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South Indian Cultures, Traditions, and People

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What is culture ?

- “Set of distinctive spiritual, material, intellectual, and emotional features of society or a social group, and that it encompasses, in addition to art and literature, lifestyles, ways of living together, value systems, traditions and beliefs.” By UNESCO
- Way of living
- Culture is dynamic not static
- No culture is inferior or superior.
Period !



India: Land of Diversity

- Unity in diversity is the principle of our nationality
- 22 official languages
- 7 major religion (Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, Buddhism, Jainism, Parsi)
- Birth of Jainism, Buddhism, Hinduism and Sikhism
- Geographical diversity
- Complex History
- 1.3 Billion population
- Sovereign socialist secular and democratic republic



Complex history of India

Ancient India (2500 BCE- CE 750)

- Indus valley Civilization (2500 BCE)
- Vedic Age (1500 BCE- 600 BCE)
- Age of Mahajanapadas (BCE 600 to BCE 300)
- Mauryan Empire
- Post Mauryan period (200 BCE to 300 CE)
- Gupta Empire (320 CE to CE 550)
- Post Gupta (up to CE 750)
- South India (Sangam Age- Chola, Chera and Pandya dynasty)

Medieval India (6th to 16th century)

- Delhi Sultanate
- Mughal Empire
- Marathas
- Vijayanagar Empire
- Pallava dynasty
- Imperial Chola
- Chalukya
- Rashtrakuta

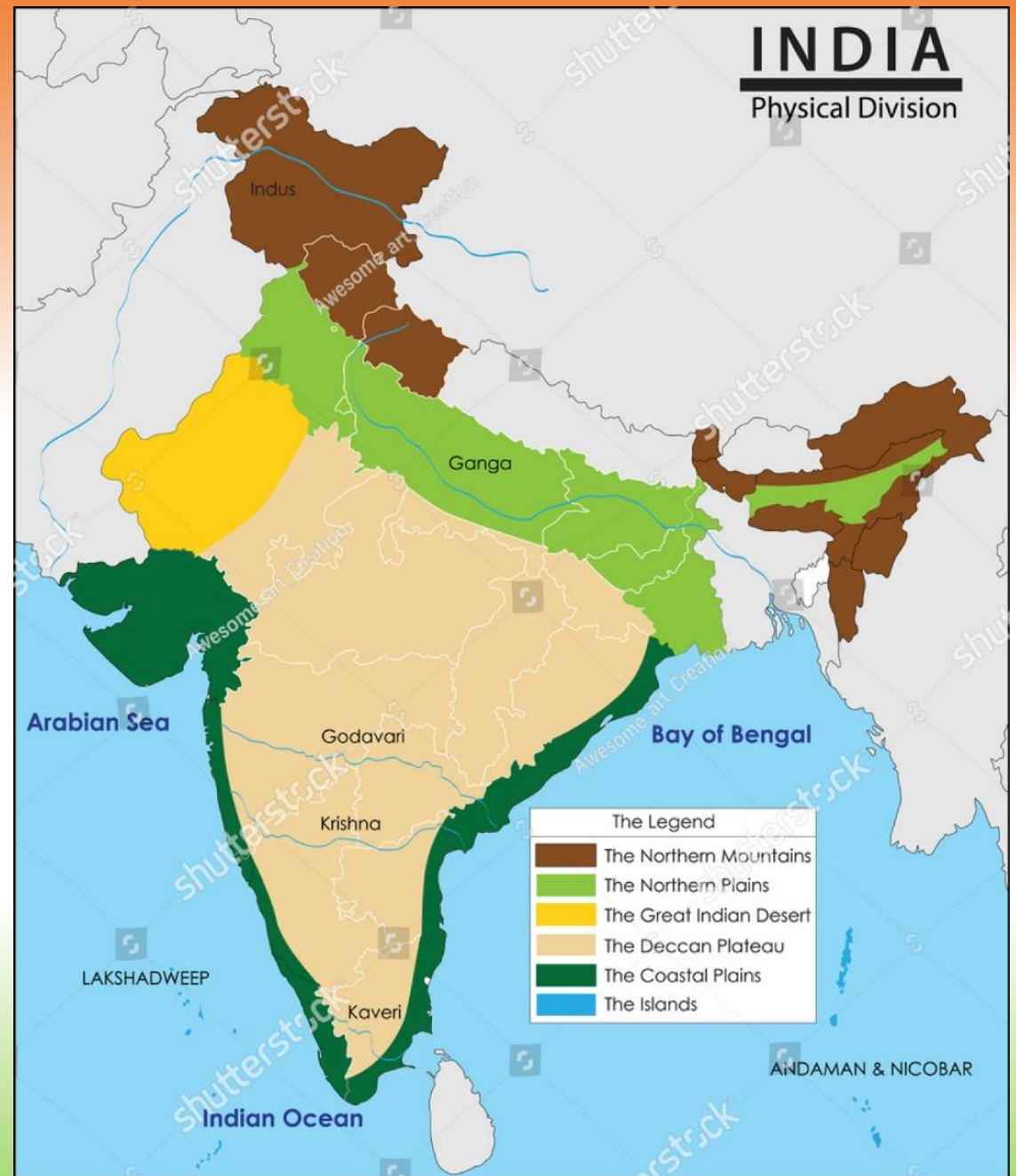
Modern India (16th century- 1947)

