

CIVIL AVIATION IN MEGHALAYA STATE'S PERSPECTIVE

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Government of Meghalaya

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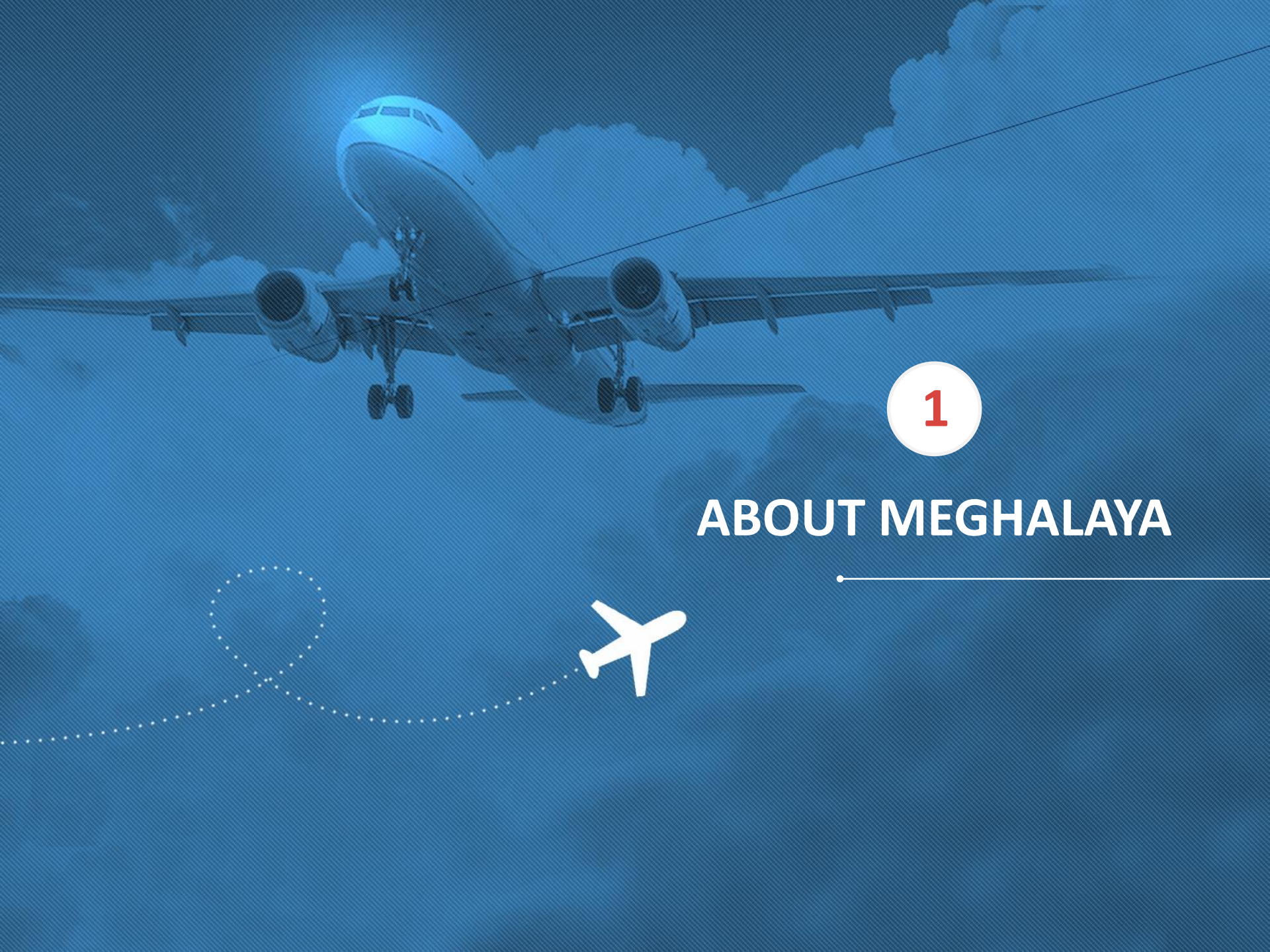




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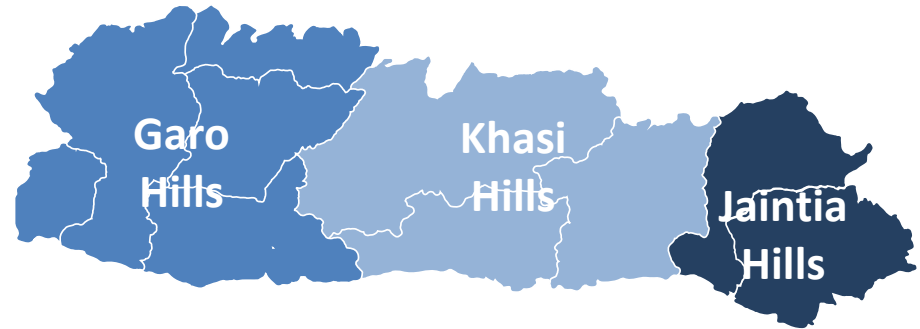


