

Mithun

(Bos frontalis)

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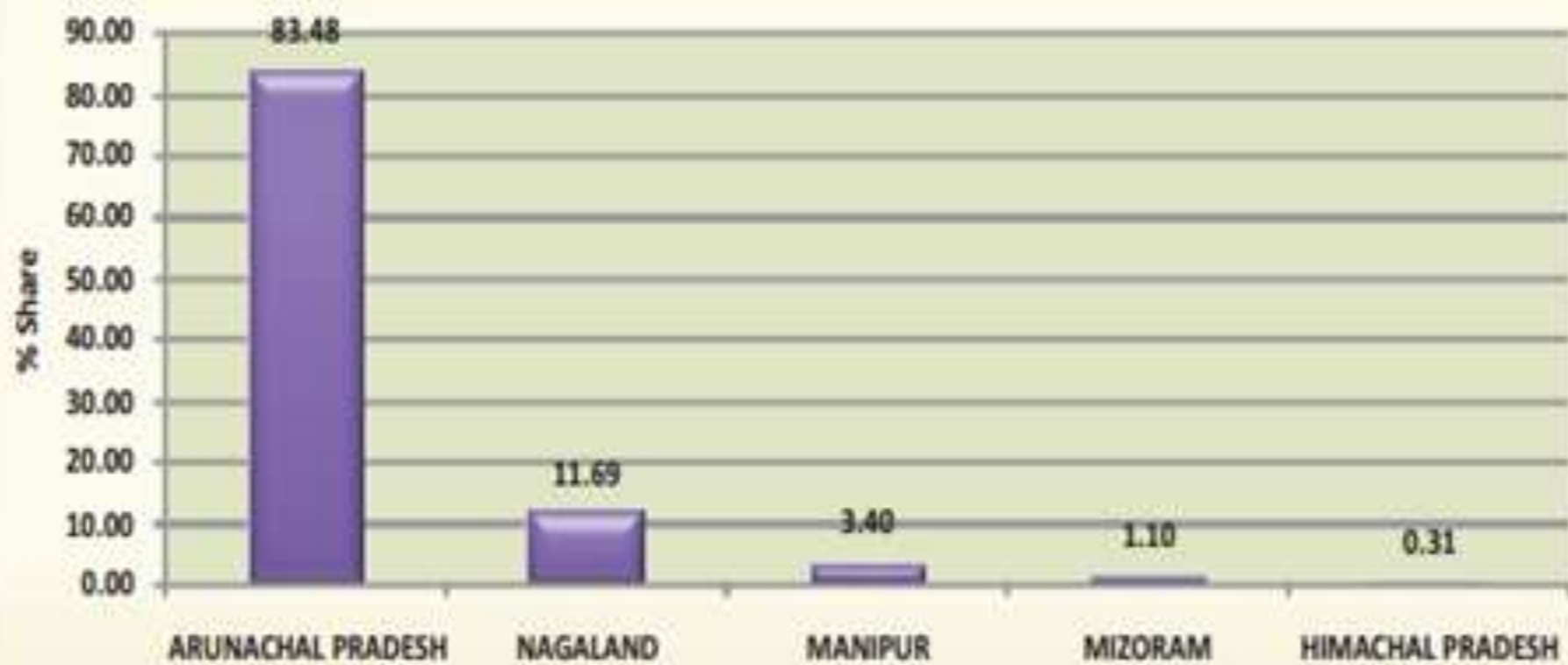
- Mithun, also known as “Cattle of Mountain”.
- Mithun is a massive semi-domesticated rare ruminant species mainly reared for meat.
- Mithun is considered as the pride of North Eastern Hilly region of India.
- The ownership of Mithun is considered to be the sign of prosperity and superiority of an individual in the society.



- The **Gayal** (*Bos frontalis*), also known as **Mithun**, is a large semi-domesticated **bovine** distributed in Northeast India.
- The Gayal is the state animal of **Arunachal Pradesh** and **Nagaland**.
- The National Research centre on Mithun was established at Jharnapani, Dimapur, Nagaland(1988).

State-wise Mithun Population

Graph 3.23: Percentage share of Mithuns Population- 2012





Arunachal Pradesh




Manipur



Nagaland



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- The length of gestation period is varies from **270 to 290 days**.
 - Service period 50 to 100 days.
 - Calving interval is 350 to 400 days.
 - Mithun consists of **58** chromosomes.

