SALIENT FEATURES OF THE DISTRICT

Introduction:

Tirunelveli District was formed in 1790 by the East India company, later came under the direct control of the British Crown Queen Victoria. The name Tirunelveli has been composed from the three Tamil words i.e. ‘Thiru – Nel – Veli’ meaning Sacred Paddy Hedge.

Geographical data:

Tirunelveli District having geographical area of 6759 sq.kms, in the Southeastern portion of Tamil Nadu is triangular in shape. It lies between 8°.05’ and 9°.30’ of the Northern latitude and 77°.05’ and 78°.25’ of Eastern longitude.

Topography:

The district is located in the southern part of Tamil Nadu and surrounded by Virudhunagar District on the north, Western Ghats on the West, Kanniyakumari District on the south, Tuticorin District on the East. The lifeline of the district river Tamiraparani feeds the district and quenches the thirst of residents of Tuticorin district too.

Administrative Setup:

This District is having 3 Revenue Divisions comprising of 11 Taluks, 60 Firkas 19 Development Blocks, 616 Revenue Villages and 425 Village Panchayats.

Demographic Details:

The population of this District was 2723988 as per 2001 Census and 30,72,880 as per 2011 census. The Density of Population per sq.km. was 399 as per 2001 census and 455 persons as per 2011 census. Tirunelveli, Tenkasi and Ambasamudram are the most densely populated Taluks in the District as per 2001 census.

The Sex ratio is 1024 females for every 1000 males in the District as per 2011 census. The Literacy rate is 76.09% in the District as per 2001 census.

Out of the total population, males are 1333939 and females 1390049 as per 2001 census. Out of the total population, males are 1518595 and females 1554285 as per 2011 census. The district having Schedule caste population of 481052 which represents 17.66% to
total population as per 2001 census. Schedule Tribes are found to be very small in numbers 8358 which is 0.31% of the Total population. 4.36% of State population lives in Tirunelveli district., 1415742 live in Rural area and 1308246 live in urban area forming 52% and 48% respectively as per 2001

Climate and Rainfall:

The district has peculiar climate and receives rainfall in all the seasons which represent 947.6mm in 2010-2011. The maximum precipitation is contributed by the North East Monsoon(555.08mm) followed by the South west monsoon(189.6mm) and the Summer (127.7mm). and the Winter (74.5 mm)

Occupation:

Agriculture plays a Vital role in the District’s economy. The total cropped area was 171155 hectares, which worked out 25.32% of the total area of 675850. The important food crops are Paddy, Cholam, Ragi, Cumbu Maize and other minor millets. The commercial crops are Cotton, Chillies, Sugarcane and Groundnut. Of the total cultivated area of 145047 hectares in the district, 26108 hectares were sown more than once.

Irrigation:

The District is blessed with the western ghats from which all the perennial rivers follow and drain towards the east. The surface water of the District is drained into major river basin viz. Thamiraparani, Vaippar, Nambiar and Hanumanathi. Thamiraparani is the major river basin in the District. The other Streams which are seasonal in nature are Servallar, Manimuthar, Ramanathi, Pachayar, Chittar and Uppodai rivers which drain into the Tamiraparani basin. The source of irrigation are Canal, Tank and Well, which covers 133106 hectares. Among the total area irrigated, Well irrigation covers 50096 hectares, Tanks 55382 hectares and Canal 27128 hectares

Industry:

There are 25 medium and major industries such as Cement, Cotton yarn, Calcium carbide, Sugar, Cotton seed oil, Printing papers and flour Mill etc. Among the other industries in the District Pin, Clip, Matches, Beedi, Vessels making and Engineering industries are important. The important Village industries
functioning in the district are Handloom, Poultry farming, Brick making, Jaggary production. The Handloom products Lungi, Sarees etc are marketed in north India. So also the fine Korai mats from Pathamadi have one world fame. Kallidaikurichi Pappads, Karukurichi mud pots, also Tirunelveli “Halva” are specialities which earned many laurels to the District.

