

CHENNAI

History

- Chennai, originally known as Madras Patnam, was located in the province of Tondaimandalam.
- Tondaimandalam was ruled in the 2nd century A.D. by TondaimanIlamTiraiyan, who was a representative of the Chola family at Kanchipuram.
- On 22 August 1639, English official Francis Day obtained a grant of a 3-mile-long strip of land for the East India Company from the local ruler, Damarla Venkatadri Nayaka, the Nayaka of Wandiwash.
- And St. George fort was built by British in madras which is the first fort built by British in India.
- The original Fort St. George, which was rebuilt, houses the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly and the Chief Minister's office.
- In modern times, on this day 22 August Chennai day is celebrated every year.
- Recently, Chennai formerly Madras celebrated its 380th Birthday.
- Chennai Corporation is the first corporation in India setup in 1687. It is the Second oldest Municipal Corporation in the world after UK.
- Andrew Cogan and Francis Day can be considered the founders of Madras.
- The First Carnatic (1744-48) war was fought between British and the French due to Austrian war of succession in Europe. The French forces under Dupleix defeated the English and captured Madras (Battle of Madras). Then, in 1748 AD, the peace treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle was signed and Madras was restored to the British.
- On July 17th 1996, Madras was renamed Chennai, the name being derived from Chennapatnam.
- Madras was renamed as Chennai in 1969.



- Chennai was the only Indian city to face German shelling during the First World War.

Info

- Chennai Collector- Tmt. R. Seethalakshmi, I.A.S.

Area

- Chennai is 426 sq.km and is the smallest.

Population

- Chennai is the largest by population. Population of Chennai as per 2011 census is 46 lakhs.

Location

- Chennai located on the Coromandel Coast. Chennai's Marina beach is the second longest beach in the world.

Important drainage System

- Adayar River, Cooum River, Buckingham canal.

Neighbouring districts

- Tiruvallur, Chengalpattu and Kanchipuram.

Forest

- Of the total land area, a reserved forest cover 2.71 km² and is concentrated in and around the Guindy National Park region, one of the few national parks in the world located within a city.

Ports

- Chennai Port (Artificial port & Second Largest Port in India), Kamarajar Port- It is first corporate port of India.

Important places

- Marina Beach, Semmozhi Park, Anna Library, Ribbon building, Connemara Public Library at Egmore, Arignar Anna zoological park, Pulicat Lake (a large saltwater lagoon)



Minerals

- Quartz/Silica Sand

Industries

- Chennai is the Silicon Valley of Tamilnadu, ICF. Chennai is nicknamed "The Detroit of India & Asia" with more than one-third of India's automobile industry being based in the city.
- Because of its strategic location and economic importance, it is referred to as the "Gateway of South India."
- Chennai is called as "Health capital of India".

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