



THE NILGIRIS

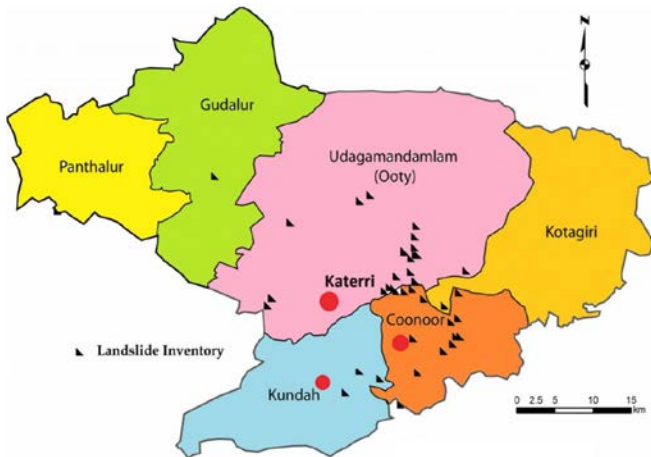
kms from Ooty and Kotagiri 31 kms from Ooty, are the three hill stations of this district.

Geographical Location

- The Nilgiris is situated at an elevation of 900 to 2636 meters above MSL.
- The Nilgiris is bounded on North by Karnataka State on the East by Coimbatore District, Erode District, South by Coimbatore District and Kerala State and as the West by Kerala State.

Important places

- Doddabetta - 2,623 mts above MSL - highest Peak in the Tamil Nadu.
- The Nilgiri Mountain Train-One among the three Mountain Railways of India designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
 - ❖ Three railways, the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, the Nilgiri Mountain Railway, and the Kalka-Shimla Railway, are collectively designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site under the name Mountain Railways of India. The fourth railway, the Matheran Hill Railway, is on the tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



District Collector: Tmt. J. Innocent Divya I.A.S

District Admin Units	General :
<p>Revenue Divisions: 3 Taluks: 6 Revenue Villages: 88</p>	<p>District : The Nilgiris HeadQuarters : Udagamandalam State : Tamil Nadu Country : India</p>
<p>Development Blocks: 4 Panchayat Villages: 35</p>	<p>Area :</p> <p>Total : 2545 Sq.Kms</p>
<p>Local Bodies Municipalities: 4 Town Panchayats: 11</p>	<p>Population :</p> <p>Total : 7,35,394 Male :3,60,143 Female: 3,75,251</p>
<p>Constituencies Assembly: 3 Lok Sabha:1</p>	

REVENUE DIVISIONS:

- ✓ UDHAGAI
- ✓ COONOOR
- ✓ GUDALUR

HISTORY:

- The Name 'Nilgiris' means Blue hills the first mention of this name has been found in the Silappadikaram.
- One of the oldest mountain ranges, located at the tri-junction of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka.
- Nilgiris is a part of the Western Ghats. Ooty the "Queen of Hill Stations", Coonoor 19

- Mudumalai National Park
- Pykara Waterfalls and the Ooty Lake
- Botanical Garden – Ooty
- Rose Garden - Ooty
- Ooty Lake and Boat House
- Raj Bhavan - Ooty
- Dolphin's Nose - Coonoor
- Lamb's rock - Coonoor
- Glenmorgan - Ooty
- Avalanche - Ooty



Forest

- South Western ghats - Nilgiri tahrs are found only in the montane grasslands of the Southwestern Ghats.
- Above 1500 metres' elevation, the evergreen forests begin to give way to stunted forests, locally called sholas, which are interspersed with open grassland. The high grasslands are home to the endangered Nilgiritahr.
- Three national parks forms portions of the Nilgiris- Mudumalai National Park, Mukurthi national park, Silent Valley National Park.
- Nilgiri Biosphere reserve.

Agriculture

- Major crops are Tea, Coffee, Spices, Potato and temperate vegetables and fruits.

Industries

- Tea processing, Hindustan Photo Films manufacturing company(A Govt of India Undertaking).
- The GRAPES-3 experiment (or Gamma Ray Astronomy PeVEnergieS phase-3) located in Ooty.

TRIBES:

- ✓ Irulas
- ✓ Badagas
- ✓ Todas
- ✓ Kotas
- ✓ Kurumbas

PERSONALITY:

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