



Coimbatore

The second largest city of Tamil Nadu, Coimbatore, is one of the major industrial cities in Tamil Nadu. It is known as the textile capital of South India or the Manchester of the South. The city is situated on the banks of the River Noyyal. Coimbatore existed even prior to the 2nd century AD as the capital of a small tribal village, Kongunad, until it was brought under Chola control in the 2nd - 3rd century AD by Karikalan, the first of the early Cholas. Among its other great rulers were the Rashtrakutas, Chalukyas, Pandyas, Hoysalas and the Vijayanagara Kings. When Kongunad fell to the British along with the rest of the State, its name was changed to Coimbatore and it is by this name that it is known today. In Tamil, the city is called Kovai.

Located in the rain shadow region of the Western Ghats, Coimbatore enjoys a very pleasant climate all the year - round, aided by the fresh breeze that flows in through the 25 kms. long Palakkad gap. The rich black soil of the

region has contributed to Coimbatore's flourishing agricultural industry. The flourishing growth of cotton has served as a foundation for the establishment of Coimbatore's famous textile industry. The first textile mill came up as far back as 1888 and there are now over a hundred mills. The result has been a strong economy and a reputation as one of the greatest industrial cities of South India.

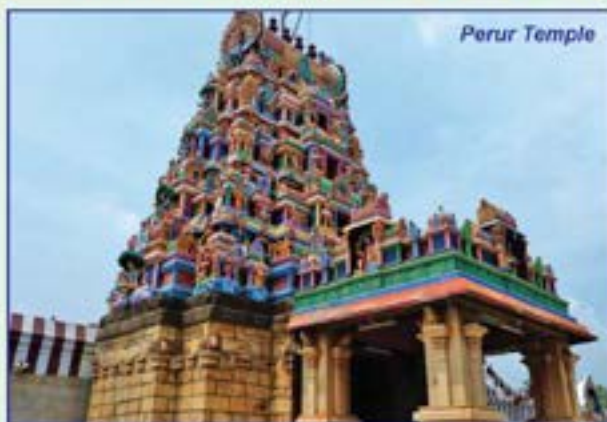
Coimbatore serves as an entry and exit point to neighbouring Kerala and the ever popular hill station of Udthagamandalam (Ooty). It is the disembarking point for those who want to take the Mountain train that runs from Mettupalayam just 35 kms. from Coimbatore. There are also regular bus services from Coimbatore to Udthagamandalam, popularly known as Ooty.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Area	: 4723 Sq. Km.
Population	: 34,58,045 (2011 Census)
Altitude	: 3.2 mts above sea level
Climate	
Summer	: Max. 39.4° C Min. 23.3° C
Winter	: Max. 32.8° C Min. 20.7° C
Rainfall	: 92.2 mm - Average
Season	: Throughout the year
Clothing	: Tropical
Languages Spoken	: Tamil, English, Telugu and Malayam
STD Code	: 0422

PLACES OF INTEREST

Patteeswara Swamy Temple - Perur



Located 7 kms. towards the west of Coimbatore. Perur Patteeswara Swamy Temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva. This ancient temple stands on the banks of the holy river Noyyal. The temple is also known by the name Arulmigu Patteeswarar Thirukoil. Perur temple is a unique blend of fine sculpture and exquisite architecture, it is also known as Mel Chidambaram. (Ph: 0422-2607991).

Subramaniya Swamy Temple

Dedicated to Lord Murugan, Marudhamalai Murugan Temple located on a scenic hillock at a height of 600 feet, is about 12 kms. from Coimbatore railway station. Lord Murugan in the form of Dhandayuthapani is enshrined in



the sanctum and worshiped. Marudhamalai is abound with shrubs and bushes of medicinal properties. Due to this, the holy shrine is said to have miracle power to get rid of both physical and mental afflictions and attachments.

