



Puducherry

- * **Capital:** Puducherry
- * **Date of formation:** January 7, 1963
- * **Languages:** Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam
- * **Size:** 479 sq km
- * **Population:** 12,44,464
- * **Sex Ratio:** 1037 F/1000M
- * **Literacy:** 85.85 %
- * **Density:** 2,547 per sq km
- * **Major crops:** Rice, Maize, Jowar (Cholam), Bajra (Cumbu), Ragi and Pulses
- * **Minerals:** Kaolin, Lignite
- * **Highest Peak:** Les Montagnes Rouges (30m)
- * **Fairs and festivals:** Fire Walking festival, Sedal, Mascarade festival, Masi Magam, Veerampattinam Car festival, Kinni Radhothsavam, Brahamothsavam, St. Theresa festival, Bastille day, Mangani festival, Kandoori festival, Mandalam Vilakku, Pongal
- * **Museum:** Puducherry Museum
- * **Cuisine:** Coconut Curry, Tandoori Potato, Soya Dosa, Italian Baked Beans, Podanlankai, Assad, Curried Vegetables, Stuffed Cabbage.
- * **Tourist attractions:** Serenity Beach, Plage Paradiso, Karaikal Beach, Place du Government, Aurobindo Ashram

Factoids:

- * Mahe, a small town in Puducherry, is also known as Mayyazhi or the 'sea's eyebrow'.
- * The ancient town of Arikamedu traded pottery, beads, precious stones and textiles with the Romans in exchange for wine, olive oil and fish sauce.