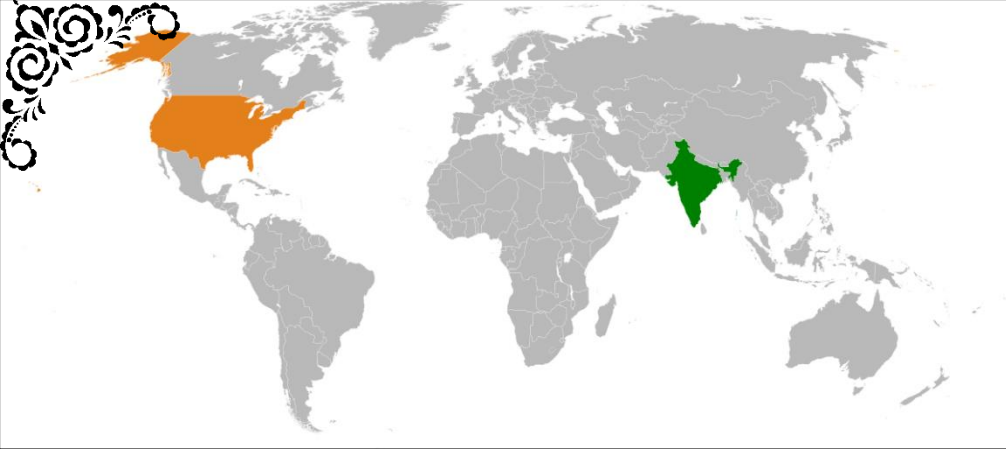
- Small States
- Arrival of European companies (Portuguese, British, Dutch, French etc.)
- British rule
- Freedom struggle

Post Independence (1947- till date)