Velliangiri Hills

The beautiful Velliangiri is located on the way to Siruvani on the sacred Velliangiri hill in the western ghats at a distance of 40 kms. from Coimbatore. It is one among the five hills symbolically representing the five different faces of Lord Shiva. Velliangiri mountain known as Kailas of the south in the outskirts of Coimbatore in one of the seven sacred hills. Many Siddhas and bodiless beings have lived and graced the mountain with their energies. Lakhs of people trek around 8 kms. during Maha Sivarathri and Chitra Pournami every year. The rare medicinal herbs are found on these mountains. The exotic flora and fauna add to the mystical colour of the pilgrimage. (Ph: 0422 - 2615258).

Eachanari Vinayagar Temple



This temple is situated 13 kms. away from Coimbatore en route to Pollachi. The Vinayagar in this place is called as 'Eachanari Vinayagar', one of the famous Vinayagar of whole Tamil Nadu. The Lord Vinayaga here is a huge and stands 6 feet tall and 3 feet broad and is considered one of the biggest idols in South India. This temple has a history that dates back to 1500 A.D. (Ph: 0422-2397050).

Puliakulam Vinayagar Temple



Dedicated to Lord Ganesha, also called as Arulmigu Mundhi Vinayagar Temple is located at Puliakulam in Coimbatore. The most important feature of the grand temple that makes a major attraction in the city is the idol of Lord Ganesha, which at the height of 20 feet and width of 11 feet, is the largest idol of the deity carved in stone. Because of its size, the magnificent idol is also Asia's largest idol of Lord Ganesha.

Vanabathrakaliamman Temple



Vanabathrakaliamman temple has goddess Kali as its deity. This temple is located near Mettupalayam in Coimbatore district. This temple is considered very special since it is believed to clear all the hurdles for marriage and child birth.

Masaniamman Temple



This Temple is dedicated to Goddess Devi and is located at Anamalai near Pollachi. Here the Deity is in lying posture alongside the Aliyar River. The Goddess is considered very powerful and many devotees put forth their problems to this Devi.

Karamadai Ranganathar Temple



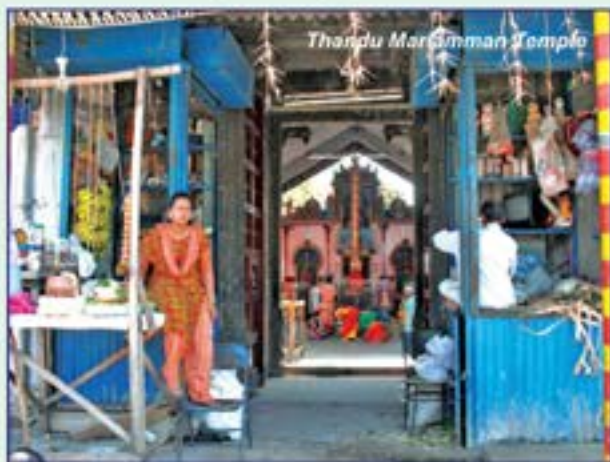
This Karamadai Ranganathar temple was built by the King Krishnadevaraya of Vijayanagar Kingdom. It can be reached from Coimbatore by rail and road and it is located about 30 kms. from Coimbatore Central Bus Stand on Coimbatore-Ooty road. In the Tamil month Purattasi, a large number of devotees visit this temple. This temple is believed to be one of the oldest temple in Coimbatore district.

Koniamman Temple

Koniamman Temple in Coimbatore has Devi as its deity and is a very famous temple of the 13 century A.D. patronized by the Mysore dynasty Kings. It is located 2 kms. from Coimbatore Central Bus stand. (Ph: 0422-239684).

Thandu Mariamman Temple

Thandu Mariamman temple is located on the nerve centre of Coimbatore on the Avinashi road. The history of the temple says, a soldier in Tippu Sultan army had a dream in which the goddess appeared and said that she is



living in the nearby forest. The soldier went in search of this goddess in the nearby forest and was thrilled to see her in the neem tree. With the help of his friends, he immediately constructed a small temple in that place where he found the deity. It is located one km. from Coimbatore Central Bus Stand.