Tourist spots:

Courtallam is situated at the Western Ghats in Tenkasi Taluk. The famous waterfalls on rocks and tiny droplets are sprinkled in the air. The water falls of Courtalam have medicinal value as they run through forest and herbs before their decent.

Pappanasam Agasthiar falls also attracts tourist and pilgrims. There is a Wild life sanctuary at Mundanthurai and Kalakadu. Spotted deers, Liontailed monkeys, Elephants and Tigers are plenty.

Religious Significance:

The Nellaiappar temple at Tirunelveli, Sankaranainar temple at Sankarankoil, Kasiviswanathar temple at Tenkasi and Vanamamalai Temple at Nanguneri are the landmarks of the District signifying the Hindu Culture. Palayamkottai has many Christian missions and Athankaraipallivasal & Pottalpudur Darga have considered to be important sacred places for Muslims.
## DISTRICT PROFILE 2010-2011
### TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT

### 1. GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION

- **North Latitude Between**: 8°0.05' and 9°30'
- **East Longitude Between**: 77°05' and 78°25'

### 2. AREA AND POPULATION –

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<td>Area (Sq.Km.)</td>
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#### ii. Population

- **a. Male**: 1333939 | 1518595
- **b. Female**: 1390049 | 1554285
- **c. Total**: 2723988 | 3072880
- **d. Rural**: 1415742 | NA
- **e. Urban**: 1308246 | NA

#### iii. Density/Sq.Km

- 399 | 455

#### iv. Literates

- **a. Male**: 85.21 | NA
- **b. Female**: 67.43 | NA

#### iv. Main Workers (2001 Census)

- **a. Total Workers**: 1281117 | NA
- **b. Male Workers**: 737911 | NA
- **c. Female Workers**: 543206 | NA
- **d. Rural Workers**: 729776 | NA
- **e. Urban Workers**: 551341 | NA
- **f. Cultivators**: 137516 | NA
- **g. Agricultural Labourers**: 356055 | NA
- **h. Household Industry**: 282282 | NA
- **i. Other Workers**: 505264 | NA
- **vi. Non-Workers**: 1442871 | NA

#### vii. Language spoken in the Districts

- Tamil & English
3. VITAL STATISTICS

   i. Birth : 41447
   ii. Death : 13738
   iii. Infant Deaths : 347

   iv. Birth Rate (per 1000 Population) : 13.49
   v. Death Rate (per 1000 Population) : 4.47
   vi. Infant Mortality Rate (Per 1000 Live Births) : -
   vii. Expectation of life at Birth : -
      a. Male : -
      b. Female : -
   viii. No. of Deaths of Women due to Problems related to child birth
       a. At the time of delivery : 15
       b. During Pregnancy : -

4. TEMPERATURE (IN CELSIUS)

   a. Plains
      i. Maximum : 35.6
      ii. Minimum : 21.7
   b. Hill Stations
      i. Maximum : -
      ii. Minimum : -

5. RAINFALL (in mm)

   a. Normal : 736.9
      i. North East Monsoon : 429.8
      ii. South West Monsoon : 092.6
      iii. Winter season : 072.6
      iv. Summer : 141.9
   b. Actual : 947.6
      i. North East Monsoon : 555.8
      ii. South West Monsoon : 189.6
      iii. Winter season : 074.5
      iv. Summer : 127.7
6. AGRICULTURE (in Hec.)

a. Total Cultivated Area (Hec) : 171155

b. Net Area Sown (Hec.) : 145047

c. Area Sown more than once (Hec.) : 26108

d. Area and Production of Principal Crops : Area (Hec.)