- Sovereign socialist secular and democratic republic

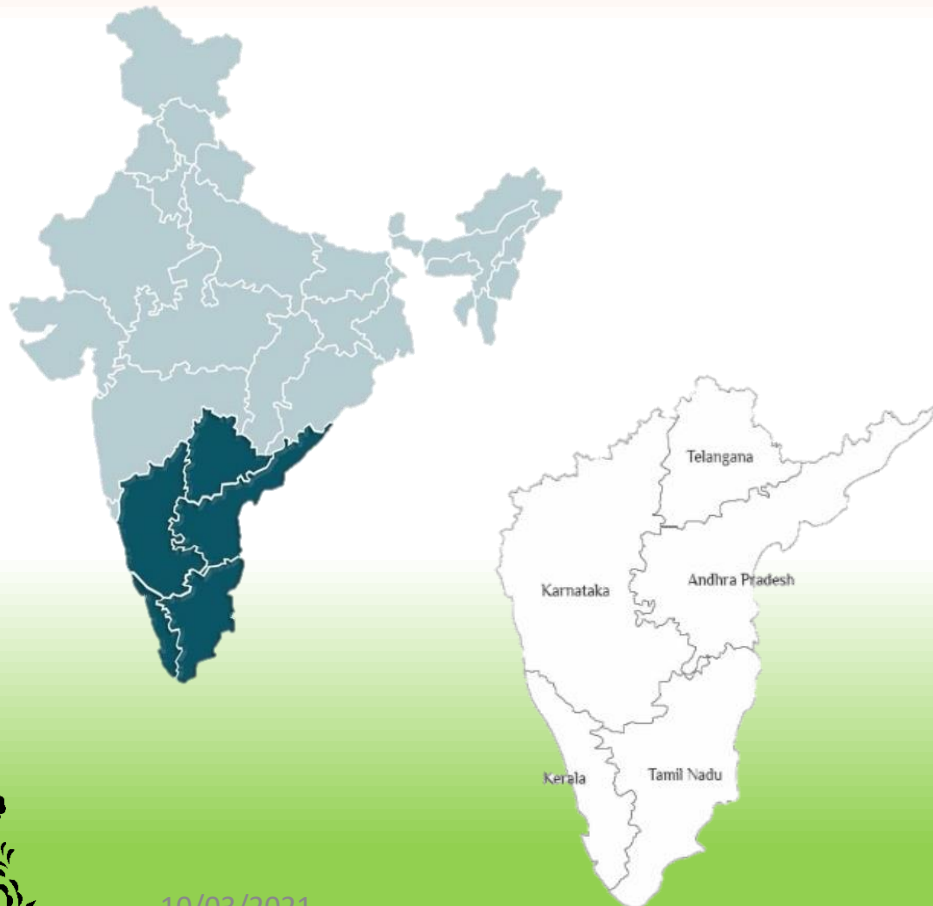
Diversity in Geography





South India

- Broadly considered as Dravidian culture
- Politically divided in to four states based on language
- Entirely in the peninsular part of India
- Entirely different cultures



	Tamil Nadu (TN)	Kerala (KL)	Karnat aka (KA)	Andhra Pradesh (AP)	Telangana (TL)	Total (South India)	USA
Population (million)	72	33	61	49	35	247	311
Area (million Km2)	0.13	0.038	0.19	0.16	0.11	0.628	9.8



Arts & Culture

Visual art
(Architecture, painting etc.)

Performing arts
(Music, dance, cinema, martial art, animal sports etc.)

Miscellaneous
(Festivals, crafts, language, cuisine, marriage ceremony etc.)



VISUAL ARTS

Architecture

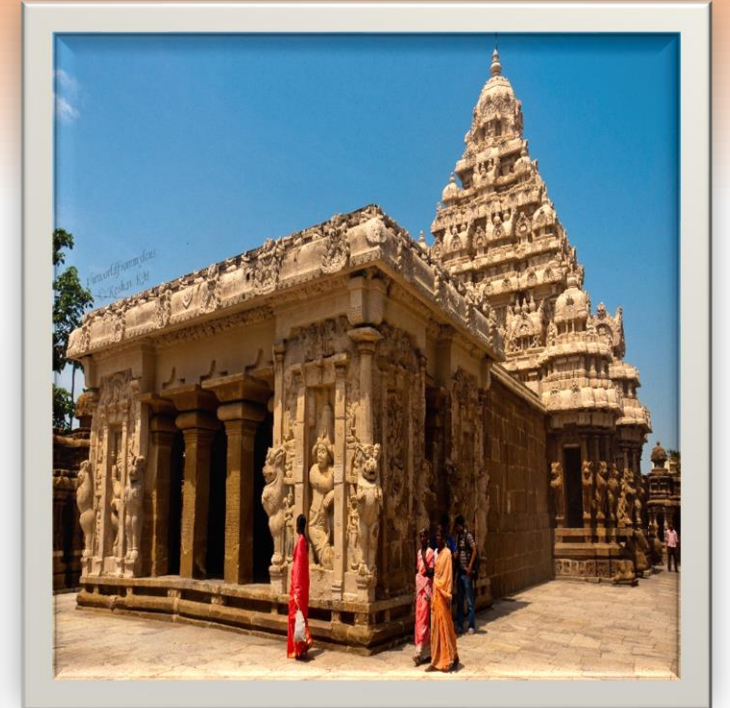
Religious buildings



Pancharthas at Mahabalipuram (TN)



