



1st Edition 2026.



Scale 1:1,000,000
 1 Centimetre = 10 Kilometres

Heights and depths are in metres.
 The vertical scale of India extends into the sea to a distance of twelve nautical miles measured from the appropriate base line.
 Headquarters of state and districts are boxed in the body of the map.
 Sub-district (Taluk) name written in bracket, where it differs from the name of its headquarters, for example Thiruvannamalai (Cheyeni).

TAMIL NĀDU
 TAMIL NĀDU the southernmost state of India, bounded by the seas on the East and South Western Ghats on the west state of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka on the north, is a land of sun and warmth, legends and lyrics, temples and towers and really the "Soul of the South". Formerly known as "Madras State", of British Imperial India has been officialised in 1956 as "Tamil Nādu", - the name derived from the vernacular of its people.

Spanning over an area of 1,30,000 sq.kms, divided into 38 districts, the state has a population of 72,147,030 as per 2011 census. The important rivers Kaveri, Pennaiyār, Pāḷār, Vaigai, Tamiraparani etc., flow eastwards.

The headquarters of the state "Chennai" was once a fishing village and the earliest foothold of East India Company. In 1639, a small fort viz., "Fort St. George" built here, gradually developed into "George Town", later agglomerated as Madras City (Chennai), the oldest municipal corporation of India. The capital - venue of film studios, dance and music festivals, has many tourist attractions like Art Gallery - the oldest in India, an ancient Shiva Temple Kapilashwaram, famed for its typical Dravidian gopuram, the gothic styled Santhome Cathedral of Mylapore - possessing the remains of St. Thomas, Valluvar Kottam in memory of Saint Thiruvalluvar, who wrote the world fame classic Thirukkural, Marina - the 2nd largest beach in the world, museum, Deer park, Snake park, Aquarium etc.

The place famous for its exquisitely woven silk sarees - Kanchipuram having 128 temples, is considered as one of the seven sacred cities of India, state's rice bowl - Thanjavūr famed for the Brahadwaram Temple with its splendor in Chola architecture, is the house of carnic music. Meenakshi Amman Temple at Madurai considered as one of the wonders of India for its towering gopurams. The "Land's End" of Indian peninsula Kanniyakumari - a famous pilgrim and tourist centre is an ideal place to meditate at the Vivekananda Rock Memorial and to witness the sunrise and sunset, especially during the full moon days.

The queen of hill station "Udagamandalam" sheltered by 2240m. Doda Betta - the highest peak of Tamil Nādu, is the pride of Nilgiris crowned by the cluster of blue haired mountains that with the aroma of eucalyptus, coffee and tea plantations where the Todds - the primitive people of India dwell along its jungle tracts. Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary along these ranges represent rare fauna, reptilian and avifauna. Coonoor, Gōḍalūr, Kotagiri, Kodakkānai and Yercaud are the other beautiful hill stations. Health resorts at Hogenakal and Kuttalam Water Falls set amidst the lush green hills are known for its curative properties and the bracing climate. Vedanthangal - a major water bird sanctuary, historic Pampalūr famous for its Art Gallery, Coimbatore - known as the "Manchester of South India" because of its numerous textile mill, Villankani, Pūndi, Nāgore, Palani etc., are the other places of interest.

Tamil Nādu, land of great culture and philosophes proudly presented great personages like Thiruvalluvar - the author of Thirukkural; Saint Thiruvalluvar; Foot Philanthropist and Social reformer Periyār; a few of the many to mention. Well knit by roads, railways and airways, the state is having a very good transport system, sea - borne traffic is handled by the artificial harbour at Chennai and Thoothukudi. Harvest festival "Pongal" is celebrated by one and all during January.

REFERENCES

Name of headquarters: State / UT..... **CHENNAI**
 Name of headquarters: District, Sub-district (Taluk)..... **Erode** Palani
 Name of other towns..... **Nallūr**
 Name of district..... **KARŪR**
 Region, Locality..... **Malabār Coast**
 Hill name, Peak name..... **PALANI HILLS** Doda Betta
 Mountain, Range..... **EASTERN GHĀTS**
 Headquarters: State/UT, District.....
 Sub-district (Taluk), Other Towns.....
 Road: National Expressway, Golden Quadrilateral.....
 North-South Corridor/National Highway.....
 State Highway, Other roads.....
 Railway Broadgauge: double station, Single.....
 Other gauge, Steamer Service.....
 Stream: Perennial, Reservoir.....
 Lake, Marsh, Canal.....
 Bathymetric contour, Depth.....
 Boundary: State, District, Sub-District.....
 Temple, Church.....
 Lighthouse, Fort.....
 Height: Trigmenetrical station, Point, CORS.....
 Aerodrome: International, Others.....

For further details about this map, please contact
 Director,
 Tamil Nādu, Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar
 Islands Geo-Spatial Directorate
 3rd & 4th Floors, New Additional Office Building
 Shastrī Bhavan, 28 Haddows Road
 Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600006
 WEBSITE: www.surveyofindia.gov.in

