



Tamil Nadu

- * **Capital:** Chennai
- * **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 Illam, 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

Factoids:

- * 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.