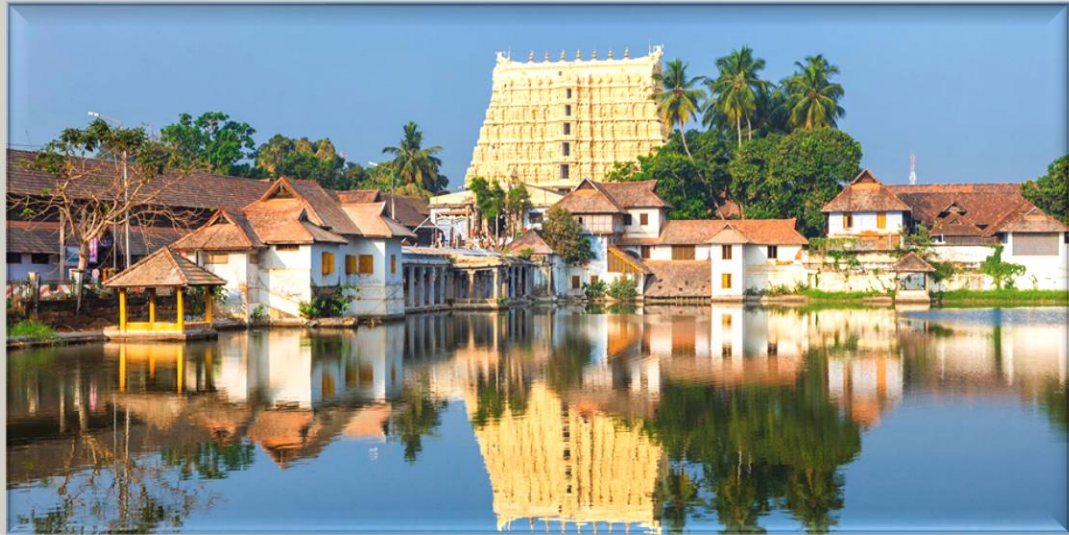
Shore temple at Mahabalipuram (TN)



Kailasanath Temple (TN)



Sabarimala Temple (KL)



10/05/2011 Padmanabhaswami Temple (KL)



Sree Virupaksha Temple (KA)



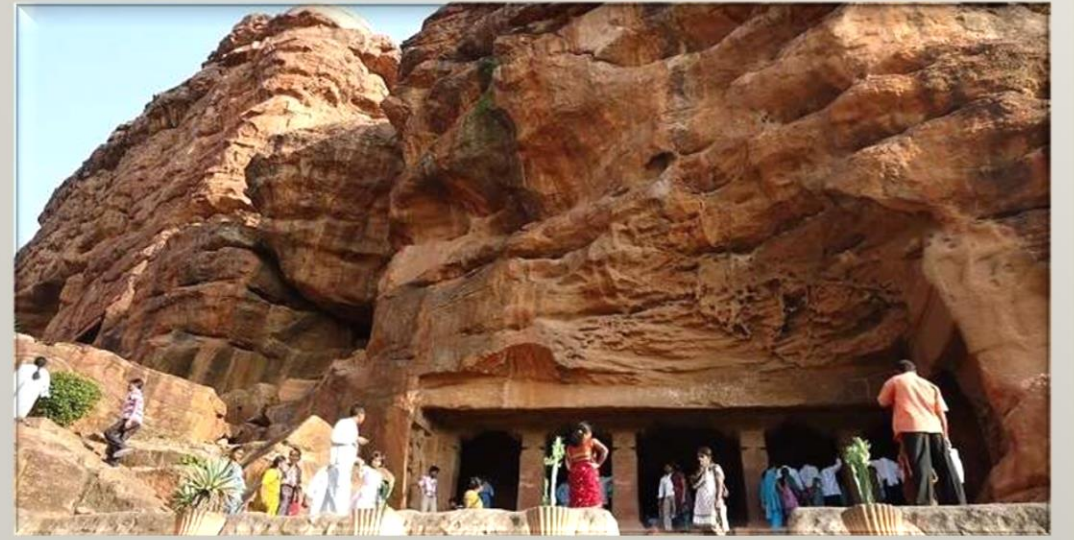
Vijayalaya Temple (TN)



Brihadeswara Temple (TN)



Keshava Temple, Somnathpur (KA)- Hoysala Temple



Badami Cave Temple (KA)- Chalukya Style



Mallikarjuna and Kashivishwanatha Temples (KA)



Tirupathi Temple (AP)