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ABOUT MEGHALAYA

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- The State is home to **unique cultural heritage**, customs, spiritual beliefs, language, food habits, folk songs and dances.
- Picturesque landscape, valleys, variety of flora, fauna, undulating hills, lakes, waterfalls, caves, dense forests making it a **unique ecotourism destination**.
- **76% forest area** land (4th largest in India) and among the biodiversity hotspots of the world.



ABOUT SHILLONG

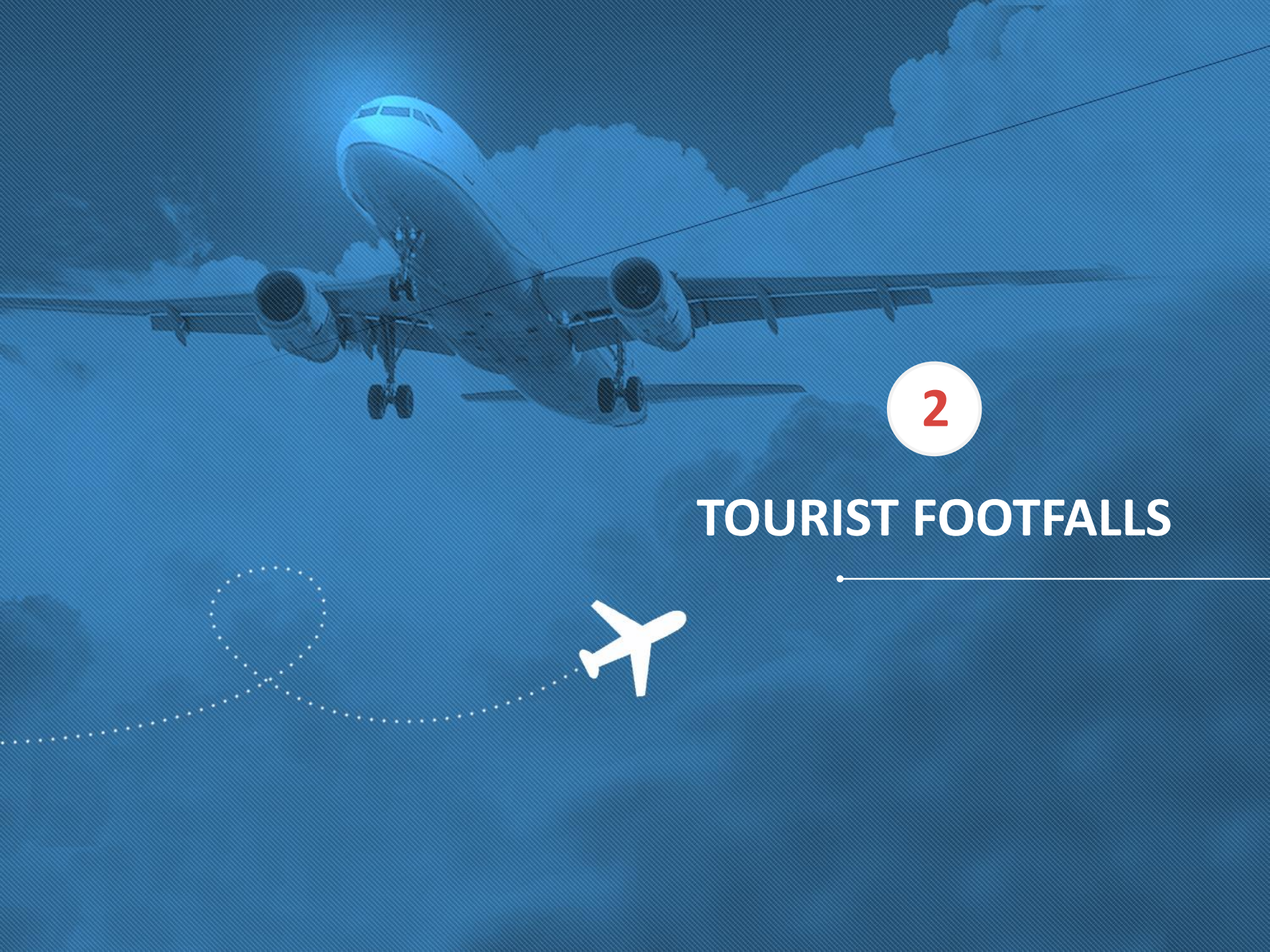


Shillong: Scotland of the East

Estimated Population (2023): 5 lakhs

Important Offices and Institutions:

