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Political Details of Chennai

Area : 181.06 sq. Km
Population : 8,00,22,699 (2015)
Local language : Tamil
Currency : Indian Rupees (₹)
Message from
Dean, International & Alumni Relations

Welcome to IIT Madras! We are delighted to have you amongst us. An academic campus always thrives on diversity. The presence of international students lends a global character to a campus that is unmistakable. This “meeting of unlike minds” drives research at graduate student level, and innovation at undergraduate level. These are two aspects on which IIT Madras prides itself.

As you arrive and settle in, there will be challenges—some more daunting than others. But you can always count on the “friendly locals” to help you out every time. Whether it be students, faculty, or staff, all are ready to lend a hand, answer a query, clear a doubt, show a way. The campus community welcomes you with open arms, and makes you feel at home right away.

Many of us here have spent a substantial amount of time overseas, and can empathize with you during the time of adjustment. You will grow to love the campus, and most likely turn into a frequent visitor. But during those first few days, do call on our Office for assistance that you need. We’ll be glad to help.

Our campus is a wildlife habitat, with many varieties of flora and fauna. You’ll be enthralled by the deer and the monkeys, to a point where you may find it hard to keep your mind on your studies and your research. Stay focused, and you’ll be able to enjoy the best of both worlds—the academic, and the local culture.

Good luck & best wishes.....
About IITM

Right in the heart of this metropolis is the sylvan campus of the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM). The campus spread over 637 acres (250 hectares) of lush green forest, home to many endangered plants and animals, and a beautiful lake, is a welcome respite from the bustling city environment.

The Indian Institute of Technology Madras is among the premier institutes in the country for higher technological education, basic and applied research. In 1956, the Indian government offered technical assistance for establishing an Institute of Higher education in engineering in India and the Institute was formally inaugurated in 1959. It is an autonomous body under the administrative control of a Board of Governors appointed by the Government of India.

IIT Madras is a residential Institute with nearly 550 faculty members, 9000 students and 750 administrative & supporting staff and has a self-contained campus. It has established itself as a leading centre for teaching, research and industrial consultancy in the country.

The Institute has sixteen academic departments and a few advanced research centers in various disciplines of engineering and pure sciences, with nearly 100 laboratories organized in a unique pattern of functioning. A faculty of international repute, a brilliant student community, excellent technical & supporting staff and an effective administration have all contributed to the pre-eminent status of IIT Madras.

IIT Madras is situated on Sardar Patel Road and is flanked by the suburbs of Adyar, Iraiyanar and Veilanchery. The campus is opposite the Central Leather Research Institute and the Anna University. It is located midway between the Chennai Airport and Central Railway station and is well connected by buses and local trains.
Reaching IITM

After your arrival at the Anna International Airport, Chennai, you will make your way to the Institute by Aviation Express or Prepaid Taxi or Call Taxi.

The IIT campus is located on Sardar Patel Road, midway between the Raj Bhavan and Adyar and is about 12 km. from Chennai Airport. Other landmarks include the Guindy Snake Park near the IITM main gate and the Central Leather Research Institute (CLR) campus opposite the IITM campus.

At the IV gate of the campus, there is a Security Check post, from where the road leads to Gajendra Circle (near the Administration Block and Central Library), via two parallel roads, Delhi Avenue and Born Avenue. The academic zone and the hostels are 3.8 km from the main gate of the Institute.

If you have luggage, Aviation Express or Prepaid Taxi or Call Taxi would be the most convenient option. The fare will be about Rs. 500/- for an Aviation Express and Rs. 350/- for a Pre-paid Taxi or a Call Taxi.

Gajendhra Circle

Central Library
After reaching IITM....

Whom to contact?

On arrival at IITM, you will be provided accommodation in any one of the Hostels on payment basis. You can later contact the concerned Head of the Department/ Mentor.

