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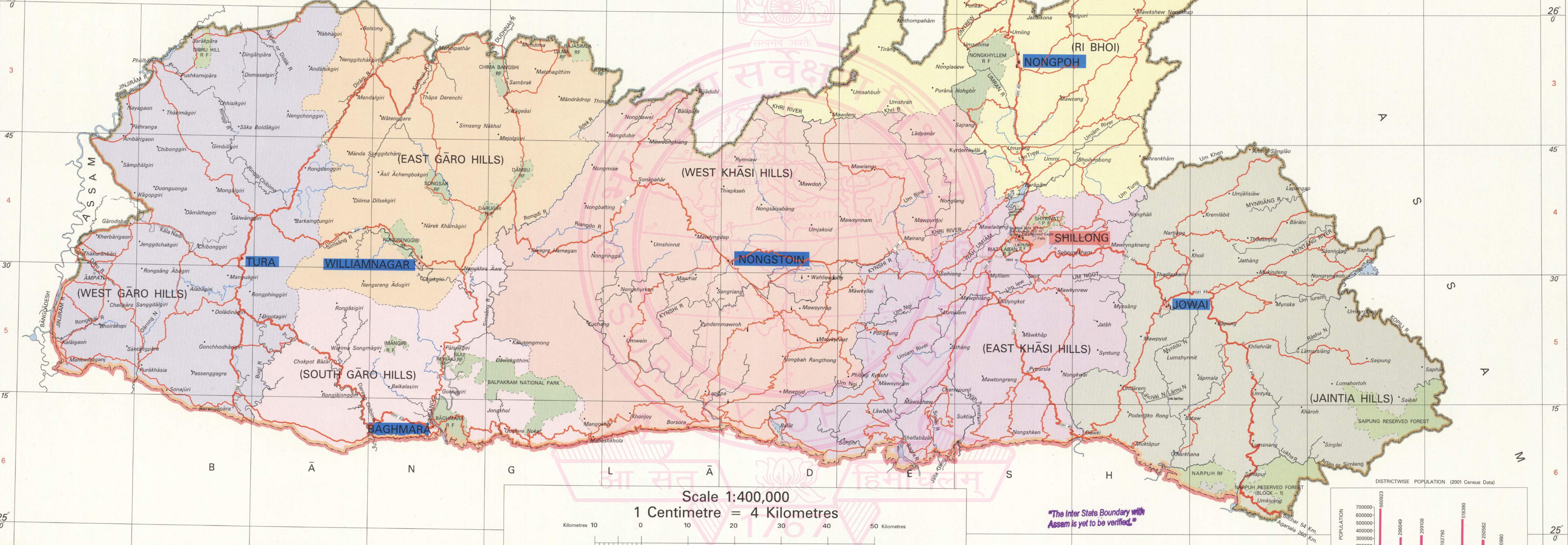
**MEGHĀLAYA – The Abode of clouds**

Carved from the erstwhile state of Assam, Meghālaya became a full fledged state on January 21, 1972. Bounded on the North and East by Assam and on the South and West by Bānglādesh, Meghālaya is spread over an area of 22,429 sq.km and lies between 25.1° N and 26.7° N latitude and 89.50° E and 92.48° E longitude. According to 2001 census, Meghālaya has population of 23,18,822 with average population density 103 per sq.km. The Khasi Hills which form the central and eastern part of Meghālaya is an imposing plateau with rolling grasslands, hills and river valleys. The heights of the central plateau of Khasi hills hovers around 1500 m with Shillong Peak (1965 m) the highest point in the plateau over Shillong town. The Garo Hills which form the western part of Meghālaya is lower in elevation. The state enjoys a temperate climate. The monsoon usually starts by third week of May and continues right to the end of September and sometimes well into middle of October. The heaviest rainfall area of the world Sohra (Cherrapunji) and Mawsynram platform of the state receives average annual rainfall in the order of 12000 mm. The principal languages in Meghālaya are Khasi, Pnar and Garo with English as the official language of the state. Agriculture in Meghālaya contributes about 22% of the GDP and continues to be dominant sector where about 80% of its total population depends directly or indirectly on it for their livelihood. Meghālaya has wide variety of flora and fauna. The total forest cover in the state is 949.56 thousand hectare. It is the home of the insect eating pitcher plant. It has estimated 500 natural limestone and sandstone caves spread over entire state. Majority of tribal population of Meghālaya follows matrilineal system of society.

**REFERENCES**

Road : National Highway, State Highway, Others  
Rivers: Main, Branch, Water Bodies  
Boundaries: International, State, District, Forest  
Height: Station  
Headquarters: State, District  
Major Town, Large Villages, Small Villages  
Temple, Church, Tomb  
Name Headquarters: State, District, Others.

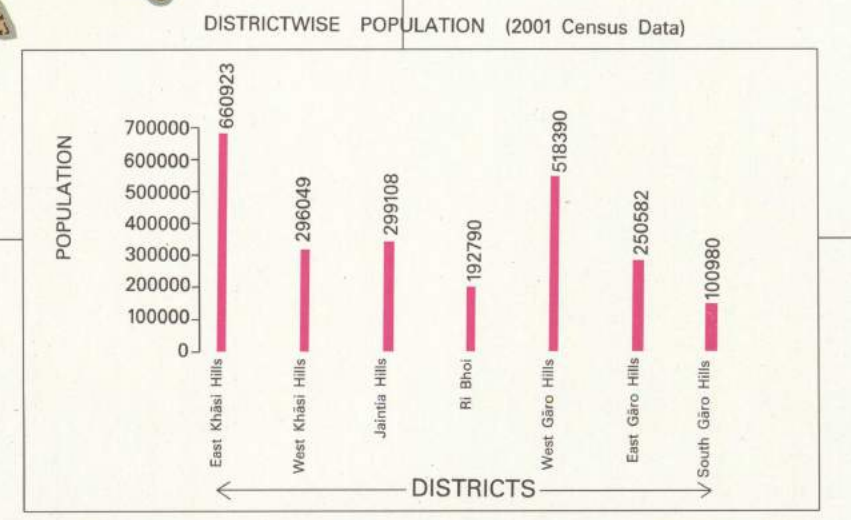
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TURA	WILLĀMNAGAR	BĀGHMĀRĀ	NONGSTOIN	NONGPOH	JOWĀI	GUWĀHĀTĪ	SILCHAR	AGARTALA	ITĀNAGAR	KOHIMA	IMPHAL	ĀIZAWL	MOREH
323	312	445	93	53	66	103	227	404	458	396	519	403	655

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