

TAMIL NADU

① CHENNAI :

- (i) around Fort George
- (ii) ♀ GUINDY NP - inside Governor of TN's estate.

② TIRUVALLUR:

• PULICAT Lake: 2nd largest brackish water lagoon

- encompasses Pulicat Bird sanctuary
- separated from BoB by barrier island of

SRIHARIKOTA

- inflow from Araniar R

Swarna mukhi R

Kalangir R

③ KANCHIPURAM -

(i) temple city on Palar R - temples and silk sarees

(ii) Srirambudur - ("Shoodrapuri")

- birthplace of sir Ramanuja

- rapid infra growth

- RAJIV GANDHI assassinated

(iii) Mamallapuram - port city (7th cent) of Pallavas

- UNESCO world heritage site

- historic monuments

④ VELLORE:

(i) ARCOT: on banks of Palar R b/w Vellore & Ranipet

(ii) VELLORE: along Palar R

- the fort is the site of Vellore mutiny

⑤ VILLUPURAM:

- (i) - Ganges bore
- (ii) Kalliveli Lake - coastal lake - IUCN wetland of int'l interest

⑥ CUDDALORE:

- (i) industrial city at the confluence of 3 rivers
 — Pennaiyar
 — Kaveri
 — Cauvery
- (ii) Neyveli - Neyveli lignite corpⁿ Ltd.
 - biggest open cast mechanised lignite mine in India
- (iii) Chidambaram - in fertile COLeroon R. valley
 - weaving & food processing centre
 - CHOLA bronzes.

⑦ NAGAPATTINAM:

- (i) VELANKANNI church - Mecca of S. Asian Ch
- (ii) Pampuhar ("Puhar")
- (iii) Karaikal

⑧ THIRUVARUR:

- (i) cultural HQ
- (ii) Sri Tyagaraja temple & annual chariot festival (Apr)
- (iii) birthplace of **TRINITY of CARNATIC music**

⑨ THANJAVUR :-

(i) ("Tanjore")

- most of the living chola temples are UNESCO world heritage monuments
- BRIHADESWARA temple
- "nice bowl of TN"
- Tanjore paintings

(ii) Pattukottai.

⑩ PUDUKOTTAI :-

⑪ Ramanathapuram -

(i) Rameswaram - on Pamban island separated from mainland by Pamban channel

- part of CHAR DHAM pilgrimage
- hometown of Sr KALAM

⑫ THOOTH KUDI -

(i) "Tuticorin" - in the Gulf of Mannar - port

- pearl city
- sea gateway of TN

⑬ PIRUVANAMALAI

⑭ KRISHNAGIRI -

(i) Hosur

⑮ DHARMAPURI -

(i) HOGENAKKAL falls - on Kaveri R. (Marikottayam)

- "Niagara of India"
- carbonate rocks very old.
- "smoking rocks"

⑯ SALEM -

(i) Salem: on Pirumanimuttar R near ATTUR Gap. (between Kalrayan and Pachamalai hills)

(ii) Yercaud Hills

(iii) Kiliyer falls

(iv) METTUR DAM: on Kaveri R.

- 1 of the oldest
- on a gorge where Kaveri enters the plains
- creates STANLEY reservoir (one of the largest filling reservoirs in S. India)

①7 ERODE -

(i) - on w bank of Kaveri and its twin city Pallipalayam on E bank.

(ii) BHAVANI SAGAR dam and reservoir (lower Bhavani dam) - on Bhavani R

- among the biggest earthen dams in country

①8 Namakkal -

①9 Perambalur -

②0 Anjalur -

②1 TRICHIRAPALLI - ("Trichy")

(i) Trichy: includes the pilgrimage of SRIRANGAM - renowned for Sri Ranganathaswamy temple (biggest Hindu temple in the world)

②2 KARUR -

- on banks of Amravathi R

②3 DINDIGUL -

- b/w Palani & Sirumalai Hills

- was the border of the 3 great kingdoms - P, Ch, Ch.

- "city of locks, textiles, tannery"

(i) Kodaikanal: "the gift of the forest"

"princess of hill stns"

- Kodaikanal lake: star shaped

(ii) Palani: Lord Muruga temple

- @ of trad^lal 1ⁿ medicine Siddha Vaidyam

(iii) Palani Hills NP - proposed protected area - will be an upgrade & expansion of Kodaikanal NP.

24 Puduchottai

25 Sivaganga

26 TIRUNELVELI -

(i) Renkasi - Courtalam gap.

(ii) Koodankulam

27 Kanniyakumari -

(i) Kanniyakumari - Cape Comorin - at confluence of 3
- takes name from temple

(ii) Nagercoil - admnt HQ

(iii) Padmanabhapuram palace

28 VIRUDHUNAGAR -

(i) Sivakasi: capital of firecrack ind'y in I,
printing & matchmaking ind'y too

- "Kutty Japan" (mini Japan) by JLN

Kalakad Mundanthurai TR - in Tirunelveli & Kanniyakumari (S. WG)
- Agasthyamalai falls within it

②9 Madurai -

- on banks of Vaigai R.

- "temple city"

- all 3 Tamil saivagams were held here

- also has the seat of a bench of the Madras Hc.

③0 THENI -

(i) Vaigai dam - across Vaigai R. near Andipatti

③1 Coimbatore -

- on Neyyar R.

- 1st in consumer confidence index (CITIES)

(i) - Siruvani falls

(ii) Monkey falls

(iii) ALIYAR reservoir - @ foothills of Valaparai
- lake as well

(iv) Amaravathi Dam -

(v) Indira Gandhi NP. (Topslip)

③2 The Nilgiris -

(i) Udagamandalam - dist# HQ

(ii) Coonoor - known for Nilgiri tea

(iii) NILGIRI BR

(iv) Mukurthi NP - created to protect its neystone

Species - NILGIRI TAHR

- part of Nilgiri BR

- earlier called Nilgiri Tahr NP.

(v) Mudumalai NP - and TR ("first hills")

- one of the 1st WS estd in India

- endangered elephants, CHITAL, GAUR

- Bengal Tigers and Leopards.