sq. km

LITERACY : 75. 84

ASSEMBLY : 60

LOKSABHA : 2

RAJYASABHA : 1

BOUNDARY STATES : Asom, Bangladesh

STATE ANIMAL : Clouded Leopard

STATE BIRD : Hill Myna

STATE TREE : White Teak

STATE FLOWER : Lady's Slipper

FESTIVALS : Khasis, Laho, Wangala, Garos, Behdiengkhlam,

RIVERS : Simsang, Manda, Darming, Ringge, Gamol, Bugi,

NATIONAL PARKS & SANCTURIES

Balphakram National Park

Nokrek National Park

Baghmara Pitcher Plant Wild Life Sanctuary

Nongkhyllem Wild Life Sanctuary, Siju Wild Life Sanctuary

INDUSTRIES : Cement factory – Cherrapunjee, Iron & Steel, Cottage Industries

MAIN CITIES : Masinram, Chirapunji (Sohro), Jowai, Nongstoin, Shillong, Tura, Williamnagar

AIRPORTS : Umroi, Zaruki International Airport – Shilling

Other Information

Scotland of the East - Meghalaya

North Eastern Central University - Shillong

Nokrek Biosphere Reserve - Garo

Zaruki International Air port - Shillong

Districts in Meghalaya (11 Districts)

- East Garo Hills
- East Jaintia Hills
- East Khasi Hills
- Jaintia Hills
- North Garo Hills
- Ri-Bhoi
- South Garo Hills
- South West Garo Hills
- South West Khasi Hills
- West Garo Hills
- West Khasi Hills

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