

## **Formation of the Municipality**

**Mayiladuthurai** (formerly known as **Mayavaram** or **Mayuram**) is a major town in Mayiladuthurai district in Tamil Nadu, which is a Newly formed district. The town is located at a distance of 281 km (175 mi) from the state capital, Chennai. Mayiladuthurai is known for its ancient temples, some of them are the famous Mayuranathaswami Temple, a prominent Shaivite shrine and Parimala Renganathar Temple, a vaishnavite shrine which are located in the city. All the prominent Navagraha temples are located around Mayiladuthurai. It is well connected by road and rail transport. Mayiladuthurai serves as an important junction in main line connecting Chennai with Trichy. It is the headquarters of the newly formed Mayiladuthurai district. Mayiladuthurai is developing and one of the largest city in the Delta region.

Mayiladuthurai was ruled by Medieval Cholas and subsequently ruled by various dynasties, including the Vijayanagar Empire, Delhi Sultanate, Thanjavur Nayaks, Thanjavur Marathas and the British Empire. Mayiladuthurai was a part of the erstwhile Tanjore district until India's independence in 1947 and Thanjavur district until 1991 and subsequently a part of the newly formed Nagapattinam district. The town is known for agriculture, and weaving. As Mayiladuthurai is situated in East Coast, Fishing plays an vital role on generating it's revenue.

Mayiladuthurai is administered by a municipality established in 1866. As of 2008, the municipality covered an area of 11.27 km<sup>2</sup> (4.35 sq mi). Mayiladuthurai comes under the Mayiladuthurai assembly constituency which elects a member to the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly once every five years and it is a part of the Mayiladuthurai constituency which elects its Member of Parliament (MP) once in five years. Roadways and Railways are the major mode of transportation to the town. It has well established railway connectivity to various cities such as Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai, Tiruchirapalli, Rameswaram, Kanniyakumari, Tirupati, Bengaluru, Mysuru, Varanasi, Bhuvaneshwar, Jaipur etc..while the nearest airport, Pondicherry Airport, is located 116 km (72 mi) from the town.

Mayiladuthurai was carved out of Nagapattinam district and inaugurated as the 38th district of Tamil Nadu on December 28, 2020.