i. Rice : 79765

ii. Millets and Other Cereals : 9229

iii. Pulses : 16492

iv. Sugarcrops : 5963

v. Groundnut : 1010

vi. Gingelly : 0756

vii. Cotton : 2431

e. Agricultural Land Holdings 2005-06 (8th Agri Census)

a. Holdings (Nos) : 276721

b. Area in Hect. : 232255.54

c. Average Size of holdings in Hect : 0.81

f. Important Food Crops : Paddy, Black gram, Banana, Green gram, Sugarcane, Cashewnut and Maize

g. Important non Food Crops : Groundnut, Coconut, Cotton & Gingelly
7. IRRIGATION (Fasli 1420)

i. Net Area Irrigated by (in Hec.)
   a. Government Canals : 17283
   b. Private Canals : Nil
   c. Tanks : 46375
   d. Tube Wells : 990
   e. Other Wells : 44801
   f. Other Sources : Nil
   g. Total Net Area Irrigated : 109449

ii. Gross Area Irrigated : 132606

iii. Name of the River:
     Tamirabarani, Ramanathi, Kadananathi, Karuppanathi, Kundaru and Chittaru

iv. Name of the Lake: Nil

8. ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

i. Veterinary Institutions
   a. Veterinary Hospitals : 7
   b. Veterinary Dispensaries : 59
   c. Clinician Centres (Poly clinic) : 1
   d. Sub-centres : 60

ii. Poultry Development
   a. Chicks produced in hatcheries : 10920000
   b. Birds sold for breeding : Nil
   c. Birds sold for food : 8751000

iii. Livestock and Poultry Population 2004 Census
   a. Cattle : 418694
   b. Buffaloes : 78777
   c. Sheep : 487273
   d. Goat : 390570
   e. Poultry : 1218583
9. DAIRY DEVELOPMENT  (Govt)
   a. Dairies : 1
   b. Milk Chilling Plants : 2
   c. No. of Milk Co-operative Societies : 312
   d. Milk Production (Lakh Litres) : 180.37

10. FISHERIES
   I. Length of Coastal Line (Km) : 48.9
   II. No. of Coastal Blocks : 2
   III. No. of Coastal Centres (Landing) : 7
   IV. Marine Fish Production (Tonnes) : 1250
   V. Inland Fish Production (Tonnes) : 1343

11. FOREST
   I. Forest Area (Hec.) : -
      a. Forests : 127758
      b. Social Forests : 1088
      c. Unclassed Forests : -
   II. Out-turn of Forest Product
      a. Timber (Cu.m.) : N.A
      b. Fuel wood (MT) : N.A
      c. Pulpwood (MT) : N.A
      d. Sandalwood (MT) : N.A
      e. Rubber (MT) : N.A
      f. Bamboo (Tonne) : N.A
      g. Tea Green Leaves (Tonne) : N.A
      h. Wattle Bark (MT) : N.A
12. ELECTRICITY (IN M.U.)

I. Generation of Electricity
   a. Hydro : 868.245
   b. Wind Mill Generation : 1145.045
   c. Thermal : Nil
   d. Power Purchased : 260.269
   e. Gas Turbine : -

II. Consumption of Electricity (in m.u.)
   a. Agriculture : NA
   b. Industry : 80.535
   c. Commercial : 146.672
   d. Domestic : 594.567
   e. Public Lighting & Public Works : 79.726
   f. Sales to Licensees : NIL
   g. Sales to Other States : NIL
   h. Miscellaneous : 31.315

III. Rural Electrification
   a. No. of Pump sets Electrified : 80297
   b. No. of Villages Electrified : 616
   c. Number of Hamlets Electrified : 1932

13. ENTERPRISES  5th Economic Census 2005

   a. No. of Agri. Enterprises : 24668 1880
   b. No. of Non-Agr. Enterprises : 204405 80542
   c. No. of Enterprises
      i. With premises : 221628 80567
      ii.) Without premises : 7445 1855
14. INDUSTRIES

No. of Working Factories (Regd) : 597
No. of Workers : 21162
No. of Trade Unions : 923
No. of Strikes : 1
No. of Lockouts : -
Large Scale Industries : NA
Medium Scale Industries : NA
Small Scale Industries : NA
Cottage Industries : NA
No. of new factories set up : NA