- IIM-Shillong
- North Eastern Council (NEC)
- North Eastern Hills University (NEHU)
- NEIGRIHMS
- NIT - Meghalaya
- NIFT - Shillong
- IHM – Shillong
- ICAR
- Geological Survey of India
- Zoological Survey of India
- NEEPCO, PGCIL, NESAC
- HQs of Eastern Air Command
- HQs of Assam Rifles, Assam Regiment, GTC, CRPF (NE), BSF, NEPA

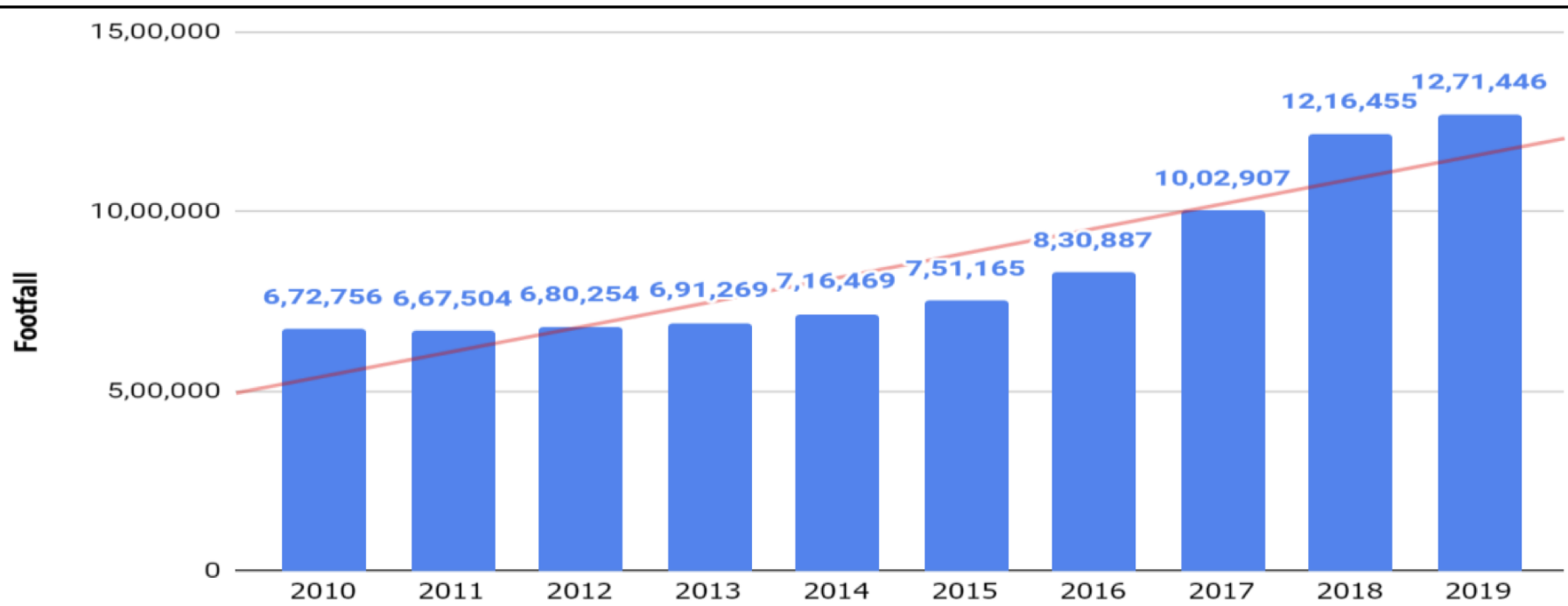


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TOURIST FOOTFALLS



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- ❑ 2019: Includes 25000 foreigners
- ❑ Highest tourists in NE States after Assam & Sikkim
- ❑ Estimated to cross 15 lakhs tourists by 2024

Source: Meghalaya Tourism Policy 2023

<https://www.meghalayatourism.in/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Meghalaya-Tourism-Policy-2023.pdf>



