

Capital: Chennai

Formation / statehood: 1 November 1956 (as Madras State; renamed Tamil Nadu on 14 January 1969)

Official language(s): Tamil

Public Service Commission: TNPSC

Flagship exam: TNPSC Group I / Group II / Group II-A / Group IV

OVERVIEW

Tamil Nadu occupies the southeastern Coromandel coast of India with Chennai as the capital. Formed in 1956 and renamed in 1969, the state has ancient Tamil heritage, Dravidian temple architecture, and a strong manufacturing economy.

FOCUS TOPICS

- Coromandel coast geography
- Chola and Pallava heritage
- 1969 renaming to Tamil Nadu
- Automobile and manufacturing belt
- TNPSC group exams

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the capital of Tamil Nadu?

Answer: Chennai

2. On which date was Tamil Nadu (then Madras State) formed?

Answer: 1 November 1956

3. In which year was Madras State renamed Tamil Nadu?

Answer: 1969

4. Which language is the official language of Tamil Nadu?

Answer: Tamil

5. Which Public Service Commission conducts Group I and Group II exams in Tamil Nadu?

Answer: Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNPSC)

6. Which temple town in Tamil Nadu is known for Meenakshi Amman temple?

Answer: Madurai

7. Which UNESCO site in Tamil Nadu includes a Chola era temple at Thanjavur?

Answer: Great Living Chola Temples

8. Which strait separates Tamil Nadu from Sri Lanka?

Answer: Palk Strait

9. Which classical dance form originates from Tamil Nadu?

Answer: Bharatanatyam

10. Which industrial belt near Chennai is known for automobile manufacturing?

Answer: Chennai-Sriperumbudur industrial belt

NOTE

This compact sheet covers stable static GK. Verify changing administrative facts, current affairs and the latest exam scheme from official state government and PSC websites.

More free practice: <https://www.mpscs.in/state-gk>