

Major Points about Tamil Nadu - Know Your State in PDF for SSC, Bank exams

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Important Points about Tamil Nadu in PDF

The southernmost state of India, Tamil Nadu is a state rich in history, culture, heritage and potential. Here's more for you to read about Tamil Nadu:

Tamil Nadu	
Capital & Imp Cities	- Chennai (formerly known as Madras) -
Formed in	26th January 1950
Districts	32
Language	Tamil

Known as/for	2nd largest state economy
Limits	<p>Eastern limit: Point Calimere</p> <p>Western limit: Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary</p> <p>Northern limit: Pulicat lake</p> <p>Southern limit: Kanyakumari (Cape Comorin)</p>
Physical characteristics	<p><u>3 Physiographic regions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. eastern coastal region 2. western hilly region 3. plains <p><u>5 Major physical (land) divisions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the Kurinji or mountainous region 2. the Mullai or forest region 3. Palai or arid region 4. Marudham or the fertile plains 5. Neidhal or coastal region. <p>- The Eastern and Western Ghats meet in Tamil Nadu and run along its eastern & western boundaries.</p>
Natural vegetation	<p>Tropical moist deciduous in the North-West</p> <p>Tropical dry deciduous and thorny vegetation to the east and the south</p> <p>Presence of montane subtropical and temperate region nearer to the Ghats</p>

Major rivers	<p>Kaveri flowing from Kodagu (Karnataka) to the Bay of Bengal through Tamil Nadu</p> <p>Vaigai flowing from Varusanadu Hills (Tamil Nadu) to Palk Strait</p> <p>Palar flowing from Nandi Hills (Karnataka) to the Bay of Bengal through Tamil Nadu</p> <p>Thamiraparani flowing from Pothigai Hills (Tamil Nadu) to Gulf of Mannar</p>
Major regional festivals	Pongal, Adi perukku, Karthigai, Kanthuri, Kavadi, Mahamagam
Major art forms	Bharatanatyam, Kolattam, Karagattam, Chakkai Attam
Important tradition	Jallikattu – Bull fight on the 2nd day of Pongal
Industry	Cotton, commercial vehicles, safety matches, sugar, paper, cement
Minerals	Bauxite & ferrous minerals, lime stone, gypsum
Agriculture	Rice, sugar cane, cotton, coconut, cashew, tea, rubber, coffee
Geographical indications	Oddanchatram vegetables, Salem fabric, Kancheepuram silk, Bhavani jamakkalam, Madhurai sungudi, Coimbatore wet grinder, Thanjavur paintings, Thanjavur art plate, Thanjavur doll, Thanjavur veena,

	<p>temple jewellery of Nagercoil, E.I. leather, Kovai cora cotton, Arani silk, Swamimalai bronze icons, Eathomozhy tall coconut, Nilgiri logo, Virupakshi hill banana, Sirumalai hill banana, Madhurai malli, Pattamadaï mat, Nachiarkoil lamp, Chettinad cotton, Toda embroidery, Dindigul lock, Palani panchamirtham</p>
State animal	Nilgiri tahr
State bird	Emerald dove
State flower	Glory lily
Important historical sites	<p>Rama Setu, Varaha cave temple, Samanar Malai, Ripon building, Armamalai cave, Tiruchirapalli Rock Fort, Descent of the Ganges in Mahabalipuram</p>
World Heritage Sites	<p>1. The Chola temples - Brihadisvara Temple at Thanjavur Temple of Gangaikonda Cholapuram Airavatesvara Temple at Darasuram</p> <p>2. Group of monuments at Mahabalipuram</p> <p>3. The Nilgiri mountain railway</p>
Unique ecological region	<p>Sholas - patches of stunted tropical montane forests found in valleys amid rolling grassland in the higher montane regions of South India</p>

Major Ramsar sites	Point Calimere Wildlife and Bird Sanctuary
Biodiversity hotspots	The Western Ghats & Sri Lanka
Endemic bird areas	The Western Ghats
Bird sanctuaries	Pulicat Lake Bird Sanctuary, Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary, Karikili Bird Sanctuary, Karaivetti Bird Sanctuary, Udhayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary, Vaduvor Bird Sanctuary, Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary, Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary, Vellode Bird Sanctuary, Melselvanur-Keelselvanur Bird Sanctuary, Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary, Vettangudi Bird Sanctuary
National parks	Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary & National Park, Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary & National Park, Mukurthi National Park, Guindy National Park, Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park
Biosphere reserve	Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park, Nilgiris Biosphere Reserve, Agasthiyarmalai Biosphere Reserve
Wildlife sanctuaries	Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary & National Park, Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary & National Park,

	<p>Point Calimere Wildlife Sanctuary, Srivilliputhur Grizzled Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuary, Vallanadu Black Buck Sanctuary, Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary, Kalakad Sanctuary, Mundanthurai Sanctuary, Cauvery North Sanctuary, Gangaikondan Sanctuary, Kodaikanal Sanctuary, Point Calimere Sanctuary</p>
Tiger reserve	<p>Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary & National Park, Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary & National Park, Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve</p>
Major endemic organisms	<p>Tamil Nadu accounts for the highest number of flowering endemic plant species in India with 410 species.</p> <p>Red sandalwood found only in the southern parts of the Eastern Ghats</p> <p>Birds like Nilgiri Pipit, Nilgiri Flycatcher, Nilgiri Wood Pigeon, Nilgiri Blue Robin, etc.</p> <p>Animals like Nilgiri Tahr, Nilgiri Langur, Nilgiri Marten etc.</p>

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