



**Monpa
Tribe of
Arunachal
Pradesh**

Monpa is one of the colourful tribes in Arunachal Pradesh. They are living in the Twang District. The land is known as 'Monyul' because of low land lying dwelled by Monpa tribes.

The Monpa are friendly, and possess a rich cultural heritage. They put well dress and artificially design cloths. The carpet making is specialty of the Monpa. The Monpa follow Buddhism and Profess Mahayana Buddhism and Tawang monastery is fountain head of their spiritual lives.



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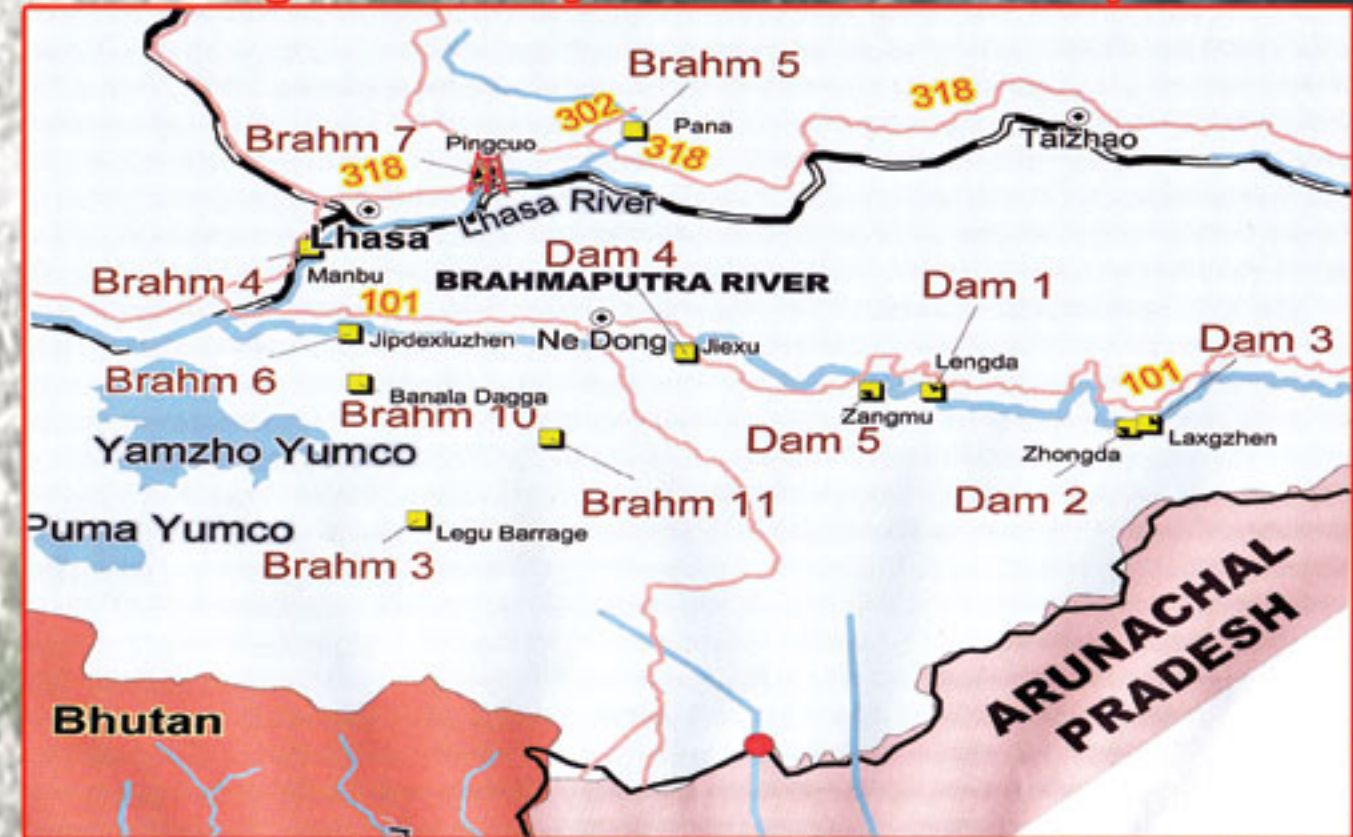
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The Alien Factor