Academic Section: Give a joint report 3 through your Mentor to the Academic Section, on the 4th floor of the administration building. You will be assigned a Roll No. Fill up the form for SMART CARD available at the section, affixing a recent photograph and submit. Once your smart card is issued, it can be used in the Central Library/Hospital and in Gymkhana.

Office of International Relations

IITM has recently established the Office of International Relations to accelerate its efforts in the area of international outreach. The office is located on the 3rd floor of the IC & SR building, (opposite the Administration Block). Once you are in the Campus, register your name at the Office of International Relations.

If you wish to visit places outside Chennai, keep the hostel warden or the Office of International Relations informed and provide your contact numbers.

Before leaving IITM you are required to submit No Dues (clearance) certificates from Hostel/Central Library/Department to the Academic Section endorsing a copy to the Office of International Relations. Close your bank account after making sure all bank transfers and payments are complete.

Visit www.iitm.ac.in/academic for further details regarding Foreign National admissions.

Where can I make phone calls from?

All the hostels have hostal offices located within the hostel premises, from where you can make local calls. A telegraph office is available behind the Central Library. Prefix 2257, while dialing from outside the campus or from any other direct telephonic.

Important Phone Numbers on Campus

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DEPARTMENTS (www.iitm.ac.in/info/dept)

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- Applied Mechanics 4050
- Bio Technology 4100
- Chemical Engg. 4150
- Chemistry 4200
- Civil Engg. 4250
- Computer Sci. & Engg. 4350
- Electrical Engg. 4400
- Engineering Design 4730
- Humanities 4500
- Management Studies 4550
- Mathematics 4600
- Mechanical Engg. 4650
- Metallurgical Engg. 4750
- Ocean Engg. 4800
- Physics 4850

While calling from outside the campus...
1. Through land line add a prefix 2257
2. Through mobile add a prefix 044-2257
Life @ IITM

The campus is divided into 3 zones - Academic, Hostel and Residential. All the academic departments, the library, the computer centre and the administration building, are close together so that students can just walk across. Commuting within the campus on bicycles is not only preferred by the Institute, but also popular with many. There is also the option for people to use the Institute's bus service within the campus. These buses are run at frequent intervals from 6.15 am till 10 pm.

Housing

The IIT Madras being a residential institute provides accommodation to all its students in 20 independent hostels (including 4 ladies hostels). Each room in a hostel is provided with a cot, a table, a chair, a bookshelf and a ceiling fan. A washing machine is available in every hostel for use by the residents. Every hostel is provided with telephones and internet connectivity. During the winter and summer vacations, special messes are run for students who are required to stay in the hostels for pursuing academic, sports or cultural activities. There are two large, modern, mega messes (Himalaya for male students & Vindhya for female students). Laundry service is also available in the Hostel zone.
Cultural Event
A number of literary and social activities take place on the campus throughout the year. SAAMANG is one of the biggest events on the campus every year. In addition, music festivals and other cultural festivals are organized regularly. (www.saamang.org)

Technical Event
SHAASTRA is the annual technical festival of IIT Madras where students at IITM celebrate the spirit of engineering. Shastra is rated amongst the most exciting tech festival in the country and is the only student organized event in the world to be ISO 9001:2000 certified. Participants and sponsors can be assured of impeccable organization and meticulousness in events and in hospitality. (www.shastra.org)

International Day
The Office of International Relations and the Ispais (student volunteer group) organise “International Day” every year on a grand scale with several games for the campus community and exchange students. The International Students at our campus normally have food stalls and cook their native cuisines. Typically on this day we also have musical and dance performances followed by a fashion show which is quite popular. The exchange students dress up in different Indian costumes to showcase the diverse festivals in the country.
Sports and Recreation

To ensure the overall development of every student, the Institute provides all the required facilities for sports and recreation. There is a large gymnasium, a swimming pool, a football field, a tennis court, a hockey field and a cricket stadium. Each year students participate in the Inter-IIT sports meet. Students can join various clubs existing on the campus, viz., The Music Club, Astronomy Club, Photography Club, Literary Club, Hiking Club, Wild Life Club, etc.

