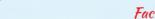






Tamil Nadu

- Capital: Chennai Date of formation: January 26, 1950
- Languages: Tamil *
- **Size:** 1,30,058 sq km * **Population:** 7,21,47,030
- Sex Ratio: 996F/1000M * Literacy: 80.09% * Density: 555 per sq km
- Rivers: Kaveri, Palar, Pniyar, Bhavani
- Major crops: Paddy, Jowar, Ragi, Tea
- * Minerals: Limestone, Magnesite, Thorium, Graphite, Lignite, Granite
- * Highest Peak: Doddabetta (2636m)
- * Forests and reserved forest: Mudumalai, Mukurthi, Annamalai
- Fairs and festivals: Mahamagam festival, Dance festival Mamallapuram, Pongal, Vaikasi, Visakam, Avani Moolam, Pongal, Natyanjali festival, Chithirai festival, Adipperukku, Navarathiri
- Theatre form: Therukoothu
- * Major dance and music forms: Bharatnatyam, Paravi Attam, Neyyandi Melam, Karagattan
- * Arts and crafts: Tanjore style of painting: Kanchipuram silk: Toda women embroider geometrical patterns on shawls called poothkuli, Kanjivaram Sari, Kolam, Tanjore brass work, Kanchipuram Sarees
- * Museum: Vivekanandar IIIam, Chennai
- Cuisine: Kambukoozh, Pongal, Rasam, Sambhar, Dosai, Idli, Vada
 - State animal: Nilgiri Tahr State bird: Emerald Dove *
 - State flower: Glory lily or kandhal State tree: Palmera Palm
- Tourist attractions: Suruli (Water falls), Rameswaram, Nagoor, Marina Beach, Mahabalipuram Beach, Ooty





- Mamallapuram is a group of rock cut monuments and temples carved between 7th and 8th centuries AD in Mahabalipuram.
- The magnificent Meenakshi temple at Madurai was built by the Pandyas.

















