

KERALA

① KASARAGOD - ("Kanjira Kuttom")

(i) Central Plantⁿ crops Research Institute

(ii) ENDO SUFAN controversy

main city = Kanhangarh

Ranipuram WS proposed

② KANNUR - ("Cannanore")

- most urbanised dist in Kerala - > 50%

- Major centre of **THEYYAM**, a ritual dance of N. Kerala

(i) Payannur

(ii) Thalassery ("the Paris of Kerala")

Flooding

NH66 enters Kerala
thru' this

Bekal Fort

timber plantation
boom industry

Chemical industry

③ KOZHIKODE - ("Calicut")

- from 15th cent'y, port of preeminence in trade of

pepper & other spices - made it 2nd **emporium** of intern^t
trade.

(i) Quilandy - (Kozhikandy)

(ii) Vaypura / Beypore

- famous for **kdg** wooden ships

machinery
chemical industry

④ WAYANAD - land of paddy fields.

(i) **KABINI** reservoir: ("Kabanani / Kapila")

- originates in Wayanad dist from confluence
of Panamaram R & Mananthavady R

(ii) Banasura Sagar Dam - impounds a trib of Kabini R

- part of **Banasurasagar Proj** (dam + canal) started
in 1979

- near Kalpetta

- largest earthen dam in I, 2nd largest in Asia

Banasura peak

Chembra peak

(ii) Kalpetta - HQ of Wayanad dist

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⑤ Mallapuram - backwaters

• 1/2 Muslim majority dist in S. India

(i) Nilambur

(ii) Manjeri

(iii) Ponnani - at mouth of Bharathpuzha R (NilaR)

end of Lakshadweep

⑥ Palakkad - Granary/Rice Bowl of Kerala

→ BW dist (BRGF)

(i) Palakkad ("Palaghat") - on Ponnani R in Palaghat Gap

(ii) Malampuzha Dam - largest reservoir in Ker - masonry + earth dam

(iii) Kanjirapuzha Dam - on Malampuzha R, trib of Bharathpuzha R

(iv) Parambikulam Dam - embankment dam

- no 1 in embankment dams in R, top 10 in world.

(v) Walayar Dam - across Walayar R, trib of Kalpathipuzha R (1964)

(vi) Silent Valley NP - in Nilgiri hills

- one of the last undisturbed tracts of swamals

- contiguous w/ the proposed Karimpuzha NP (NE)

& Mukutthi NP (NW)

- core of Nilgiri Interc. PR

- Save Silent Valley (1970s) - w/ hydroelectric

(proj) - cancellatⁿ of proj creation of park

⊕ (ii) Annaimalai - Parambikulam TR -

- in Chittur, Palakkad

⊕ Thrissur - ("Trichur") Sri shripuram, land of pyramids

- built around hillock - THEKKINKADU MAIDAN.

- "cultural capital of Kerala"

Extide

(i) GURUVAYUR - ("Gurupavanapuri")

Arthirapilly waterfalls.

- Punnathur Kotta elephant sanctuary

⊕ Ernakulam -

Aluva - imp

became first fully literate distt in 1990

- includes larger metropolitan region of Greater Cochin

- commercial capital of Kerala

HQ Kakkanaada

- 1st revenue yielding distt.

(i) Cochin (Kochi) - most densely populated city in the state

- B-1 (1st grade) city by Govt of India

(ii) Vembanad Kol (Lake) (Kayal) - longest lake in I (length = 1/3rd of state)

- largest in Kerala

- separated from Arab sea by narrow barrier island.

- the celebrated Nehru Trophy Boat Race - conducted

in a portion of the lake - KUTTANAD region:

Punnamada lake

Pathiramanal island (midnight sands)

- 1st distt of full financial inclusion

⑨ KOTTAYAM -

In 2008: became tobacco free distt.

- centre of the Syrian christian community
- "Akshara Nagari" - contributions to print media & literature

- Kumarakom Bird sanctuary (migratory birds)
- Thekkady Periyar Tiger Reserve

⑩ IDUKKI - (narrow gorge) → more suitable for narrow gorges/canyons

(i) Idukki Arch Dam - largest arch dam in Asia

- b/w 2 mountains Aharimudi peak
- on Periyar R.
- constructed along w/ 2 other dams at Cherothony & Kulamavu
- elec'y to Moolamattom Power House
- ^{constn} aided by Govt of Canada

(ii) Mullaperiyar Dam - Periyar Reservoir - over headwaters of Periyar R.

- Periyar Reser: formed by backwaters of dam

- Periyar NP, THEKKADY (Idukki & Pathanamthitta)
- Periyar TR / W.S.

(iii) ERAVIKULAM NP -

nearby -

- MATHIKETTAN Shola NP
- ANAMUDI Shola NP
- Pambadum Shola NP
- Chinnar WS
- KURINJIMALA sanctuary

Joining of place of river and sea

① ALAPUZZHA - ("Alleppey") coir factory imp

- lies on a narrow land spit b/w Arabian sea and Vembanad lake
prawn farming

- "Venice of India" ∴ of extensive canals and rivers

- backwaters are famous
↳ Venice of the East by Curzon

- access pt for Nehru Trophy Boat Race (2nd sat of Aug)

② KOLLAM - (Nelcynda, Thondi, Tyndis) "God's own capital"

- on banks of Ashtamudi L.

- cashew processing

- "Southern gateway to backwaters

(i) Ashtamudi L.: ("8 branches")

- lake w/ multiple branches.

- wetland of intern' imp w/ **Ramsar convention**

- Kalladayar R (imp) flows into

- thru' Neendakara estuary → into sea.

Sasthamkotta
Lake
(largest freshwater
lake)
Brahmavaram lake

(ii) AGASTHYAMALAI BR - (2001) - spread over Kerala & TN.

- Kollam & Thiruvananthapuram distts

- includes 1st ecoregions of S.W Ghats moist deciduous, montane rain forests & shola.

- home to **KANIKARAN** - one of the oldest surviving tribes in the world.

13 PATHANAMTHITTA - Sabarigiri HEP

(i) Sabarimala - largest annual pilgrimage in India

14 THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - ("Trivandrum")

Jul 1991

(i) ↓ - "evergreen city of India" by MG

- "Abode of Lord Anantha" NH 66

- (N) - Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre

- Veli Lagoon

- Neyyar Dam

Karamana R.

(ii) Kovalam - beach & suburb

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