Shopping

The Student’s Facilities Centre (SFC) makes available a variety of consumer goods and day-to-day requirements of the students such as stationery, toiletery, etc. In addition, there is a tailoring shop, a hair salon, a Xerox centre and a gift centre selling IITM branded items.

Other Facilities

The campus has a post office, a telecom centre, two nationalized banks with ATM facilities and three restaurants. The campus has a large open air theatre (OAT) where the film club screens movies every Saturday. IIT Madras, as a residential institute, provides accommodation to its students, faculty, administrative and supporting staff and their families. Catering also to the needs of the burgeoning student population and other on-campus residents are the banks, shopping centres, food joints, schools, etc., which virtually make the campus self-contained.
Medical Facilities

The Institute hospital on the campus is well equipped with a dispensary, a clinical laboratory and an operation theatre to provide round-the-clock medical care to residents. There are two ambulances to attend to emergencies. All the students must register their names at the hospital for entitlement to group medical insurance. The hospital has 12 doctors and a team of supporting staff of 36 and is equipped with facilities to take care of all general health problems on the campus amongst a resident population of over 13,000 students, employees and their families. Out-patient service is available on all weekdays between 8:30 A.M. and 12 Noon, / 4.00 PM and 6.30 PM.

Apart from medical officers for general medicine, pediatrics and gynaecology, visiting specialists are available for general surgery, E. N. T, ophthalmology and psychiatry. The in-patient service can cater to 36 patients at a given time. Duty doctors and supporting staff are available on call as part of the 24-hour emergency service.

Hospital Office 8300 
Duty Room 8331 
Apollo Pharmacy 8336

How To Register?

Every registered student of IIIT Madras is eligible for registration at the Institute hospital. The should submit a medical fitness form at the health office before registration. Students can register at the hospital with personal details and a passport size photo along with an authorized proof of his/her identity. After registration a hospital card record file will be maintained for each student. This case record file will be in the custody of the hospital reception counter.

List of major Hospitals in Chennai

Apollo Speciality Hospital
320 Mount Road (Plasma Complex) 
Nandanam, Chennai - 600035 
Tel: 044-24321741, 24336119

Apollo Hospitals
21/07 Greaves Lane, Off Greaves Road Thousand Lights, Chennai - 600006 
Tel: 044 - 2829 0200, 2829 6633

St Isabel Hospital
18 Oliver Road, Chennai 600004 
Tel: 044 - 24991081

Sankara Nethralaya
18 College Road, Nungambakkam 
Chennai - 600006 
044 - 2827 1616, 2823 3556

MIOT Hospitals Ltd.
4112 Mouri, Poonamallee Road 
Mangalapakkam, Chennai - 600089 
Tel: 044 - 2249 2288, 4200 2288

Hindu Mission Hospital
Hindu Colony, Nanganallur 
Chennai - 600 061 
Ph:22340909

Sri Ramachandra Hospital
1 Ramachandra Nagar, Porur 
Chennai 600041 
Tel: 044-24760027

The Madras Medical Mission
4-A, Dr. J.J. Nagar, Mugappair, 
Chennai - 600037 
Tel: 044-26561801, 2656 5961

V.H.S Hospital
Taramani Road, Chennai 600113 
Tel: 044-22542971, 22542973

Vijaya Heart Foundation
Vijaya Hospital 
Vadapalani, Chennai 
Tel: 044 - 2488 1394, 2480 2165

Malar Hospitals Ltd.
52 1st Main Road, Gandhi Nagar 
Adyar, Chennai - 600020 
Tel: 044-2491 4023, 24914769

Stanley Medical College and Hospital 
Chennai - 600003 
Tel: 044-25248660
## Foreign Consulates and Embassies