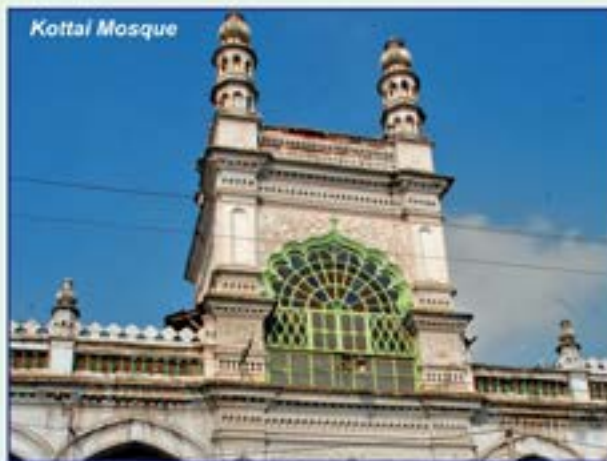
Anuvavi Subramaniaswamy Temple

Anuvavi Subramaniaswamy Temple is located on the hilltop. This temple is situated on the other side of the Marudhamalai hill which has to be approached from the road going to Kerala via Thadagam. This has a beautiful scenic surrounding where people come to offer their



prayers in an ambience of total peace. There is a water spring that is perennial near this temple. Many devotees visit this temple regularly on auspicious days and on public holidays. This temple is located 20 kms. from Coimbatore Central Bus Stand on Coimbatore - Thadagam Road.

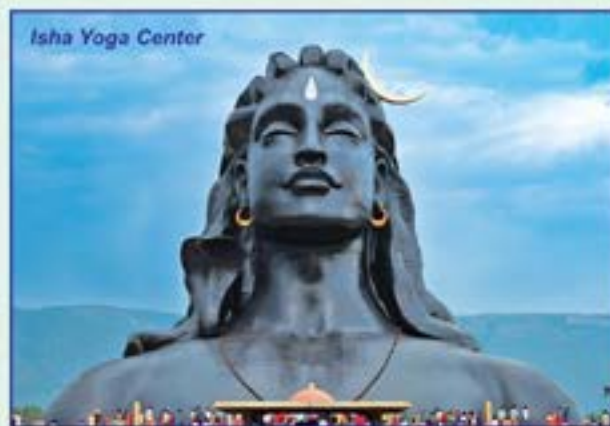
Kottai Mosque



This mosque is located between Townhall and Ukkadam. It has a marvellous architecture. It is believed to be the first mosque that was built in Coimbatore. It is located 3 kms. from Coimbatore Central Bus Stand. (Ph: 0422 - 239684).

Isha Yoga Center

Isha Yoga Centre is situated at the foothills of the Velliangiri Mountains from 29 kms. from Coimbatore. Isha Yoga Center is a sacred space for self - transformation, where one can come dedicatedly towards one's inner growth. The Center offers all four major paths of yoga - kriya (energy), gnana (knowledge), karma (action) and bhakthi (devotion), drawing people from all over the world. The focal point of Isha Yoga center is a Dhyanalinga, a powerful and unique energy form which creates the possibility for every human being to experience life in his totality.



The Adiyogi statue is a 34.3 - metre - tall (112.4 ft.) excluding plinth, 45 - metre - long (147 ft.) and 7.62 - metre - wide (24.99 ft.) statue of the Hindu deity Shiva with white Thirunamam. Which has been recognized by the Guinness World Records as the 'Largest Bust Sculpture' in the world. Designed by Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, founder of the Isha Foundation, it was built by the foundation and weighs around 500 tonnes.

