

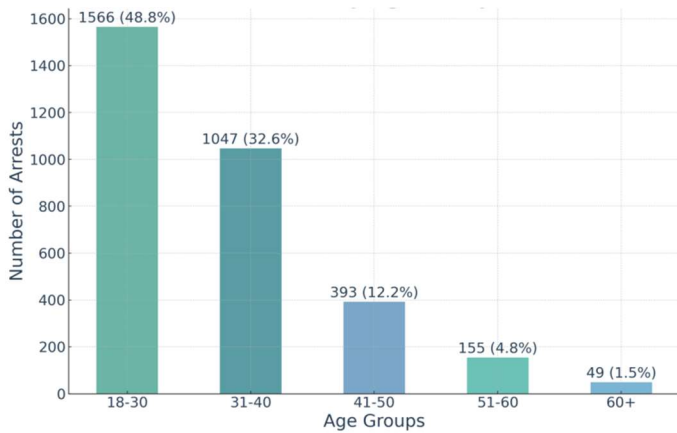
# MIZORAM POLICE PRESS STATEMENT

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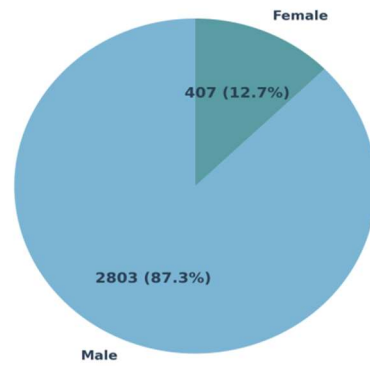
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## ANALYSIS OF ARRESTS BY MIZORAM POLICE (SEP 2023 – DEC 2024):

Between September 2023 and December 2024, the Mizoram Police conducted an extensive crackdown on crime, resulting in the arrest of 3,210 individuals. The offenses for which arrests were made included theft and burglary, which accounted for 42% of the cases, followed by violations under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS) at 16%, and breaches of the Mizoram Liquor Prohibition (MLP) Act at 14%. Notably, habitual offenders made up 24% of those apprehended, while 38% of the arrested individuals were identified as drug addicts.

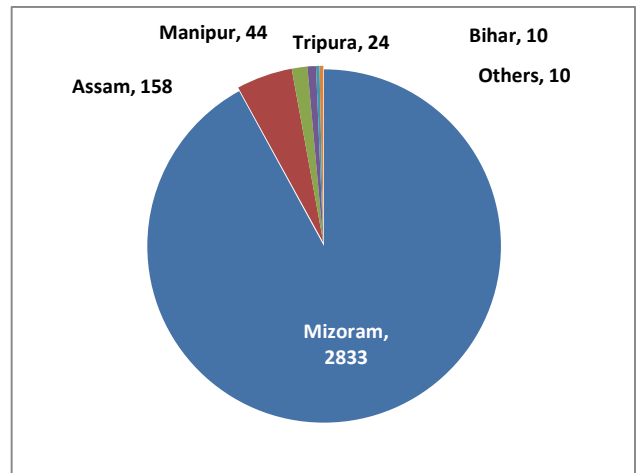


*Age group distribution of arrested individuals*

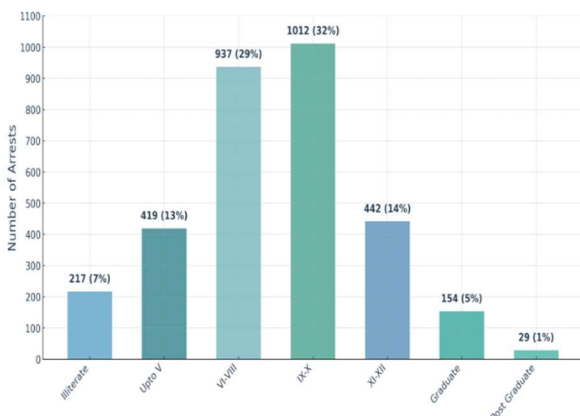


*Gender distribution of arrested individuals*

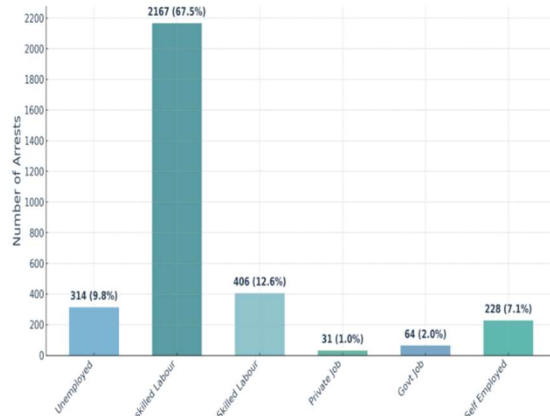
The demographic analysis revealed that nearly 80% of the accused belonged to the age group of 18 to 40 years, with 50% of the total accused falling within the younger bracket of 18 to 30 years. Women comprised a significant 12.7% of those arrested, reflecting their involvement in certain offenses during this period. Of the total arrests, 96% of the individuals were Indian nationals, while 4% were from Myanmar. Among the Indian nationals, 92% (2,833 individuals) were local to Mizoram, with the remainder hailing from neighbouring states such as Assam (158 individuals, 5%), Manipur (44 individuals), and Tripura (24 individuals). The majority of crimes, approximately 83%, were committed within the native districts of the accused, highlighting the localized nature of criminal activities.



