

THOOTHUKUDI

- **Collector** – Thiru. SandeepNanduri I.A.S
- Known as “Pearl City”
- **Ruled by** Pandiyans and Cholas, Portuguese, Dutch and British
- October 1986 a new district, carved out of the erstwhile **Tirunelveli district** was born in Tamil Nadu and named after V.O.Chidambaranar,
- Since 1997 as in the case of other districts of Tamilnadu, this district has also been named after its headquarters town, Thoothukudi.
- **Area:** 4707 Sq.Kms
- **Population:**1750176
- **Revenue divisions** – 3
- **Revenue Taluks** – 10
- **Assembly** – 6
- **Lok Sabha** – 1
- **Soil Types:** Loamy, alluvial, clayey and sandy loam are the soil types found in the district
- **Major horticulture crops** cultivated in this district are fruit crops like mango, banana, guava ,sapota and aonla, vegetables like bhendi, tomato, brinjal, onion, tapioca , spices and condiments like chillies, tamarind and turmeric, plantation crops like betel vine and cashew ,flower crops like jasmine, chrysanthemum, tube rose, marigold, rose and medicinal plants like senna, coleus and aloe vera.
- Paddy, Millet, pulses, Groundnut and Gingelly.
- **Minerals** – Gypsaum, Titanium
- **Industry** – Sterlite, Petrochemicals, Dyeing industry ,shipping, fishing, agricultural, power and chemical industries
- Total forest area of the district is 11,010 ha



Significance:

- Van island, Kasuwar island, Karaichalli island, Vilanguchalli island
- Ettayapuram, Kazhugumalai, Kulasekaranpattinam, PanimayaMatha Church, Adichanallur, Kayalpattinam, Kayathar, Korkai, Manapad, Meignanapuram, Navakailayam, Navathirupathi, Panchalankurichi, Thiruchendur

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