



MEGHALAYA AT A GLANCE  
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### **Physical Features :—**

Meghalaya is the 21st State of India. It was carved out of the Assam State. It first emerged as an Autonomous State within Assam, on the 2nd April, 1970 and then a full-fledged State with effect from the 21st, January, 1972.

It is bounded on the north by the districts of Kamrup, Goalpara and Karbi Anglong of Assam State; on the south and on the west by Bangla Desh and on the east by the districts of Cachar and North Cachar Hills also of the State of Assam.

Meghalaya lies between  $25^{\circ}47'N$  to  $26^{\circ}10'N$  latitude and  $89^{\circ}45'E$  to  $92^{\circ}47'E$  longitude.

## I. AREA AND POPULATION, 1981 \*

A. Area	Sq. Km
Total Geographical area	22,489
(1) East Khasi Hills	5,196
(2) West Khasi Hills	5,247
(3) Jaintia Hills	3,819
(4) East Garo Hills	2,603
(5) West Garo Hills	5,564
B. Districts, Town, etc.	Numbers
(1) Districts	5
(2) Towns	12
(3) Villages (inhabited)	4,874
(4) Villages (uninhabited)	170
(5) Subdivision	4
(6) Administrative Units	6
(7) Community Development Blocks	30
C. Population	Numbers
Persons	13,28,343
Males	6,79,519
Females	6,48,824
I. Rural:—	
Total	10,88,842
Males	5,53,634
Females	5,35,208

\* Provisional



### III. AGRICULTURE

A. Area, 1978-99 *	Hectare
1. Total cropped area	2,23,370
2. Area sown more than once	30,597
3. Net area sown	1,92,773
4. Net irrigated area	47,943
B. Production of Principal Crops, 1979-80	'000 Tonnes
1. Rice	122
2. Wheat	3
3. Pulses	2
4. Potato	135
5. Jute (in bale of 180 Kgs.)	40
6. Cotton (in bale of 170 Kgs.)	4

### IV. ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND VETERINARY

A. Livestock Census, 1977	'000 Numbers
1. Total Livestock	8,14
2. Total Poultry	10,73
B. Veterinary hospitals, etc., 1981-82	Numbers
1. Hospital	1
2. Dispensaries	45
3. Doctors/Surgeons	87

### V. FOREST

A. Area, 1981-82	('000 Hectares)
1. Total forest	8,51.00
2. Reserved forest	70.65

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		( '000 Hectares)
3.	Protected forest	1.17
4.	Unclassed forest	7,79.31
B.	Value of forest products, 1980-81	( '000 Rs.)
1.	Timber	35,39.31
2.	Firewood	73.98
VI.	CO-OPERATION, 1978-79	
1.	Co-operative societies (Numbers)	527
2.	Membership ('000 Numbers)	31 "E"
3.	Share capital (Rs. in lakh)	48.52 "R"
4.	Working capital (Rs. in lakh)	175.48 "P"
VII.	INDUSTRIES	
A.	Registered factories, 1981	Numbers
1.	Numbers of unit	55
2.	Employees	3075
B.	Cement, 1980	( '000 MT)
1.	Production	55
2.	Despatches	62
C.	Production of Cocoon and Raw-silk, 1981-82.	
1.	Mulberry ('000 Kgs.)	5.2
2.	Eri ('000 Kgs.)	35
3.	Muga (Lakh nos.)	15.3
4.	Tassar (Lakh nos.)	1.0

E—Excluding East & West Khasi Hills,  
R:—Relates to Jaintia Hills, East  
& West Garo Hills only.