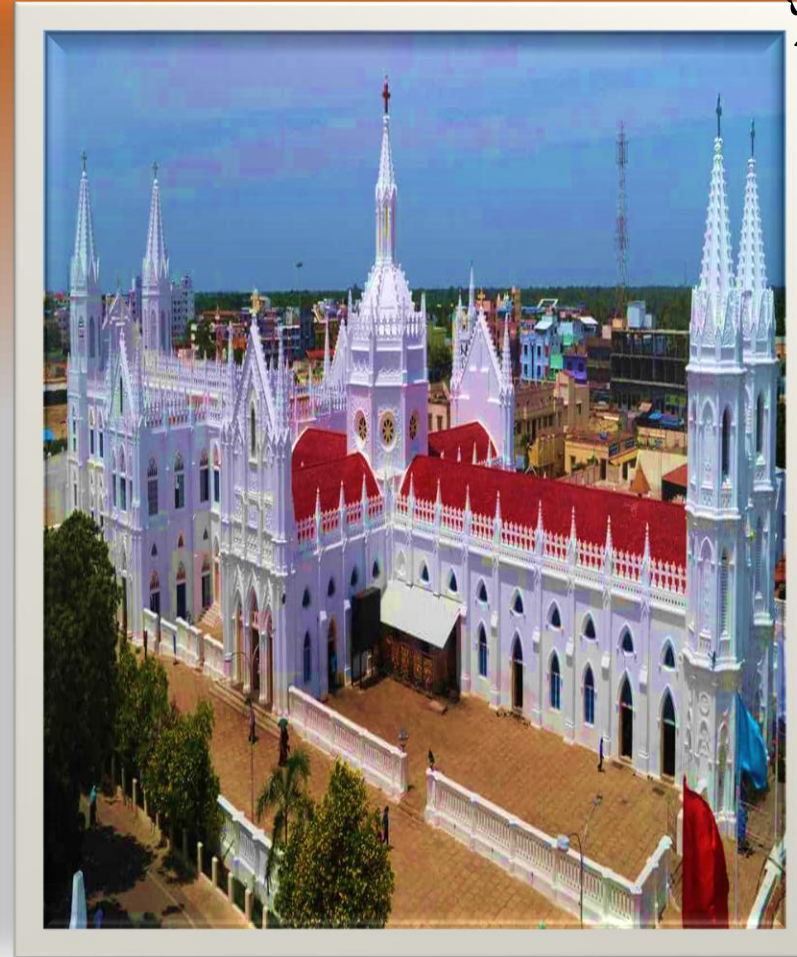
Santhome Basilica (TN)

- Believed to house the remains of St Thomas (one of the twelve apostles of Jesus)



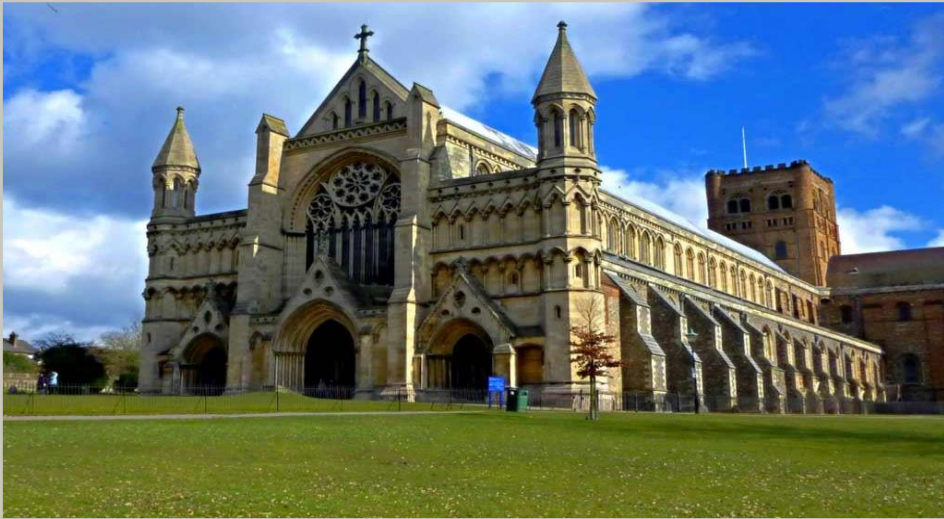
Santa Cruz Cathedral Basilica (KL)