Name of the important industries in the district : The India Cements Ltd., Sankar Nagar, Sundaram Textiles Ltd., Nanguneri, Subburaj Spinning Mills, Sankar Nagar, Dharani Sugars Ltd., Dharani Nagar, Sun Paper mill private Ltd., Cheranmahadevi EM.Pee Sugars & Chemical Ltd., Idaikal, Syed cotton mills Alangulam & Nanguneri, Survalakshmi Paper Board Ltd., Seethaparbanallur, Gangaikondan, Nanguneri, SIDCO Industrial Estate Valliyoor

Name of the industrial park : Gangaikondan, Nanguneri, SIDCO Industrial Estate Valliyoor

15. KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES

I  KHADI

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<td>c. Silk</td>
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<td>d. Yarn</td>
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II  VILLAGE INDUSTRIES

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<td>b. Leather Goods</td>
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<td>c. Industrial Co.Op Societies</td>
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16. MEDICAL AND HEALTH (in numbers)

I. Modern Medicine (Government only)

a. No. of Hospitals : 13
b. Primary Health Centres : 69
c. Health Sub Centres : 383
d. Other Medical Institution : 1+1 (TVMCH + Sidha)
e. Beds in Hospitals : 3316
f. Doctors : 348
g. Nurses : 809

II. Indian Medicine (Government only)

a. Hospitals : 1
b. Primary Health Centres : -
c. Beds in Hospitals : 350
d. Doctors : 56
e. Nurses : 22

III. Homoeopathy (Government only)

a. Hospitals : -
b. Primary Health Centres : -
c. Beds in Hospitals : -
d. Doctors : -
e. Nurses : -

17. EDUCATION

I. Universities : 2

II. Arts and Science Colleges : 24

III. Colleges for Professional Education

a. Allopathy : 1
b. Indian Medicine : 1
c. Homoeopathy : -
d. Engineering Colleges : 18
e. Agriculture Colleges : -
f. Veterinary Colleges : -
g. Law Colleges : 1
IV. Colleges for Special Education : 25

V. Pre primary Schools : -
VI. Primary Schools : 1757

VII. Middle Schools : 429

VIII. High Schools : 169

IX. Hr.Sec.School : 142
X. Education guarantee scheme : -

18. TRANSPORT

I. Road Length (Km.) :
   National Highways : 71.40 (NH208)
   State Highways : 654.849
   Major District Road : 387.140
   Other District Road : 1795.164
   Sugarcane Road : 8.000

II. Registered Motor Vehicles
   a. Commercial : 3820
   b. Non-Commercial : 30017

III. Railway Length (in Km)
   a. Route Length : 170.24
   b. Track Length : 239.42
   c. Number of Railway Stations : 26

IV. Number of Sea Ports : NIL

V. Number of Air Ports : NIL

VI. Name of the Air Port : NIL

VII. Name of the Export Commodity : MAT, Cloth, Onion, Chilies.
19. COMMUNICATION

I. Post & Telegraph (in No.)
   a. Post Offices doing postal business alone: 388
   b. Post Offices doing Postal & Telegraph Business: Nil

II. Telephones
   a. No. of Telephones in use: 92557
   b. No. of Public Call Offices: 7186
   c. No. of Telephones Exchanges: 81

20. CO-OPERATION

I. District Central Cooperative Banks (including branches): 27
II. District Co-operative Union: 1
III. Co-Operative Training Institute: 1
IV. Co-Operative Printing Press: 1
V. P.A.C.B: 158
VI. Primary Agricultural and Rural Development Bank: 8
VII. Cooperative Urban Bank: 6
VIII Whole Sale Co.Operative Store: 1
IX. Primary Cooperative Stores: 33
X. Students Cooperative Store: 145
XI. Cooperative Employees Thrift and Credit Society: 81

