

RECOMMENDATION

The proposed site for construction of "Manipur University of Culture" has been chosen in the Nongmaiching Reserve Forest which is a sacred and important place in terms of the culture, history, mythology and legend of the peoples of Manipur. The university, the first of its kind in the country, will go a long way in promotion and development of the rich cultural heritage of the State as well the entire country. No alternate suitable site has been found in the vicinity of the area.

The proposal for diversion of 38.081 Ha forest land in Nongmaiching RF for construction of the Manipur University of Culture is recommended under the following conditions:

- a) Felling of trees within the proposed site should be minimal and in the required patches only. A minimum of 50% of the area in higher slopes may be maintained under vegetative cover to maintain greenery and sustain ecological process.
- b) The proposed site should be clearly demarcated from the adjoining forest areas by erecting boundary pillars at the project cost.

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