- Originally built by Portuguese



Velankanni Church (TN)

- One of the most visited churches in India



Medak Cathedral (TL)

- One of the biggest in Asia



Cheraman Juma Mosque

- Believed to be the oldest (629 AD) mosque in Indian subcontinent



Thazhathangady Juma Masjid (KL)

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About 1000 years old, Kerala architecture



Chendamangalam Synagogue (KL)



Mekkah Masjid, Hyderabad

- Bricks made of the soil brought from Mecca



Charminar (1591)

- Official emblem of Telangana
- Listed as an archaeological and architectural treasure by Archaeological Survey of India

Traditional residential buildings

Tamil Nadu



Potter's House



Merchant House



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Brahmin House



Agricultural House

Karnataka



Chikmagalur House



Ilkal weaver's house

Andhra Pradesh



Coastal Andhra house



Ikatt House

Kerala



Christian House



Hindu House North Kerala



Modern house

Painting and Sculpture



Kolam



Mural painting



Raja Ravi Varma Paintings



Gomateswara Statue (KA)

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Adiyogi Statue (TN)



Nataraja sculptures



Jatayu statue (KL)

PERFORMING ARTS

Dance

- Classical- 4/8 Classical dances in India are from south India



Bharatanatyam (TN)



Kadhakali (KL)



Kuchuppudi (AP & TL)



Mohiniyattam (KL)

Other dances



Oppana



Kummi Kali



Margam kali



Thiruvathira



Dollu Kunita

Traditional Theaters



Krishnattam (KL)
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Yakshagana (KA)



Theyyakoothu (TN)



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Koodiyattam (KL)



Kurathiattom (TN)

Puppetry



String Puppetry

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Shadow Puppetry



Glove Puppetry

Animal Sports



Jallikettu (TN)



Buffalo race- Kambala (KA)



Cock fight- Kozhipporu (TN)



Elephant race (KL)

Martial Arts



Kalaripayattu (KL)



Silambam (TN)

Cinema



Tamil- Kollywood



Telugu- Tollywood



Malyalam- Mollywood



10/03/2021 Kannada-Sandalwood

Music

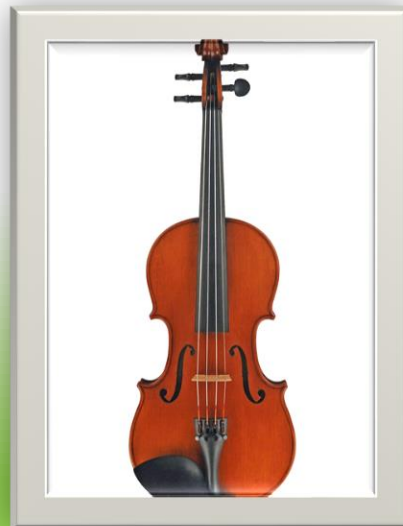
- Carnatic and Hindustani music
- Carnatic is confined to South India

Musicians consisting of

- a principal performer (usually a vocalist)
- a melodic accompaniment (usually a violin),
- a rhythm accompaniment (usually a mridangam),
- a tambura, which acts as a drone throughout the performance
- Other typical instruments - ghatam, kanjira, morsing, venu flute, veena, and chitraveena



Tanjavar-style Tambura



Violin



Mridangam

MISCELLANEOUS

Languages

- Most explicit cultural component
- Major languages
 - Tamil- Tamil Nadu
 - Malayalam- Kerala
 - Kannada- Karnataka
 - Telugu- Andhra Pradesh and Telangana
- Major Dravidian languages
- Entirely different
- Classical language status
 - recorded history of 1500-2000 years
 - literary tradition should be original and not borrowed
 - Tamil-first classical language of India
- Many regional languages also
 - Konkani, Tulu, Beary etc.