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PRESENT AIR CONNECTIVITY



Movement between Jul'21 and Oct'23

Total Pax: 2,44,769

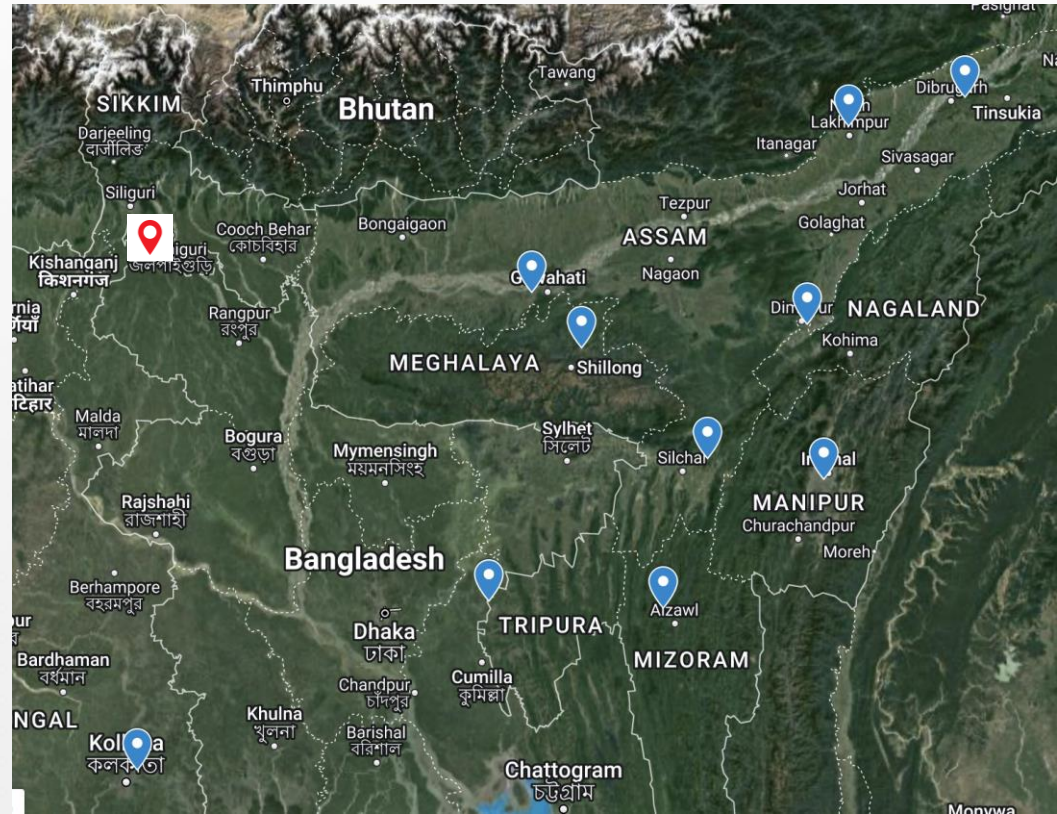
Total Aircraft: 6875

Average Pax/ Month: 8742

Under UDAN Regional Connectivity Scheme

Shillong is connected with:

- Aizawl
- Dimapur
- Guwahati
- Lilabari
- Agartala
- Dibrugarh
- Imphal
- Kolkata
- Silchar



STATE INITIATIVE



Delhi-Shillong-Delhi Direct Flights

- Operated by SpiceJet
- Under State funded Viability Gap Funding (VGF)
- On Mondays & Fridays
- Scheduled Performance: 94%



SpiceJet Begins Flights Between Delhi & Shillong

The new route is the only non-stop service connecting the Meghalaya state capital with the national capital.

