

1. DISTRICT PROFILE

1.1 Geography

Serchhip District is located in the central part of *Mizoram* and its capital is the town of *Serchhip* which is at a distance of 112 km from Aizawl. It is one of the smallest districts in *Mizoram* with a total geographical area of 1421.6 sq kms. It is bounded by *Aizawl District* in the North and North-West, *Champhai District* in the East, and *Lunglei* in the South. It has a small stretch of international boundary with *Myanmar* in the South-East.

The Tropic of Cancer passes through *Thenzawl*, the second largest town in the District. The climate is pleasant throughout the year with an average annual temperature around 15°-27°C with moderate rainfall. Major tourist attractions include *Vantawng* waterfall which is the highest waterfall in *Mizoram* and lies close to the town of *Thenzawl* and the *Tawi Wildlife Sanctuary* which lies on the Northern part of the District. The highest peak in the district is *Tawitlang* with an elevation of 6191ft.

The bulk of the population is still engaged in agricultural activities. However, the District has one of the lowest prevalence of BPL families owing to the hardworking nature of the people as a whole and there is little disparity in the living conditions of the people in rural and urban areas. In terms of cleanliness and sanitation, the District is perhaps the cleanest District in *Mizoram* with villages like *Ngentiang*, *Baktawng* and *Chhiahtlang* receiving national recognition and acclaim.

1.2 Demography

According to the 2001 census, the total population of Serchhip District is 53861 with the urban and rural population being 27983 and 25878 respectively, out of which 52830 are ST, 5 SC and others 1026. The sex ratio is 976 female per 1000 males. But according to the latest projections (2008) the population now stands at 66,495. The literacy rate of the District is 95.1% which is much higher than the State's average.

The District of Serchhip is comprised of three townships and 41 villages with the total number of household amounting to 10,116 (2006 figures).

1.3 Administrative Units

The *Deputy Commissioner* is the administrative head of the District and his office is located at *Serchhip*. The Office of the Deputy Commissioner started functioning with effect from 15th September 1998. The district is divided into three Sub-Divisions viz. *Serchhip Sadar*, *Thenzawl* and *North Vanlaiphai* for ease of administration. There are two Rural Development Block viz. *Serchhip* and *East Lungdar*. Besides the Office of the Deputy Commissioner there exists thirty-three (33) Government Offices with their branches within the District.

There are three Assembly Constituencies which are: 26- *Serchhip* (ST) AC, 27- *Tuikum* (ST) AC and 28- *Hrangturzo* (ST) A/C. As per the Delimitation of Assembly Constituency in 2005, the three villages of *Darlawng*, *Phulmawi* and *Tlungvel* of *Aizawl District* have been included under 27- *Tuikum(ST)AC* and the *Biate* village from *Champhai District* has also been included under 28- *Hrangturzo (ST) AC*.

1.4 General Law & Order

Serchhip District is perhaps the most peaceful District in *Mizoram* with no record of any major breakdown of Law & Order. The Deputy Commissioner/Magistrate is responsible for maintaining Law & Order in the District and is assisted by those delegated by him in this regard and by the Superintendent of Police (SP) and his office and other satellite offices.

1.5 Past electoral offences

Till date, there has been no record of poll violence, booth capturing or commission of electoral offence.

1.6 Important Officials and their Contact Numbers:

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1	B.S. Mundhe, IAS, Observer		9863623044
2	Jayant Y.Gaikwad, IAS, Observer		9863623040
3	H. Darzika, DEO, RO Serchhip & Hrangturzo	222432	9436154514
4	Sangdingliana, RO Tuikum	226105	9436141486
5	Ramdinliani, ARO Serchhip	222285	9436141342
6	H.Dolianbuaia, ARO Tuikum	261522 / 226058	9436146128
7	Chuahnuna, ARO Hrangturzo	226058	9436195890
8	K.Vanlalruati, Election Officer	222888	9436147688
9	John Zothansanga, SP	222389	9436153218
10	Col. Roveen, Commandant, 4 AR	222435 (Exchg.)	
11	Dr.Lawmzuala, CMO	222334	9436146587
12	Er.Shyam Singh, EE PHE	222542	9436140086
13	Er.Lalrinpuia, EE P&E	225289	9436143080
14	Er.Vanlalzuala, EE PWD	222620	9862770017
15	Lalringdika, Addl SP	222371	9436145470
16	R.Lalbiakthanga, Nodal Officer for Polling Staff Welfare, 26-Serchhip (ST) A/C	222438	9436146054
17	Henry C. Lalrawnkima, Nodal Officer for Polling Staff Welfare, 28-Hrangturzo (ST) A/C	222233	9436159785
18	PC Lallawmkima, Nodal Officer for Polling Staff Welfare, 27-Tuikum (ST) A/C		9862812561
19	Dr.ZD.Lalmuanawma, MO		9862294782
20	Dr.Lalrothuama, MO		9436150090
21	Dr. Lalbiakdiki, MO		9436151136
22	P.Lalzama, SDPO	222531	9863366242
23	Rohnuni Colney, LO to Observers		9436146485
24	Evelyn Lalmangaihi, LO to Observers		9436151881
25	Lalmuanpuui, LO to Observers		9436146286