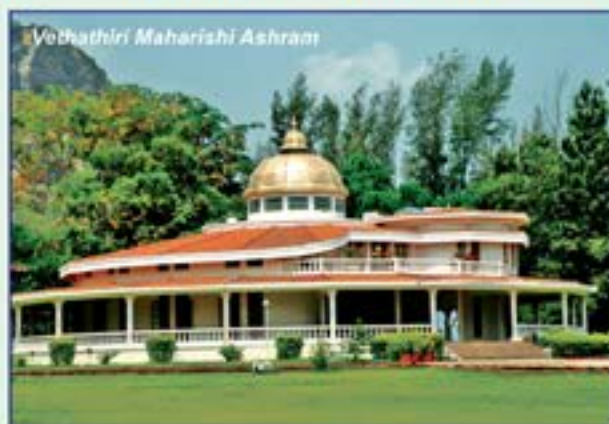
Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswati Ashram

Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswati is a distinguished, traditional saint who preached Vedanta. Swami Dayananda had been teaching Vedanta in India for more than four decades, and around the world since 1976. Swamiji has spoken in many of the most prestigious



American Universities, and also addressed international conventions, UNESCO and the United Nations, where he participated in the millennium peace summit. It is 32 kms. north - west of Coimbatore.

Vethathiri Maharishi Ashram



Vethathiri Maharishi's profound revelations enabled him to synthesize a complete science of living for the betterment of humanity. His writings add new dimensions to current philosophy, science and literature and provide deep insights into how self society and nature are inter connected. The ashram is situated at a distance of about 65 kms. from Coimbatore. The ashram is situated on the Pollachi - Valparai main road 2 kms. beyond the Aliyar Dam (Ph: 04253 - 288733).

EXCURSIONS

Baralikkadu (Eco-Tourism)

The spot is located at an easy destination reachable for people from Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Ooty, Metupalayam, etc. It is located near Pillur in Baralikkadu of Karamadai Range in Coimbatore Division. It is situated 72 kms. from Coimbatore Central Bus stand.



The way is a hilly terrain enriched with green vegetation with a pleasant climate providing many view points to have an awe of these scenes. One can enjoy with Coracle Ride in Bhavani River - Delicious Lunch - Trekking - River Bath. Walking into the bushes and marshes, along some seasonal streams, enjoying fresh air really energizing us, inhaling the smell of the flowers and so on. A nice bath in the running water with the pleasant breeze giving a cooling effect and a great relief. (Ph: 0422 - 2456911).

Monkey Falls

The Monkey falls is an excellent and ideal outdoor travelogue, which is situated some 65 kms. away from Coimbatore city and it is some 27 kms. away from Pollachi on Coimbatore - Pollachi - Valparai Main Road. Monkey Falls is the most famous and popular tourism spot. (Ph: 04259 - 235385).



Nallamudi Poonjolai Valley

This valley is situated in Anaimudi Estate. It attracts a lot of tourists, as this place has a beautiful view of a huge valley. (Ph: 04259 - 235385).

Azhiyar Dam

Azhiyar Dam is located in the Anamalai Hills of the Western Ghats. It is about 65 kms. from Coimbatore in Valparai main road. It is about 25 kms. from Pollachi and about 40 kms. from Valparai. In Azhiyar Dam area, there are park, aquarium, play area and boat house to see.



Pollachi

This town is about 40 kms. from Coimbatore on the way to the Parambikulam - Aliyar project. Next to Coimbatore, it is the leading town of the district and an important commercial centre. A temple dedicated to Mariamma and another to Subramanya are located here. There are beautiful stone carvings of a five headed serpent, a Yali with a chain hanging from its mouth and Zodiac signs in Subramanya temple. This town also finds place as a good location for the Tinsel Industry.

Top Slip

A small park and the medicinal plant conservation area on the Anamalai mountain range is located 65 kms. from Coimbatore at an elevation of 800 feet above the sea level. Separated from the Nilgiri Hills by the Palghat Gap on the north, Top slip is a small site within the Indira Gandhi National Park.

