

**Chennai**

**SURVEY OF INDIA**  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

**EVOLUTION OF CHENNAI**

CHENNAI (hitherto called as Madras) is the capital of TAMIL NADU STATE and a principal harbour. Once a small fishing village with its original name as 'CHENNAIPATTANAM' has now turned into a sprawling metropolis.

In 1639 FRANCIS DAY, a chief official at Armagon obtained a grant of land and built a fort in the area of present TRIVALLIKKENI (TRIPPLICANE) and named it as "FORT ST. GEORGE" which became the bastion of the EAST INDIA COMPANY in 1641.

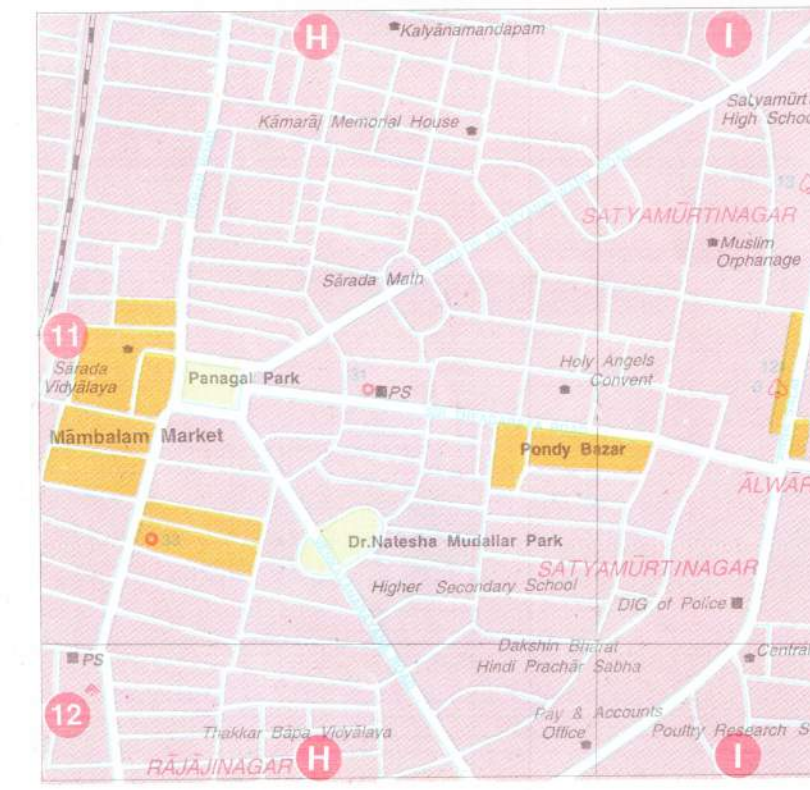
CHENNAI is considered to be the Gateway to Southern India for its air, rail and road connections. Places to see in Chennai city include FORT ST. GEORGE - where Tamil Nadu state legislature and the Secretariat are housed; MARINA ONE of the longest beaches in the World; SÁN THOME CATHEDRAL BASILICA, a magnificent Cathedral built over the tomb of ST THOMAS; THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, located on the banks of river Adyar and founded by ANNE BESANT; KÁLÁKSHETRA where Bharatanátyam and other classical dances of India are taught; NATIONAL DEER PARK, which includes a Children's park and a Reptilium; MAHÁTMA GÁNDHI MEMORIAL; VÁLLUVAR KOTTAM built in memory of saint THIRUVÁLLUVAR; ANNA MEMORIAL; ST THOMAS MOUNT; KAPÁLÍSHWARAR and PÁRTHASARÁTHY temples; Museum and Art Gallery etc.

Chennai is a harbour and it is well connected to all major cities in India by air road and rail with an international airport.

**GEORGE TOWN**



**THEÁGARÁYANAGAR**



**LEGEND**

Historic, main, other

Railways with station

Water: Beaches, Drain, Tank

Shopping Centre, Bus Stop, Zoo, Park, Wooded area

Marina Locality, Village, other

Amusement, Bank, Hotel

Embassy/High Commission

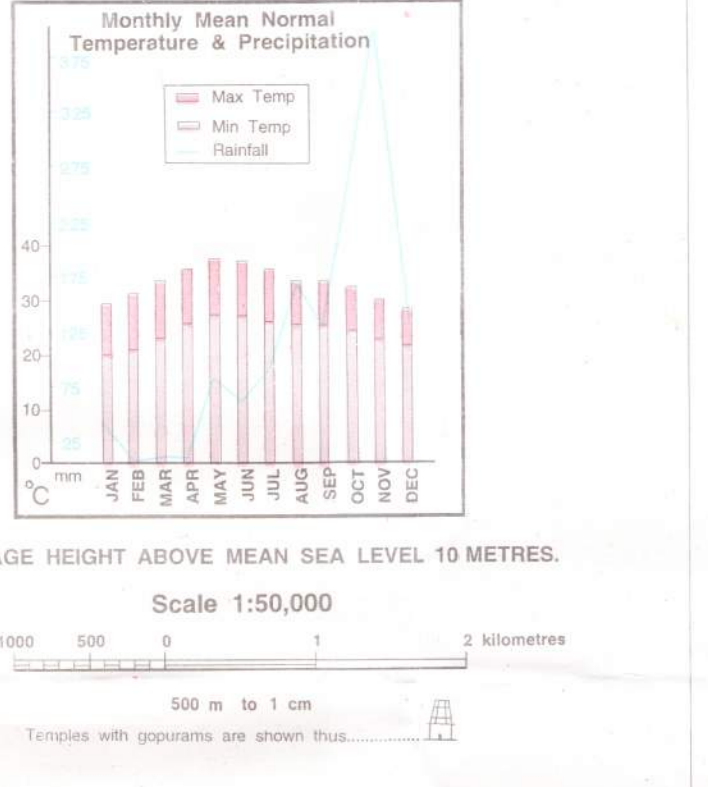
Places of worship: Temple, Church, Mosque

Museum, Art gallery, Auditorium

Police Station, Hospital, Important Building

Historical Place, Place of Tourist Interest

\*ST THOMAS MOUNT



**REFERENCES**

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