## VIII. MINING, 1980 \*

Production of minerals	'000 Tonnes)
1. Coal	340
2. Lime stone	171
3. Sillimanite	5.6
4. Clay	7

## IX. ELECTRICITY, 1981-82

1. Installed capacity	(Mega watts)	133.66
2. Generation	(M. Kwh)	369.65
3. Per capita consumption	(Kwh)	46.66*
4. Villages electrified	(Numbers)	868

## X. ROAD AND TRANSPORT

A. Road, 1978-79	(Km)
1. Surfaced road	1,487
2. Unsurfaced road	2,630
Total	4,117

## B. Transport, 1979-80 (R)

(1) Vehicles registered	(Numbers)
(a) Private	453
(b) Government	89
(2) Vehicles on road	
(a) Private	7,400
(b) Government	389

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## XI. COMMUNICATION

Post Offices, 1979-80	(Numbers)
1. General Post Offices	1
2. Sub-Post offices	54
3. Post office with Saving Banks	383
4. Post office (per lakh of population)	37
5. Telephone Connection, 1981-82	3,472
6. Broadcast receiver licences 1979 ('000 Nos.)	18
7. Newspaper and Periodicals, 1981-82 (Numbers)	45

## XII. TOURISM, 1981

Tourists visiting Meghalaya	(Numbers)
1. Indian	2,323
2. Foreign	7

## XIII. LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

A. Working population, 1981 *	('000 Nos.)
1. Cultivators	3,73.2
2. Agricultural labourers	58.2
3. Household industry	6.4
4. Other workers	1,49.3
5. Marginal workers	20.0
6. Non-workers	7,21.3
B. Employment	
1. Employment exchanges, 1981	
(a) Employment exchanges	(Numbers) 5
(b) Applicants on live Register	('000 Nos.) 10.4

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(c) Vacancies notified	('000 Nos.)	1.1
(d) Public Sector employment	('000 Nos.)	45.5
(e) Private Sector employment	('000 Nos.)	4.2
2. State Government Employees, 1979	('000 Nos.)	
(a) Gazetted		1.2
(b) Non-Gazetted		13.2
(c) Grade IV		5.6
3. Trade Union, 1981		
(a) Trade Union	(Numbers)	44
(b) Membership	('000 Nos.)	7.2

#### XIV: LITERACY AND EDUCATION

A. Literate persons, 1981*	(Numbers)	
Total		4,42,949 (33.35%)
Rural		2,93,739 (26.98%)
Urban		1,49,210 (62.30%)
B. Education		
1. Institutions, 1978-79	(Numbers)	
(a) Pre-Primary and Pre-Basic		376*
(b) Primary and Junior Basic		3,575
(c) Middle and Senior Basic		374
(d) High/Higher Secondary		163
(e) College		14

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2. Enrolment 1978-79	('000 Nos.)
(a) Pre-Primary and Pre-Basic	17.62*
(b) Primary and Junior Basic	188.61
(c) Middle and Senior Basic	33.74
(d) High/Higher Secondary	23.80
(e) College	10.50

## XV. HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

A. Health, 1979	(Numbers)
1. Hospital (Government)	9
2. Dispensaries (Government)	57
3. Primary Health Centre (Government)	26
4. Doctors (Government)	206
5. Nurses and Mid-wives (Government)	478
6. Bed	1,504
B. Family welfare, 1979-80	(Numbers)
1. Voluntary sterilization	197
2. I. U. C. D.	239
3. Conventional Contraceptive users	432
4. Pills	1,375
5. D. P. T. immunisation of school children.	('000 Nos.) 7.09
6. D. T. immunisation of school children.	('000 Nos.) 9.44

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## XVI. POLICE ADMINISTRATION, 1978

Police station, etc.	(Numbers)
1. Police station	15
2. Police Out-post	37
3. Police patrolling post	9
4. Police check-post	4

## XVII. BANKING (June) 1981

Numbers

1. Banking offices	59
2. Population per Bank office ('000)	23

## XVIII. STATE GOVERNMENT BUDGET, 1980-81

A. Revenue receipt	(Rs. in lakhs)
1. Share of Central taxes	7,18.81
2. State taxes	4,87.67
3. Non-tax Revenue (State)	21,33.16
4. Non-tax Revenue (Central)	55,93.53

B. Revenue Expenditure	(Rs. in lakhs)
1. General Services	16,72.48
2. Social and Community Services	18,88.91
3. Economic and Development Services	24,20.99

## XIX. ELECTORAL STATISTICS, 1978

(Numbers)

1. Seats in Lok Sabha (March) 1977	2
2. Seats in Rajya Sabha (March) 1978	1
3. Seats in Vidhan Sabha	60
4. Electorate	('000 Nos.) 5.85

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