Sholayar Dam

Located 24 kms. from Valparai, this dam is the second highest Masonry Dam (345 ft.) in Asia. The dam length measures about 6 - 7 kms. being situated on the border of Kerala state and this place attracts tourists from Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka States.

Lower Ninar Dam

Located 15 kms. from Valparai, this dam is built as a multipurpose project such as irrigation and Hydro - electricity production. The dam is in a beautiful location covered by a dense forest. (Ph: 04253 - 221504).

Upper Ninar Dam

Located 18 kms from Valparai in Chinnakallar. Lawson falls is just 2 kms away from here. This place and its surrounding reserve forests are real attraction to the naturalist. (Ph: 04253 - 221504).

Kovai Kutralam

Kovai Kutralam is a scenic spot with a gentle waterfalls originating on the Siruvani hill ranges. It is located on the Western Ghats mountain range that lies to the west of this city at a distance of about 35 kms. from Coimbatore. The Siruvani dam is just above this waterfalls and this place is under the control of the forest department. Bus service is available from the city.



Valparai (Hill Station)

The pollution free heavenly land, Valparai is located above the 3,500 feet from the sea level on the Anamalai mountain range. Valparai stands majestically with green spread mountains and forests.



Anamalai Wildlife Sanctuary

This Sanctuary is situated at an altitude of 340 - 2400 metres in the Western Ghats near Pollachi (about 90 kms. from Coimbatore) The area of the sanctuary is 958 sq.km. It has various kinds of fauna like elephant, gaur, tiger, panther, sloth bear, deer, wild bear, wild dog, porcupine, flying squirrel, jackal, pangolin, civet cat and birds like



rocket-tailed drongo, red whiskered bulbul, blockheaded oriole, tree pid, spotted dove etc. Anamalai has a large number of crocodiles. There are also many places of scenic beauty such as Karian Shola, Anaikunthi Shola, grass hills, waterfalls, teak forests, estates, dams and reservoirs. (Ph: 04259-235385).

TNAU Botanical Garden

It was established in the year 1925 and administered by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU). The botanical garden is spread over 300 hectares and has many varieties of plants, flowers and trees. It is a colorful treat for the eyes and very popular.

Coimbatore Zoological Park & Conservation Centre

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CODISSIA

CODISSIA has been organizing INTEC Industrial Trade Fair. This trade fair has developed the image of CODISSIA to find a place in the world Trade Fair Map and Global Developments exposed in the region instantaneously. These Trade Fairs provide a platform for small industries to showcase internationally and earn valuable foreign exchange. CODISSIA has constructed a palatial building in a plinth area of 1,60,000 sq.ft.

Khadi Gandhi Gallery

The Government set the Khadi Gandhi Gallery in Coimbatore on 15th of July 1970. The Gallery displays pictures of Gandhi right from his birth till his death. It is located one km. from the Central Bus stand. (Ph: 0422-2300057).

V.O.C. Park

Named after the freedom fighter V.O. Chidambaram, this park is maintained by the corporation. There is a mini-zoo and joy train in the park.



Government Museum

It is located one km from central Bus stand opposite to V.O.C. Park and having collections of sculptures, tribal artifacts and coins. It is open for visitors from 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (Ph: 0422-2212050).

G.D.Naidu Industrial Museum

The late Thiru G.D.Naidu was born technocrat. He was a legend in his own lifetime. He had made invaluable contributions to technical, electronics, mechanical and agricultural sectors. He had also established an industrial museum which is worth a visit. (Ph: 0422 - 2224558).

Government Horticultural Garden

Kallar Horticulture was formed in 1900, on a spread of 8.92 hectares. This farm is situated at an elevation of 360 m above mean sea level at the foot of Nilgiris. It lies about one km. from the first hairpin bend where the Mettupalayam - Udthagamandalam road enters the ghat section. Kallar Horticulture Farm is under the Department of Horticulture. A place of natural beauty with Kallar waterfalls complementing, it attracts thousands of tourists from in and around Coimbatore.

