



LESSON 1

THE ENCHANTING SPOTS OF MANIPUR

Summary: Manipur is a beautiful state in the north eastern corner of India. Its beauty presents a charming view where the nature binds with the works of the colourful people of the valley and the hills. Lord Irwin described it as the “Switzerland of India”, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru called it ‘A jewel of India’ and the Japanese called it ‘A flower on a lofty height’.

Khwairamband Bazar

Khwairamband Bazar is in the heart of Imphal city where Ima Market is located. It is the only market in the world which is run only by women. A variety of things are available from handloom clothes to vegetables and fish. There are also household utensils, fruits, cane and bamboo products etc. It is the symbol of manifold qualities of Manipuri women

Manipur Zoological Garden

Manipur Zoological Garden is located 6km away from Imphal on the Imphal- Kangchup road, near Iroisemba and Langol hill ranges. The Zoo houses the rare brow antlered deer, Sangai. This zoological garden is providing shelter to different species of birds and animals. A favourite place of children is the enclosure for different types of monkeys.

Maibam Lokpa Ching

It is located in the south, 17km from Imphal on the Tiddim Road It is also known as India Peace Memorial. It was the place where the Japanese Army had a fierce battle with the Allied Army during the Second World War.

Moirang

It is located 45km in the south of Imphal. The temple of Thangjing , INA Museum where Subhas Chandra Bose hoisted the Indian flag on April 14, 1944, are located here. The dance of Khamba and Thoibi was originated from Moirang and the freshwater lake, Loktak Lake is also located here.

Keibul Lamjao National Park

It is located 53km further south from Imphal. It is the only floating park in the world, and is the natural habitat of Sangai, the brow- antlered deer.

Ukhrul

Ukhrul is a beautiful hill station of the state. It is famous for the ' Sirui Lily', which grows on the Sirui Hills. The Kangkhui Lime caves are interesting tourist spots worth visiting. During Christmas, Ukhrul is a beautiful town where nature and men show their festive appearances.

Dzuko Valley

The famous Dzuko lily is the pride of Dzuko Valley. It is located at Senapati District of Manipur. Varieties of flowers are found in this Valley.

Andro

It is located 27km from Imphal in the east, famous for the sacred fire maintained for years. Mutua Museum has been established here.

Tharon Cave

It is located in Tharon village, Tamenglong. This is a wonderful cave, with small entrance but gets wider as one goes in.

Suangpha Cave

It is located in the Churachandpur District of Manipur. The cave has a small entrance and its exit is near Kamkeilon village.

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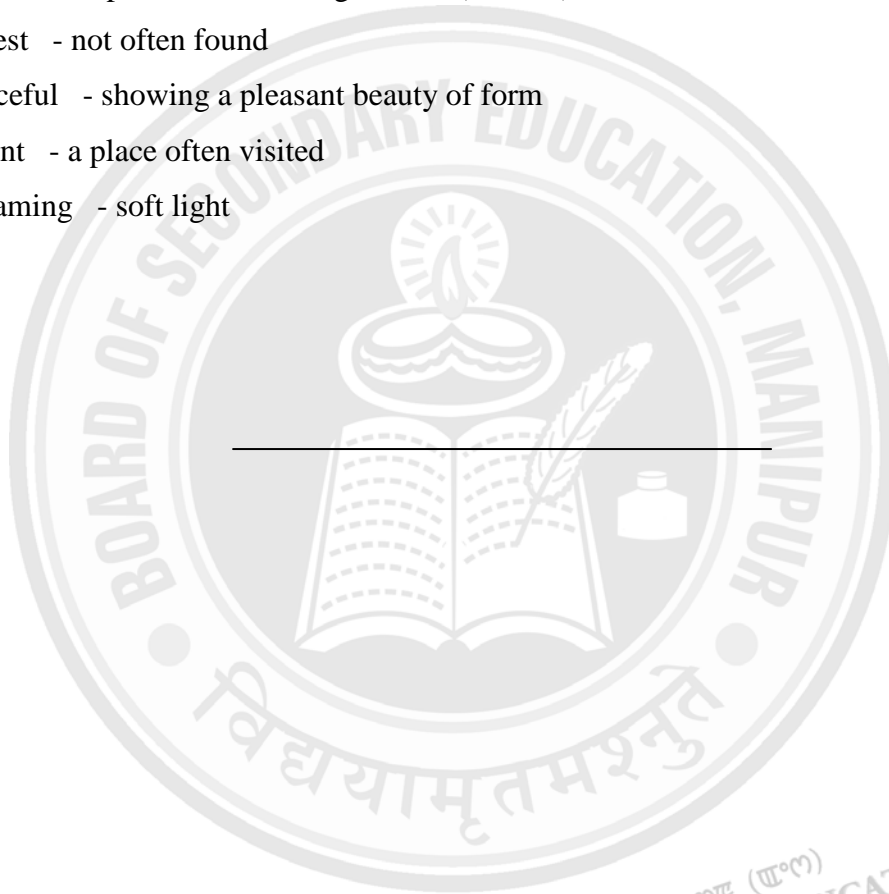
Moreh is located 110km from Imphal at the Indo- Myanmar border. It is known as the Eastern Gate of India for trade.

Other enchanting places to visit are the War Cemeteries, Shree Shree Govindaji Temple, Kangla Fort, Shahid Minar, Nupilal Complex, Khongjom War Memorial etc.

Manipur is beautifully described in Mrs. St. Claire Grimwood's book "My Three Years in Manipur."

Glossary

- Enchanting - delightful
- Charm - please
- Merged - combined, joined
- Dotted - covered with a number of dots, spots
- Ima - Manipuri word meaning mother (woman)
- Rarest - not often found
- Graceful - showing a pleasant beauty of form
- Haunt - a place often visited
- Gleaming - soft light



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