### Austria
- **114, 117 Koznari Building, MG Salai, Chennai**
- Tel: 28332502

### Belgium
- **2 Park House, 88 Mount Road, Guindy, Chennai**
- Tel: 28332336

### Chile
- **7 Azyer Club Gate Road, R A Puram, Chennai**
- Tel: 28340610

### Czech Republic
- **64 Thittumalai Thilai, T. Nagar, Chennai**
- Tel: 2815888/87/88

### Denmark
- **9 Cathedral Road, Gopalapuram, Chennai**
- Tel: 28118141

### Finland
- **New No: 202 (Old No: 742) Anna Salai, Chennai**
- Tel: 28304141

### France
- **Marine Street, Pondicherry**
- Tel: 0413-2034174

### Germany
- **48 Ethra Salai, Egmore, Chennai**
- Tel: 28277147

### Greece
- **H3 Asia Marov, 72 Harrington Road, Chepudi, Chennai**
- Tel: 28269194

### Hungary
- **Time House, 28 (New No: 72) Rajaj Salai, Pary's, Chennai**
- Ph: 28210810

### Iceland
- **2nd Floor, No: 3 N H Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai**
- Tel: 28033831

### Indonesia
- **Etago Flakes, Thru V.Ka Ind. Estate, Guindy, Chennai**
- Tel: 22341095

### Italy
- **19 Rajaj Salai, Pary's, Chennai**
- Tel: 24332224

### Japan
- **12 / 1 Connaught Road, 1st Street, Teynampet, Chennai**
- Tel: 24328622

### Korea
- **19 3rd Floor 12 Chathanya Bldg, KN Khan & Greens Rd, Chennai**
- Tel: 26331224

### Malaysia
- **252 A TTK Road, Teynampet, Chennai**
- Tel: 29482036

### Mauritius
- **94 / 96 Bk VI, RR Chambers, Nungambakkam, Chennai**
- Tel: 22349993

### Netherlands
- **Catholic Centre, 64 Armanian Street, Pary's, Chennai**
- Tel: 22510214

### New Zealand
- **Marlin, 32 Cathedral Road, Gopalapuram, Chennai**
- Tel: 28112472

### Norway
- **44 / 46 Rajaj Salai, Pary's, Chennai**
- Tel: 23232982

### Philippines
- **Spc House, 4th Floor, 88 Mount Road, Guindy Ind. Estate, Chennai**
- Ph: 23352082

### Russia
- **33 (Old No: 14) Santhome High Road, Mylapore, Chennai**
- Tel: 24982320

### Serbia & Montenegro
- **304 Anna Salai, SPP Complex, Nandanam, Chennai**
- Tel: 24342079

### Singapore
- **17 A North Boog Road, T.Nagar, Chennai**
- Tel: 28158208

### Spain
- **6 Nilmo Road, Santhome, Chennai**
- Tel: 24616978

### Sri Lanka
- **196 T T K Road, Teynampet, Chennai**
- Tel: 24987896

### Sweden
- **6 Cathedral Road, Gopalapuram, Chennai**
- Tel: 28112322

### Switzerland
- **224 T T K Road, Alwarpet, Chennai**
- Tel: 2453886

### Turkmenistan
- **3 Maganov Street T. Nagar, Chennai**
- Tel: 2433477/3627

### Turkey
- **202 Ling Chetty Street, Pary's, Chennai**
- Tel: 2512014

### United Kingdom
- **737 Anna Salai, Chennai**
- Tel: 28325202

### USA
- **220 Anna Salai, Chennai**
- Tel: 28112000
All foreigners (including foreigners of Indian origin) visiting India on long term (more than 180 days) Student visa, Medical Visa, Research Visa and Employment Visa are required to get themselves registered with the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer (FRR/O)/Foreigners Registration Officer (FRO) concerned having jurisdiction over the place where the foreigner intends to stay, within 14 days of arrival.

However, Pakistan nationals are required to register within 24 hours of their arrival. All Afghan nationals are required to register with the FRR/O/FRO concerned within 14 days of arrival except those Afghan nationals who enter India on a visa valid for 30 days or less provided the Afghan national concerned gives Higher local address in India to the Indian Mission/FRR/O/FRO. The Afghan nationals who are issued visas with ‘exemption from police reporting’ are exempt from Police reporting as well as Exit permission provided they leave within the visa validity period.