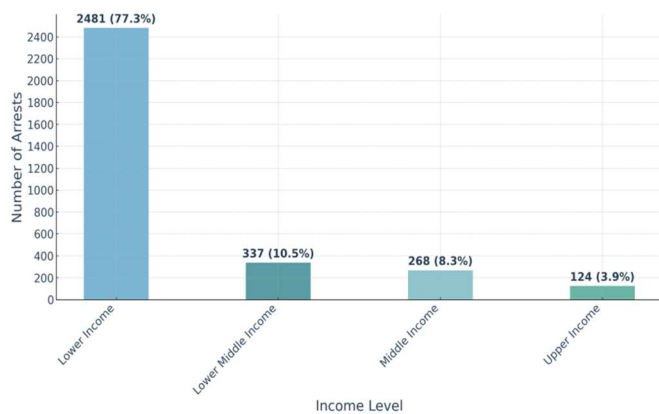
*State to which arrestees belong to*



*Educational status of arrested individuals*



*Employment status of arrested individuals*



Socio-economic profiling of the arrestees further revealed important patterns. A substantial 61% (1,949 individuals) of those arrested were college dropouts, having completed education only up to the 6th to 10th standards. Employment data indicated that 67.5% (2,167 individuals) were engaged in casual jobs as unskilled labourers, showcasing the prevalence of unstable and low-paying employment among the accused. Furthermore, 77.3 (2,481 individuals) belonged to lower-income groups, underlining a connection between economic vulnerability and criminal involvement.

### **Way forward: Blueprint for action :**

These insights were made actionable through the implementation of several strategic measures by the Mizoram Police. These included :

- 1) The adoption of the beat system, which ensured better coverage and visibility
- 2) Changes in patrolling patterns, such as focusing on areas during key times like church service hours on Sundays.
- 3) The installation of CCTV cameras improved surveillance and crime detection, while targeted action against habitual offenders reduced repeat offenses.
- 4) Efforts were also made to rehabilitate drug addicts, monitor school dropouts, and engage local NGOs and church bodies in extensive awareness campaigns to educate communities on preventive measures.

These interventions have laid the foundation for a proactive approach to crime prevention and community safety.

### **Seizures by Mizoram Police in 2024 :**

The Mizoram Police achieved significant success in their anti-crime operations during 2024, making major seizures across narcotics, liquor, explosives, and other contraband categories. A total of 341 cases were registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (ND&PS) Act, resulting in 478 arrests, including 62 Myanmar nationals. The seizures included 69.46 kg of heroin, 593.5 kg of methamphetamine tablets, 35.7 kg of crystal methamphetamine, and 305 kg of ganja. Additionally, 143 vehicles used for transporting contraband substances were confiscated as part of these operations. In liquor-related offenses, 249 cases were registered, with 323 arrests made. The seizures comprised 10,438 liters of local-made liquor (LML), 9,861 liters of Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL), 4,552 liters of Imported Foreign Liquor (IFL), 28,927 cans and 72 bottles of beer, and 1,542 liters of fermented rice. Additionally, 500 liters of BEDC were seized, highlighting a comprehensive crackdown on illicit liquor distribution and production.

In the domain of explosives, the Mizoram Police registered 17 cases and arrested 27 individuals, including 4 foreign nationals. The seizures included 27,188 gelatin sticks, 75,627 detonators, 1,200 units of plastic explosive kits (PEK), and 12,772 meters of detonating cord, reflecting the effective dismantling of illegal explosives networks in the region.

Operations targeting the smuggling of dried areca nuts led to the seizure of approximately 1,516,578 kg, with an estimated market value of ₹16,98,65,300. A total of 177 individuals were apprehended in connection with these smuggling activities, underscoring law enforcement's efforts to tackle economic offenses.

The Mizoram Police remain committed to strengthening the security of the community and have demonstrated a firm resolve in enforcing measures against the smuggling of contraband. Their comprehensive approach, combining enforcement, surveillance, and community involvement, continues to enhance public safety and deter illegal activities.

Police has registered a case at West Phaileng Police Station, Mamit District. Further investigation to dismantle the arms smuggling network is underway.

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