GASS Forest Museum

The GASS Forest Museum was established by Horace Archibald Gass, a British Forest Officer. It was opened by Lord Amphill, the then Governor of Madras Presidency in 1902, in recognition of the tireless efforts of H.A.Gass in establishing this museum, the Govt. named it as 'Gass Forest Museum' on 18.9.1905. The present museum building was opened by Lord Pentland, the then Governor of Madras on 14.10.1915. This is the largest and oldest Forest museum in our country. In Gass Forest Museum, there are more than 4000 exhibits housed under 1. Wildlife 2. Botany 3. Timber 4. Non - timber forest produces 5. Geology 6. Ethnology 7. Mycology 8. Forest Engineering 9. Entomology and 10. Wood crafts categories.

Salim Ali Center for Ornithology and Natural history - Anaikatty

Salim Ali Center for Ornithology and Natural history (SACON) is a national institution devoted to the cause of conservation of India's Bio-diversity with focus on birds. SACON is situated in the surrounding of Anaikatty, 24 kms. north - west of Coimbatore city, within the Nilgiri biosphere reserve. It is a center of excellence funded by

Govt. of India. It conducts research in Ornithology covering all aspects of related bio-diversity & natural history.

AMUSEMENTS

Sulur Boat house, Azhiyar Dam Boathouse, Maharaja Theme Park, Kovai kondattam, Black Thunder at Mettupalayam, Fun Mall and Brooke Field.

SHOPPINGS

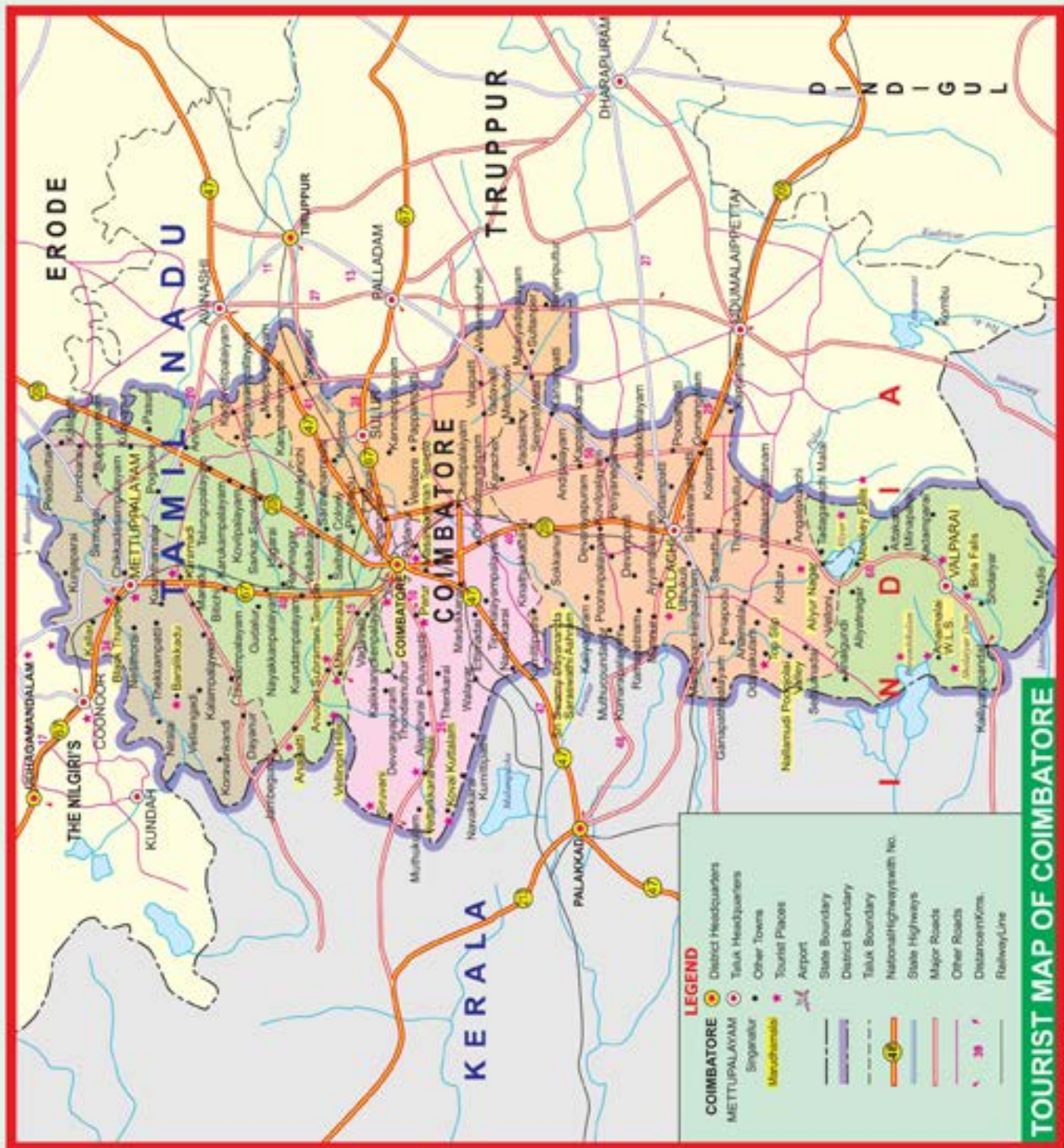
1. Big Bazaar, Oppanakara Street 2. Raja Street, Ranga Gowda Street 3. Sukravar Pettai (for Handloom Sarees) 4. Chinthamani Supermarket (Main) North Coimbatore 5. Poompuhar Handicraft Emporium 6. Co - Optex 7. Khadi Krafts 8. Brook Field 9. Crosscut road.

FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

- ❖ Thaipoosam and Thirukarthigai in Maruthamalai - January and February
- ❖ Sri Koni Amman Temple Car Festival - March
- ❖ Vanabadrakali Amman Temple Adikundam grand festival - July
- ❖ Masani Amman Temple Annual Festival (Kundam Thiru Vizha) - January
- ❖ Pongal Tourist Festival, Coimbatore - January
- ❖ Hot Air Balloon Festival, Pollachi - December - January
- ❖ World Tourism Day - 27th September

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Temples: 1. Koni Amman Temple, Big bazar Street, Town Hall 2. Thandu Mariamman Temple, Avinashi Road, Uppilpalayam 3. Rathina Vinayagar Temple, R.S.Puram, D.S.Road 4. Sri Ayyappan Temple, Sithapudur Sathiyamangalam Road 5. Kamatchi Amman Temple, Ukkadam, near BI Police Station.



- LEGEND**
- District Headquarters
 - Taluk Headquarters
 - Singalur
 - Other Towns
 - Tourist Places
 - ✈ Airport
 - State Boundary
 - District Boundary
 - Taluk Boundary
 - National Highways with No.
 - State Highways
 - Major Roads
 - Other Roads
 - Distance/Kms.
 - Railway Line

TOURIST MAP OF COIMBATORE

Scale : 1 cm = 3.2 km. Approx.

Churches: 1.St. Michael's Church (Cathedral), Big Bazaar 2. Christ King Church, Dr. Nanjappa Road 4. Fathima Church, Gandhipuram 5th Street 5. C.S.I. Immanuel Church, near Railway Junction.

Mosques: 1. Big Mosque, Oppanakkara Street 2. Big Mosque, Kottaimedu 3.Mosque, First Street, Gandhipuram.

OTHERS

Recreation: Cinema - Available, Library - Available, Swimming Pool - Available, Club - Hotel Club and Golf Club.