Requirements at the time of Registration
1. 4 recent passport size photographs
2. Photocopy of photo page and valid Indian Visa page of the passport
3. Proof of residential address in India
4. Documents of identification
5. In case of Student Visa, bonafide certificate from School/College
6. In case of Research Visa, bonafide certificate & letter from the nodal agency / ministry
7. Form ‘C’ & Form ‘S’

All the above documents should be arranged in the same order as given in the list with a request letter and online registration copy.

FAQ’s
Can a registered student, who has completed his graduation, get extension for Post Graduate courses by FRR/O/FRO?
Yes. A registered student, who has completed graduation, can apply for extension to carry out a post graduate course from concerned FRR/O/FRO cum Superintendent of Police provided he produces a bonafide certificate from his institution.

If a foreign student who has come on a Student Visa joins a new course will fresh visa fee be charged from him?
Yes, on permission of undertaking a new course, a fresh course fee of Rs. 3500/- is charged.

Whether visa fee can be charged from foreign students every year?
Visa fee is charged once at the time of issuance of Student Visa for completion of the course or for 5 years whichever is less.
Some usual queries and answers

What is the typical voltage rating in India? 230V AC, 50 Hz.

Where to get safe drinking water? For the first few days you may use bottled mineral water, available at SFC. Also all the hostels use purification systems like Aquaguard or Reverse Osmosis plant.

For booking railways and air tickets, you can use the services of All India Travels located at SFC (Student Facility Center). A Railway booking counter is functioning at IITM Post Office apart from Chennai Railway Station. Bookings can also be done through online at www.indiaail.com.

How to reach IITM from central railway station or Bus station (CMBT)? IITM is about 12 kms from Central Railway Station. If you have luggage you can hire a prepaid auto rickshaw at a cost of about Rs. 150/- to Rs. 200/- to reach the hostel zone inside IITM or you can hire a call taxi or prepack taxi which costs about Rs. 300/-. From Chennai Bus station (CMBT), IITM is around 16 kms. Prepaid auto rickshaw will cost about Rs. 200/- and call taxi will cost about Rs. 400/-. How to open a Bank Account? There are two banks located on the Campus, State Bank of India near Gajendra Circle and Canara Bank in the residential zone. Consult bank officials for your queries. Do you have an International Driving Permit? You need to have an International Driving Permit (four wheeler & two wheeler) from your respective country to drive within India. Driving license will not be issued in India without permanent address.

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The city of Chennai

Welcome to Chennai, the capital city of Tamil Nadu, and a charming host. ‘Chennapattanam’, the original name for Chennai, as it is now called, was until recent years known as Madras. This fascinating city is unique for its blend of the old and the modern, for its aroma of coffee and the sounds of carnatic and film music. The streets and halls of Chennai proclaim its rich cultural heritage, which makes it the hub for South Indian classical music and dance. While it still retains its old-world charm, it has also made great strides into the twenty-first century, becoming the third largest commercial and industrial centre in India today.

The city of Chennai stands on the coasts of the Indian Ocean, skirted by the Marina Beach, which is the largest natural beach in the world. As a coastal city, Chennai is generally hot and humid with the temperature rising up to 42°C (107°F) in summer (May – July) while in winter (Dec. – Feb.) it is fairly good weather, with a temperature of about 18°C (64°F). The Monsoon season starts in September and lasts until November.
Explore the city of Chennai

Sri Kapaleeswarar Temple
Kapaleeswarar, an ancient Shiva temple, is the biggest temple in Chennai. A masterpiece of Dravidian architecture, it displays the essential elements - gopurams, mandapa and a tank. The temple bears some fragmentary inscriptions dating back to 1250 AD.

