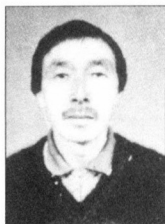


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## **INTRODUCTION**

Tawang, situated at the height of 3500 mtrs from the sea level on the mountainous range of the northern Himalayas in the western most part of Arunachal Pradesh, is inhabited by the beautiful Monpas who always welcome the people to TASHI DELEK. Gifted with the snow capped peaks, pleasant lakes, congenial climate, friendly and hospitable people, it entices the tourists with its Virgin and Virile Nature.

Belonging to the Mahayana sect of Buddhism, the Monpas are the Buddhists. it is said that before adopting this religion they belived in the BON faith that was characterised by spirit worship and animal sacrifice.

Agriculture is the mainstay of the Monpas. They practise terrace cultivation unlike the Jhumming cultivation prevalent in the north-eastern India. They rear animals like Yaks and sheep.

On account of varied altitudes, Tawang has varied climatic zones ranging from sub-tropical to temperate types. The clayee and sandy soil is suitbale to the horticultural gardens. Therefore, some farmers have already taken up horticulture as an alternative source of livelihood. The Department of Horticulture is also playing a very significant role in this field as a result of which horiculture based industries have come up.

The Buddhism religion shows immense impact on the people who are naturally kind hearted, peace-loving and honest in their jobs. They are happy to note the development in the field of tourism in the region.