Kannada Kanarese ಕನ್ನಡ

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Telugu తెలుగు

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Tamil Tamil தமிழ்

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 க ங ச ஞ ட ண
 த ந ப ம ய ர
 ல வ ழ ள ற ன
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Malayalam മലയാളം

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 ത മ ദ ധ ന
 പ ഫ ബ ഭ മ
 യ ര ല വ
 ശ ഷ സ ഹ ള റ ഴ



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Cuisines

- Famous for masala/spices
- South Indian spices are world famous since ancient history



Dosa and Idly (TN)



Pongal and Vada (TN)



Sadya (KL)



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Bamboo Chicken (AP & TL)



Hyderabad Biryani (AP & TL)



Toddy (KL & TN)



Haleem (AP & TL)



Filter coffee



Tender coconut



Payasam



Buttermilk

Festivals

- Generally connected with ancient stories or harvest
- Many major and regional festivals
- Christmas and Ramzan also



Vishu (KL)



Pongal (TN)



Diwali



Dussehera



Onam (KL)
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Hand crafts



Ilkal Saree (KA)

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Pochampalli Saree (AP & TL)



Konard Saree (TN)



Kalamkari Saree (Ap & T)



Kasavu Saree and Mundu (KL)

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Kondapalli Toys (AP)



Bagh Kasuti (KA)



Pattu (Silk) saree

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Marriages



Muslim marriage

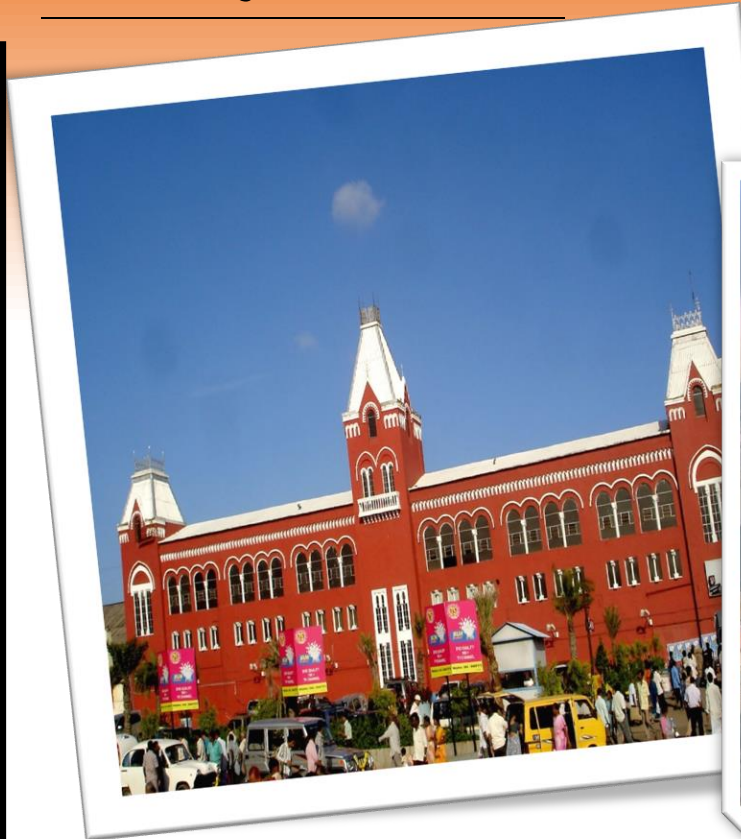
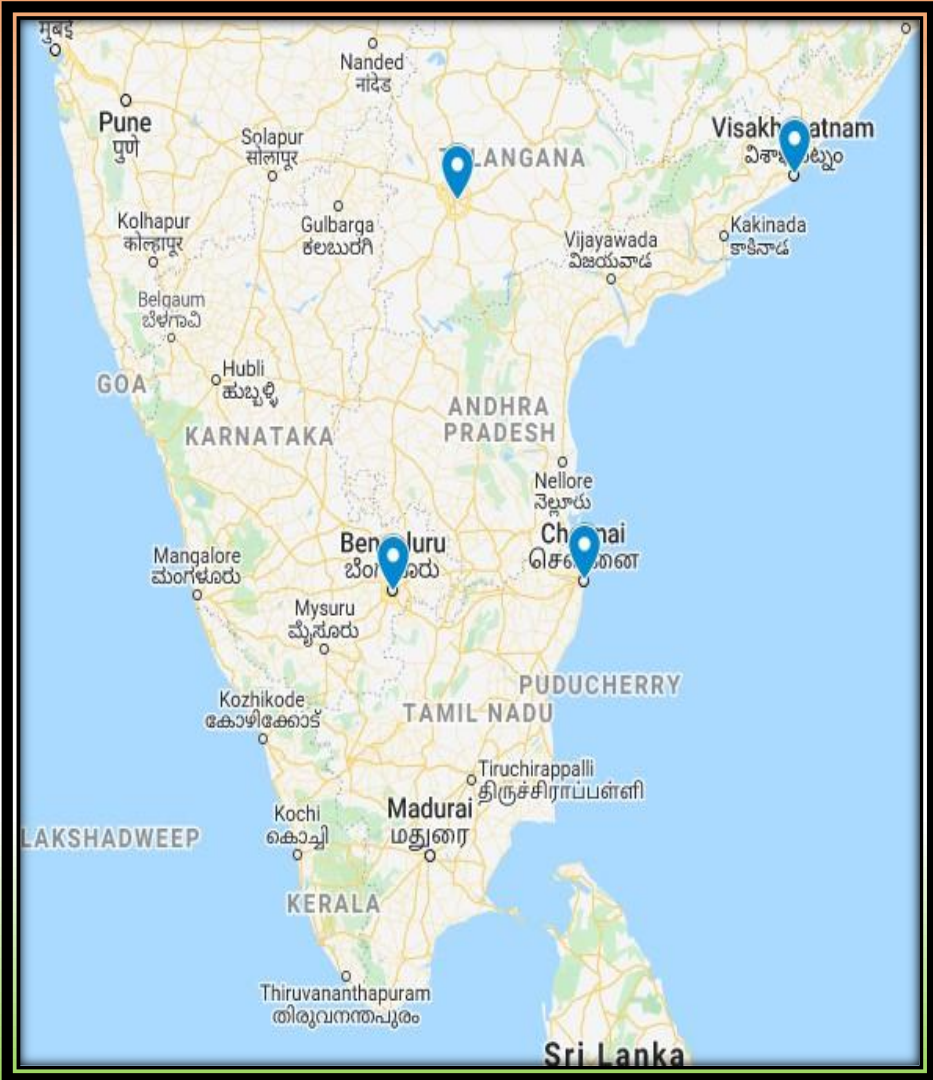