Sri Parthasarathy Temple
Sri Parthasarathy Temple, dedicated to Lord Krishna, was originally built by the Pallavas in the 8th century AD and renovated in the 16th century by the Vijayanagar rulers. It houses the five deities of Lord Venkatesh, and has a small temple shrine dedicated to Vijnana's counterpart, Vedanta. It is one of the oldest surviving temples in Chennai.

Santhome Cathedral Church
Sanzhome Cathedral Church was built in 1594, then rebuilt in the neo-Gothic style in 1893. This Roman Catholic Church near Kapaleeswara temple is said to house the remains of St. Thomas the Apostle.

St. Thomas Mount
St. Thomas is believed to have lived in Little Mount Shrine (a tiny cave) when he came to India around 80 AD. Known locally as Chinnamasta, the cave is entered through the Portuguese Church that was built in 1551.

Government Museum
Well worth a visit, the Government Museum is on Pantheon Road, between Egmore and Anna Salai. The buildings originally belonged to group of eminent British citizens, known as the Pantheon Committee, who were charged with improving the social life of the British in Chennai. The main building has a fine archaeological section representing all the major South Indian periods including the Chola, Vijayanagar, Hoysala and Chalukyas. It also houses a good ethnology collection. The bronze gallery has a superb collection of Chola art. One of the most impressive is the bronze statue of Ardhanarishwara, the androgynous incarnation of Shiva.

National Art Gallery
The National Art Gallery situated in Egmore was established in 1857. There are sections on geology, archaeology, anthropology, numismatics, botany, zoology and sculpture, besides a collection of armoury.

Marina Beach
The famous Marina Beach, the pride of Chennai, is the second longest beach in the world with a stretch of 4.5 km (2.5 miles) and has a wide sandy foreshore. An aquarium is also located on the Marina Beach. Watching sunset and sunrise from the beach is a fascinating experience. It later became the venue from which Vivekananda preached his ascetic philosophy.

Valluvar Kottam
The Valluvar Kottam, honours the celebrated Tamil Poet, Thiruvalluvar, whose classic work, Thirukkural, is said to be about 2,500 years old. Established in 1976, Valluvar Kottam replicates ancient Tamil architecture, with the 1330 verses carved on panels. The outer structure in stone is a replica of the temple car of Thiruvalluvar in Thanjavur.

Kalakshetra
Kalakshetra, dedicated to the revival of classical arts, was founded by Rukmini Devi Aryahade in 1936. Classical dance, music, traditional textile designs and weaving are taught here in natural surroundings.

The Snake Park/Guindy National Park
Situated adjacent to the ITM, the Snake Park with its lizards, crocodiles and turtles is of special interest to visitors. A well-maintained park, it has expansive enclosures for a wide variety of reptiles. Next door to it is the Children's Park, which has a small collection of animals and birds and a large play area for children.
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BM Birla Planetarium
Situated in Kotturpuram in Chennai, the BM Birla Planetarium houses a modern, fully computerized projector, which depicts the heavens on a hemispherical screen.

Aahilieshwar Temple
Aahilieshwar Temple is situated in Besant Nagar, on the shores of the Bay of Bengal. That stretch of beach is known as the Elliot's beach. Aahilieshwar's temple is considered as the only temple featuring the eight manifestations of the Goddess Mahalakshmi. The temple was built in the year 1776 and features various characteristics of Dravidian temple architecture.
Explore places around Chennai

Thousands of temples with lofty towers dot the skyline of the southernmost state of Tamil Nadu in India. These temples are torchbearers of the glorious heritage of the Tamil-speaking region, and are repositories of the magnificent art forms that evolved over several centuries. And then there are the most recently developed attractions such as Crocodile Bank, Mutukudu Daikshin -Chitra and Vandavasi Zoo.

Mahabalipuram with its picturesque location on a rocky outcrop between the beach and a lagoon is a happy combination of history, good beaches, hassle-free tourism and fabulous fish and lobster!