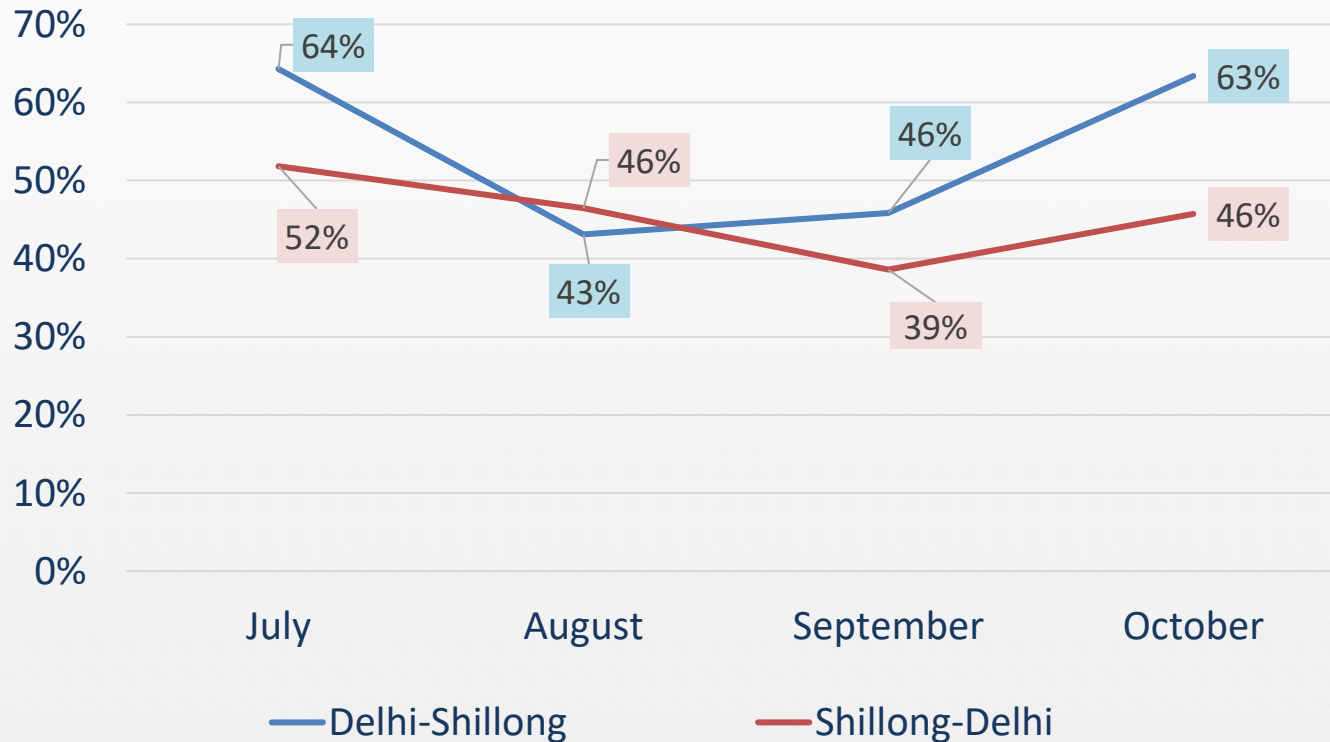
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Delhi-Shillong-Delhi Direct Flights

Passenger Load Factor
(Jul - Oct '23)



PRESENT HELICOPTER CONNECTIVITY



❑ **Helipads:**

Shillong ALG

Tura BSF

❑ **MoCA funded Heliports planned at:**

New Shillong

Tura

❑ **Helicopter Services:**

Shillong – Guwahati – Tura (Under MHA Scheme)

MOST PRO-ACTIVE STATE



The Govt. of Meghalaya is extremely thankful to MoCA for the excellent support provided to the State

M'laya gets 'most proactive state' award at Wings India 2022

By **Our Reporter** - March 27, 2022

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SHILLONG, March 26: In what can be termed as a proud moment for the state, Meghalaya has been conferred with the 'Most Proactive State' award at the Wings India 2022 Awards under 'Regional Connectivity Scheme-Priority Areas' for initiatives in promoting UDAN connectivity.

The award event was organised by Ministry of Civil Aviation and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry.

Taking to social media, Chief Minister Conrad Sangma tweeted, "Congratulations to the team!"



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**WAY FORWARD :
TO ENHANCE AIR CONNECTIVITY**



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SHORT & MEDIUM TERM

1. State Govt to consider direct connectivity between Shillong and other Metros like **Mumbai, Hyderabad & Bangalore** on **VGF** basis with Aircrafts capable of operating long-distance from the present Shillong Airport.
2. Considering the performance and demand on **Delhi-Shillong-Delhi** sector, State Govt invites Airline operators to operate on non-VGF basis

WAY FORWARD



LONG-TERM

1. Upgradation of **Shillong Airport**:
 - So that **bigger aircrafts** like Airbus, Boeing can operate
 - On State's request, **AAI** has submitted an estimate for **OLS** (Obstacle Limitation Survey) and **LIDAR** (Light Detection & Ranging) **study**, which is under process
2. Upgradation of **Baljek Airport, Tura**, to facilitate operating of ATR 72, Q400 and other smaller Aircrafts
3. Development of **Heliport** at **New Shillong** and **Tura** under process
4. Proposal to consider re-sanctioning of **helicopter routes** from **Shillong** to **Williamnagar, Dawki, Sohra** & **development of Helipads** in these locations
5. Proposal for **International connectivity** to **Bangladesh** submitted to **MoCA**
6. To consider **Shillong – Gangtok** under RCS connectivity



THANK YOU