Hindu marriage



Christian marriage

Metro Cities



Chennai (TN)

- 13 million population
- 8462 Km²



Bengaluru (KA)

- 10 million
- 8005 Km²



Hyderabad (TL)

- 9.7 million
- 7257 Km²



Vishakhapattanam (AP)

- 5 million
- 4873 Km²

Tourist destinations

Karnataka



Coorg

- Hill station in Western Ghats
- Tea plantation, weather, waterfalls, etc.



Hampi

- Historical place
- Temples, monuments, hills



Mysuru

- Historical place
- Palaces, monuments, Dasara, zoo, temples

Kerala



Waynad

- Hill station in Western Ghat
- Wildlife, trekking, nature, dams and lakes



Munnar

- Hill station in Western ghats
- Tea plantations. Arch dam, spices, wildlife, weather etc.



Alleppy

- Backwater tourism
- House boats, boat races, fish food

Tamil Nadu



Ooty

- Hill station in Western Ghat
- Weather, nature
- Nilgiri Train is UNESCO world heritage list



Pondicherry (Union Territory)

- French culture
- Beach, architecture, Auroville experimental township



Kanyakumari

- Southern most tip of Indian mainland
- Sunrise and sunset, Arabian ocean and Indian ocean, churches and temples

Andhra Pradesh



Gandikota

- Grand Canyon of India
- Fort, canyon



Vijayawada



Kurnool

Telengana



Ramoji Film City



Golconda Fort



Warangal

Geographical Indications

Tamil Nadu



Kancheepuram Silk



Tanjavur Paintings



Kovai Coza Cotton



Dindugal Lock



Srivilliputtur Palkova



Kodaikanal Malai Poondu



Palani Panchamṛitham



Vizupakshi Hill Banana



Toda Embroidery

Karnataka



Coorg green cardamom



Gulbarga
Tur Dal



Mysore Pak



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Kasuti Embroidery

Kerala



Aleppy coir



Brass broided coconut shell craft



Chengalikkodan banana



Vazhakkulam pineapple



Pokkali rice



Marayur jaggery

Andhra Pradesh



Guntur Chilli



Mangalagiri Saree



Kalamkari art



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Telangana



Cheriyal Painting



Gadwal Sarees



Silver Filigree of Karimnagar



Nizmal Furniture

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