Shore Temple: The windswept and surf-beaten Shore Temple is the ultimate expression of Mahabalipuram. The three-in-one abode of God Vishnu temple sandwiched between two Shiva temples is a visual delight, its precocity astounding in architectural masterpieces. On either side of it the sea spreads, limitless and infinite.

Rathas: A group of structures lying at the southern end of Mahabalipuram amidst casuarina trees, are the famous Ratha (chariots). The Pancha Pandava Ratha, as they are called, are five in number. Out of these, four are carved out of a single rock, while the fifth on the west is scooped out from a small rock. The square Draupadi and Arjuna Ratha, the linear Rama Ratha, the taper Dharmana Ratha and the apsidal Nakuasa-Bahubali Ratha, constitute the complex.

Kanchipuram: It is situated 76 km southwest of Madras. This old city is known as The Golden City of 1,000 Temples: The Ekambareswarar Temple, the Kailasanathar temple, the Varadharaja temple, Sri Venkateswarar temple, the names stretch endlessly. The city itself is dedicated to the presiding deity, Sri Karmakshi (one with eyes of love), at the Karmakshi Temple. In Sanskrit, the word ‘Kamini’ denotes a ghristi and poets have allegorically characterized the city as a ghristi to the earth. It is one of the seven sacred cities of India and is famous equally for hand-woven silk fabrics.

Vedanthaangal: Located at 53 km from Mahabalipuram. Vedanthaangal is one of the oldest bird sanctuaries in India. The sheer number of birds that visit this sanctuary is amazing. It is said that almost 1,000,000 avian species of varied shapes, sizes and hues - including storks, egrets, coromants, doves, and flamingos - visit this sanctuary between October and March.

Covelong: Just 19 km from Mahabalipuram is situated the picturesque beach resort of Covelong, a quiet fishing village, around the remains of a fort. Facilities for windsurfing, swimming and water sports are available here. If you are in Mahabalipuram, not to miss out on a visit to this place.

Crocodile Bank: The Crocodile bank is situated on the Chennai Mahabalipuram road. Set up by an American named Romulus Whitaker in 1976, the bank saw a rapid growth in the number of crocodiles in its first 15 years from just 15 to over 5,000.

Daishina Chitra is a unique Heritage Centre located on the east coast road in Mutukudu, on the way to Mahabalipuram which offers the visitor an unforgettable & authentic insight into the lifestyles of the diverse peoples of South India. Traditional craftsmen & folk artists work & perform in the reconstructed period settings of 19th century steetts, homes & workshop-spaces.
Muṭṭukadu Boat House is an unusual spot in backwaters for tourists and holidaying families. Also, Muṭṭukadu is a paradise for anglers since prawns and jely fish are in abundance here. For those who relish seafood being here could prove to be a memorable experience. Located 36 km souests of Chennai.

Amusement Parks are important means of amusement for the residents of Chennai city as well as the tourists. These parks are equipped with all the modern day facilities and gadgets. This has significantly contributed to the tourism Industry of the state. Amusement Parks provide adventurous and fun filled entertainment for all, by the means of crazy activities and rides. Some of the best are located around Chennai are Maanawajal, Dash-N-Splash, Dolphin City, Kialkhintha, Little Folks, MGM "Dive World" Beach Resort, VGP Universal Kingdom etc.

Pondicherry - a union territory, was designed based on the French grid pattern and features neat sectors and perpendicular streets. The town is divided into two sections, the French Quarter and the Indian quarter. It is also known as "The French Riviera of the East".

Auroville was founded as a project of the Sri Aurobindo Society by Mira Alfassa, ‘The Mother’. ‘Auroville is meant to be a universal town where men and women of all countries are able to live in peace and progressive harmony above all creeds. The purpose of Auroville is to realize human unity.’

Tirupati-Tirumala Venkateswara Temple is a Hindu temple in the hill town of Tirumala, near Tirupati in the Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh. The temple is the richest pilgrimage center after the Sri Pachmardhanathaswamy Temple in Kerala, and the most-visited place of worship in the world.

Words of common use in Tamil

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