21. REGISTRATIONS

I. No. of Registration Offices: 40
II. Aggregate Value of property transferred (Rs.in Crores): 3149.90
22. HOUSING

i. No. of tenements constructed by TNHB : Nil
ii. Dy Registrar Housing : Nil
iii. No. of tenements constructed by TNSCB : 207
iv. No. of tenements constructed by TNPHB : -
v. Deputy Registrar, Housing-Rural : -
vi. Deputy Registrar, Housing-Urban : -
vii. Samathuvapuram : -
viii. Total No. of Households : -

23. SOCIAL WELFARE (in Nos.)

I. Old Age Pension for aged : 40066
II. Physically Handicapped Pension : 2343
III. Widow Pension : 7467
IV. Agri. Labour pension : 1968
V. Deserted Wives Pension : 2257
VI. Unmarried woman Pension : 492
VII. Uzhavar Sandhai : 5

24. NUTRITIOUS MEALS PROGRAMME

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25. REVENUE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONS

i. Revenue Divisions : 3
ii. Revenue Taluks : 11
iii. Revenue Firkas : 60
iv. Revenue Villages : 616
26. LOCAL BODIES
   i. Corporations : 1
   ii. Municipalities : 7
   iii. Panchayat Unions : 19
   iv. Town Panchayats : 36
   v. Village Panchayats : 425

27. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
   i. No. of Development Divisions : 1
   ii. No. of Blocks Covered : 19
   iii. Population Covered (Lakhs) : 14.16
   iv. Area Covered (Sq.Km.) : 6429

28. POLICE AND PRISIONS
   Police Force
     Local : 2346
     Armed Reserve : 934
     Police Stations : 117
     Police Outposts : 5
     Central Prisons : 1
     Other Prisons : 12

29. LEGISLATURE
   Members of the Legislative Assembly
     Elected : 10
     Nominated : Nil
   Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha) : 2
   Members of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) : 1
30. CINEMA THEATRES (in Nos)

Permanent

   a. Air-conditioned : 6
   b. Non-Air conditioned : 36
   c. Air Cooled : -

Open Air Theatres : Nil

Semi Permanent : 2

Touring : Nil

31. BANKS / INSURANCE

Bank

   Commercial Banks : 196
   DCCB etc. : 47
   Private Sector Banks : 36
   Regional rural Banks : 50
   Lead Bank : 53

Life Insurance

   Offices : 16
   Policies Issued : 249151
   Premium Received (Rs.in Crores) : 2850.57
32. NATURAL RESOURCES

Name of the mineral found in the District: Lime stone, Garnet sand, Rough stone sully, Kankar, Illuminate

33. GENERAL

I. Name of the important pilgrim Centre:

1. Tirunelveli Arulmigu Gandhimathi Nellaiappar Temple
2. Krishnapuram Ancient Sculpture
3. Sankarankoil Arulmigu Sankaranarayana Temple
4. Tenkasi Arulmigu Kasiviswanathar Temple
5. Thirukurunkudi Arulmigu Nambi Temple
6. Nanguneri Arulmigu Vanumanalai Temple
7. Parathar Uvari Kappal Matha Temple
8. Nadar Uvari Arulmigu Syambulingasamy Temple
9. Athankarai Pallivasal Dharga
10. Papanasam Arulmigu Sivan Temple
11. Courtalam Arulmigu Courtaleesuwar Temple
12. Panpozhi Arulmigu Thirumalai Kumarasamy Temple
13. Pottal Pudur: Dharga

II. Name of the important Tourist Centre:

1. Courtalam: Main falls, Old Falls, Five Falls, Honey Falls, Tiger Falls and Boating
2. Papanasam: Dam site, Agasthiar falls and Temple
3. Manimuthar: Dam site and falls
4. Mundanthurai: Wild life Sanctuary
5. Kalakadu: Wild life sanctuary
6. Koondhankulam: Birds sanctuary
7. Tirunelveli: District Science Centre and Temple