

## Characteristics and importance of the town including tourist attractions

The Huge Hill at Dindigul resembles a pillow. Thus, the city is known as Dindigul, a portmanteau from the Indian 'Thindu' for pillow, and 'kal' for rock. Also commonly known as the "City of Locks and Tannery", it is a fast growing tier-4 city.

### **Dindigul locks**

Iron-lock steel safes made in Dindugul are known for good quality and durability. The lock manufacturing in Dindugul is operated as a co-operative sector. Dindugal locks are sold to local, national, and international markets.

### **Tobacco**

Dindigul has been a centre of tobacco trade and a manufacturer of cigars from the time of British rule. A favorite cigar of Winston Churchill, the 'Light of Asia', was produced in Dindigul. The tobacco industry is one of the main sources of employment for the inhabitants of Dindigul. The central government has a research center for tobacco in vedasandur. This is one of the two centers in India, the other one is Rajmundri

### **Sirumalai**

Sirumalai hill is very famous hill near to Dindigul city located just 24 km from Dindigul. Travel Direction: Start your journey towards Natham from Dindigul. Sirumalai hill is very famous for its bananas(known as siru'malai'

vaalaipalam). Sirumalai hill's bananas is exported to Foreign countries from past. Another important thing to be noted is many rare herbs are available in Sirumali hill. Hence, Sirumalai hill is very popular among the Sidha medical practitioners.

As a tourist spot the developments for the artificial lake is on construction and soon will be opened for boating expected, by mid of 2010. The students from schools & colleges go for trekking and for other fun activities. The Hill has totally 20 hair-pin bends and on the middle of the travel you can able to find a church and a view point from where you can watch the beauty of Dindigul city also the "Dindigul Rock Fort" and few lakes. The climate here is enjoyable and it is too cool once you reach top of the hill town.

### **Dindigul briyani**

Dindigul is very famous for briyani. Briyani prepared in Dindigul uses a small rice called seeraga samba and with special ingredients. Some of the famous shops in Dindigul are Ponram Hotel, Aachis and Venu Hotel. Dindigul Briyani is very famous among politicians and Tamil cinema stars.

The most beautiful, sensational part of the city . It has a collective group of people following different cultures. Here all the people will celebrate independence and republic days as a grand festival. The heart of the city has aarthi and siva complex and the city highway aarthi theatre road connects the south and north of the mother city.