Parks: 1. V.O.C. Park, Uppilpalayam 2. Gandhi Park, R.S.Puram, 3. Bharathi Park, Thadagam Road, near Avinashilingam Home Science College, 4. Botanical Garden, near Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.

Restaurant: Large number of restaurants are available.

Post and Telegraph: Head Post Office, Good shed Road, Behind Railway Junction, Coimbatore.

ACCESS

Air : Peelamedu Airport 11 kms. from Gandhipuram

Rail : Well connected with all Cities

Road : Connecting with all Cities

ACCOMODATION (STD CODE 0422)

Hotel Tamil Nadu,

TTDC Ltd., Gandhipuram - 641018.

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- Vivanta by Taj, Avinashi Road ☎ : 6681000
- Le Meridien, Avinashi Road ☎ : 2364343
- Clarrian Hotel ☎ : 2626030
- Residency Hotel, Avinashi Road ☎ : 2241414
- Jenneys Residency, Avinashi Road ☎ : 4335777
- Zone by the Park ☎ : 4350000
- Alankar Grande, Gandhipuram ☎ : 2600310
- Heritage Inn, Gandhipuram ☎ : 2231451
- GAG Pride, Gandhipuram ☎ : 4317777
- The Aloft ☎ : 6656000
- Hotel Land Mark, Gandhipuram ☎ : 438 8837
- ITC Park, Race Course Road ☎ : 2226555



- Poppy's Hotel, Saibaba Colony ☎ : 4978181
- Hotel Raddison Blue, Avinashi Road ☎ : 2226000
- Hotel IBIS, Avinashi Road ☎ : 7117666
- Hotel Lemon Tree, Kalapatti ☎ : 220 5666
- Hotel Fairfield Marriot, Near Airport ☎ : 6655300

(Apart from the above hotels, a wide range of accommodation facilities are available from dormitory to luxury suite in Coimbatore city and nearby towns).

TRAVEL AGENTS

- Air Travel Enterprises India Ltd. ☎ : 3944333
- Akbar Travels of India ☎ : 2309200
- Aloha Tours & Travels ☎ : 2234216
- Amritha Travels ☎ : 2302670
- Ashok Travels ☎ : 4220282
- Holiday Travels Pvt. Ltd., ☎ : 4254500
- New Rainbow Air Link ☎ : 4365564
- New Welcome Travel ☎ : 2399905
- Maps Travels (P) Ltd., ☎ : 2236549
- PL World ways Ltd., ☎ : 2222043
- Pricol Travels., ☎ : 4332233
- Star Line Travels Ltd., ☎ : 2222770
- Tiruppur Travels Private Ltd., ☎ : 2243691
- Travel Professionals ☎ : 2560301
- United Travel Services ☎ : 4337079
- Yash Air Links ☎ : 2550510

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Government Office & Contact No.

- Regional Passport Office ☎ : 0422 - 2306444
- Airport, Coimbatore ☎ : 0422 - 2571941

Railway Enquiry

- Coimbatore ☎ : 0422 - 2301301
- Mettupalayam ☎ : 04254 - 222285
- Pollachi ☎ : 04259 - 225922

Bus Enquiry

- Central Bus Stand ☎ : 0422 - 2237965
- SETC ☎ : 0422 - 2524969
- Ukkadam ☎ : 0422 - 2391835
- Singanallur ☎ : 0422 - 2576021
- New Bus stand, Gowndampalayam ☎ : 0422 - 2452775
- Gandhipuram ☎ : 0422 - 2432939

Government Hospital

- Coimbatore ☎ : 0422 - 2301393
- Peelamedu ☎ : 0422 - 2572701
- Mettupalayam ☎ : 04254 - 222027
- Pollachi ☎ : 04259 - 229322

Police

- Control Room ☎ : 0422 - 2300970
- RIAR ☎ : 0422 - 2243898

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TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

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