HC Slams Government Inaction on B'deshi Issue

The alien we are talking about is the illegal Bangladeshi settled in Assam who thinks he has rights far more than even those of the indigenous people of the State. This hostile alien was apparently far more powerful than he is today until 2005 when the Supreme Court scrapped the notorious, anti-national IM (DT) Act. But is he not powerful even today — in terms of him being a solid vote bank for 'secular' political parties who leave no stone unturned in converting him from a foreigner into an Indian 'minorities' citizen? It is in this context that the recent observations of the Gauhati High Court are significant. The court has slammed both the Central and the Assam governments for performing the role of silent spectators in the matter of the presence of illegal Bangladeshis in the State. The court has rightly been critical of foreign nationals living on government land and the absence of the required infrastructure in the foreigners' tribunals despite the funds given by the Central government for the purpose. Questioning the government as to why foreign nationals do a vanishing act after being declared foreigners by foreigners' tribunals, the court has warned that the delay in "finalization of proceedings" could enable a foreign national to enjoy all the facilities like an Indian citizen, including the right to vote and indulge in antisocial activities. Justice BK Sharma observes thus: "The pace, manner and eagerness in which the issue (of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants) is being dealt with by the powers-that-be have virtually rendered detection and deportation of foreign nationals meaningless. Not a single instance of deportation of an illegal Bangladeshi has been brought to the notice of the court. The only measure adopted, that too in the rarest

Ambitious Air-connectivity for Northeast Mooted?

SILCHAR, July 17: After a series of helicopter crashes in the region, operated mainly by Pawan Hans, the DoNER Ministry is planning for better air connectivity in the region by inducting small aircraft and helicopters. The proposal looks ambitious since it will cover 58 districts of the seven States.

According to former DoNER Minister BK Handique, a separate body would be set up under the Civil Aviation Ministry to run the services. Under the 'open sky policy', private airlines along with the state airlines, Air India, would operate the flights. The plan was submitted to the Civil Aviation Ministry recently.

Before that Shahnawaj Hussain, who was Aviation Minister in the Atal Behari Vajpayee Government, too spoke of Alliance Air spreading its wings in the Northeast at a press briefing here in April 2003 with the introduction of 50-seater aircraft.

To begin with, it was supposed to connect nine destinations and was to link more and more destinations. But before Hussain's plan could further spread its wings, both the state and the private airlines pressed for phasing out ATRs and inducting Boeing and Air Bus Aircraft.

What has now become mere history is Indian Airlines and its Vayudoot-operated services till a decade back to cover 19 near

and far-flung destinations like Guwahati, Shillong, Agartala, Silchar, Imphal, Dimapur, Tezpur, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Tura, Ziro, Daporijo, Pasighat, Along, Tezu, Kailashar, Kamalpur, Khowai and Tural. The flights were operated with Fokker Friendship and Dakota.

To connect 58 districts, aviation circles feel that there ought to be equal number of airports or airfields which are only 24 at present. Besides building up necessary infrastructure and facilities, the most important aspect of the safety and security of both the crew members and passengers has to be accorded priority.

Airport Authority of India has drawn up a Rs 4,000-crore modernization plan. Along with modernization, equipping the airports or airfields with latest navigational aid like instrument-landing system, precision-approach position indicator, night and ground lighting facilities, very high frequency trans-receiver, distance area business message network, very high frequency omni radio range etc are of prime importance considering the strategic locations of airports or airfields, mountainous surroundings, monsoon and unpredictable weather conditions in the Northeast. Indeed, it is a challenging task! Time alone will reveal if the DoNER ministry's plan becomes a reality or another experiment.

Arunachal's Mother of 2 Gets Young Indian Leader Award

NEW DELHI, July 1: IBN18, in association with IRS Infrastructure Developers Limited (IRS), today announced the winners for the second edition of the Young Indian Leaders Awards. Anshu Jarosenpa, one of the young Indian leaders from Arunachal Pradesh, who created a niche in her field by becoming the woman mountaineer in the world to reach the summit of Mt. Everest twice in the same season, was awarded by Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia in a glittering ceremony held in the national capital. The 32-year-old mother of two from Arunachal Pradesh's Bomdila successfully scaled the world's highest peak to create a spectacular record with grit and stamina. (The Sentinel - 02.07.2011)

