

TRICHY

District Collector

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History

- Woraiyur, a part of present day Tiruchirappalli, was the capital city of Cholas from 300 B.C. onwards.
- Woraiyur continued to be under the control of Cholas even during the days of Kalabhra interregnum (A.D. 300 575).
- Later, Woraiyur along with the present day Tiruchirappalli and its neighbouring areas came under the control of Mahendra Varma Pallava I, who ascended the throne in A.D. 590.
- 880 AD Aditya Chola brought a downfall to the Pallava dynasty
- In 1225 A.D the area was occupied by the Hoysulas.
- Afterwards, it came under the rule of later Pandyas till the advent of Mughal Rule
- Tiruchirappalli was for some time under the Mughal rule, which was put to an end by the Vijayanagar rulers.
- The Nayaks, the Governors of Vijayanagar empire, ruled this area till A.D. 1736.
- It was Viswanatha Nayaka who built the present day Teppakulam and the Fort.
- The Nayak dynasty came to an end during the days of Meenakshi.

Area

- 4403 Sq.Km
- MLA Constituency 9
- MP Constituency 1



Boundaries

• Bounded by Perambalur District in the North Thanjavur and Pudukkottai in the east, Sivaganga District, Madurai and Dindugal District in the South and Karur District in the west.

Location

- Tiruchirappalli, situated on the banks of the river Cauvery is the fourth largest city in Tamil Nadu.
- It is not only an Inland District without any coastal line but also the most centrally located district in the state.
- 11 Taluks and 14 Development blocks

Rivers

- The Cauvery and Coleroon are the major rivers and there are other small rivers.
- Koraiyar River
- Ariyar River
- Uyyakkondan River
- Upparu River
- Ponnaniyaru River
- Kudamurutti River

Forest

- One twelfth of the area of this district is covered by revenue forest and hills.
- The important hills in this district is Pachamalai near Thuraiyur.

Soil

- The red loamy soil is predominantly found here. Manapparai and part of Thuraiyur have red loam soil.
- The district has also sandy alluvial soil in other parts of the district.



Cropping Pattern

• Paddy, Banana, Jowar, Sugarcane, Cotton, Millets and pulses

Places of interest

Thiruvanaikaval

- One of the PanchaBhoothaSthalam (five elements of nature) representing water.
- The temple is also revered as "AppuSthalam" and the Shivalingam here is called as "AppuLinga".

Samayapuram:

- King VijayarayaChakkaravarthi built the present day form of the temple.
- Chithirai Car Festival (April-May) is famous festival of this temple.
- St.Mary's Cathedral Church, Melapudur
- St.Mary's Cathedral Church is located near Melaputhur. It is the headquarter church of the Catholic Diocese of Tiruchirappall. It is one of the oldest Dioceses in Tamilnadu and India as well.
- The old Cathedral was 175 years old (1841 2015). The new Cathedral has built in 2015 is very magnificent and it stands in the place of the old Cathedral.

RockFort Temple:

- The most famous land mark of Tiruchirappalli is Rockfort Temple.
- It is also called as UcchiPillaiyarKovil.
- It has a 100 pillared hall, and a Vimana.

Srirangam Temple:

- Srirangam is the foremost of the eight self-manifested shrines (Swayam VyakataKshetras) of Lord Vishnu.
- It is also considered the first, foremost and the most important of the 108 main Vishnu temples.



TOURIST PLACES

- Mukkombu
- Kallanai
- Ponnaniyar dam
- Puliyancholai
- Butterfly Park