

Arcot Municipality was constituted in 1959. It had Third Grade Municipality and was subsequently upgraded to second Grade Municipality in 1973. Very recently, in July 1998, it was upgraded to I Grade Municipality. The selected council with 30 members and chairpersons have functioned from 25 October 2006.

The first grade commissioner is working as Executive Authority of the Municipal Administration with the Regional Director of Municipal Administration, Vellore and Collector of Vellore District and overall control by the Commissioner of Municipal Administration are functioning administrative head of this urban local body.

Arcot Town has a 7.49 km<sup>2</sup> area with a population of 49,953 as per the 2001 census. The Municipal office is situated nearly 1/4 km east from the bus stand.

Arcot town is an historical town with monuments and forts once ruled by Arcot Navab. The town is located on the southern bank of Palar river, easily accessible from the capital of Tamil Nadu. Chennai is within 120 km and the district headquarters are within 25 km.

Arcot has been developing as a commercial centre for long time as it is connected to [Chennai](#) and [Vellore](#) by the National Highways-46 [Ranipet](#) to [Krishnagiri](#) Road ([Arani](#) to [Chennai](#)) passing through this town. Arcot is famous for the coarse rice variety called "arcot kicheli", and thus several rice mills and paddy mundys were established. Besides this, tourists see nick beauty namely [Delhi Gate](#) and green stone mosque within the town. This generates floating population to this town.

[Arcot \(State Assembly Constituency\)](#) is part of [Arakkonam \(Lok Sabha constituency\)](#).

Arcot is located at [12.9°N 79.33°E](#). It has an average elevation of 164 metres (538 ft).