

Chembakolli



Aim

- I can describe the physical features of Chembakolli and compare them to my own town.
- I can consider the effects of human geography on a place.



Where Is India?

India is located in Asia and is close to China, Pakistan and Nepal.
Can you find it on the map? What do you know about India?



India is surrounded by the Arabian Sea (west), Indian Ocean (south) and the Bay of Bengal (east).

Where Is Chembakolli?

Chembakolli is in the south of India in a region known as Tamil Nadu. It is the eleventh largest state in India.



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Is Tamil Nadu similar or different to the place you live?

What Is the Weather Like in Chembakolli?

Chembakolli is near the equator and has a **tropical** climate. This means it is hot and **humid** for most of the year, with little change of season. People who live here will experience lots of rain, hot days and warm nights. This part of India also experiences **monsoons**. Because most rain falls on the nearby mountains, this can lead to **drought** in villages like Chembakolli.



What Is the Weather Like in Chembakolli?

Monsoon	a seasonal wind bringing lots of rain.
Drought	a time of dry weather, leading to a shortage of water.
Humid	lots of water vapour in the air.
Tropical	tropical climates are found between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. The temperature is consistently warm throughout the year.
Seasons	There are only two seasons: the wet season and the dry season.

How is the weather where you live different? Click the button below to find out the weather forecast for your area and make a comparison.



How Can You Get to Chembakolli?

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Hurrah! You've made it!



What Is It Like to Live in Chembakolli?



A wooden structure with materials taken from the surrounding forest.

Gather thatch (dead and living grass roots and shoots) from the forest for the roof.

Layer mud and stones between the wooden frame to make the walls.

It is easy to repair or strengthen the homes because all the materials are close by in the forest.

The hut is warm in winter and cool in summer.

Chembakolli is one of many small villages dotted throughout the Nilgiri Hills. The people who live here are known as the Adivasi. They are tribal groups who live across Tamil Nadu.

What can you tell about the houses in Chembakolli?
What materials do you think were used to make this home?
What materials were used to make your home?



Your Daily Routines



Talk together and make a note of your daily routine. What time do you get up? What do you have for breakfast? What activities do you do in a day?

How is Life Different in Chembakolli?



The children walk through the forest, then catch the 'bus' to school in the nearest town.



No electricity for TV, enjoy reading books from the mobile library.



Cooking on an open fire



No running water

What Is It Like to Work in Chembakolli?

The Adivasi have faced many struggles in recent years. In the past, they have relied on the forest to provide everything they need. However in recent years, their land has been taken and they were not allowed to use the forest in the traditional, **sustainable** way to make their homes or to farm.

Support from charities has helped give the Adivasi a voice. They have gradually claimed back their land and are working hard to improve their communities.

What Is It Like to Work in Chembakolli?

Can you tell what kinds of jobs the people in Chembakolli do?



I can collect honey from the forest. If I have any extra honey, I can sell it in the local town.



I work on the local nature reserves as a mahout, working with elephants.



I grow tea which I can sell to a **Fairtrade** company and get a good price.

How Does Fairtrade Support Chembakolli?

Anyone fancy a cuppa? Tea is a popular drink, both in India and all around the world. Tamil Nadu is one of the major tea producing states in India, so the people of Chembakolli have a good reason to farm tea.

Fairtrade means a fair price for the tea produced on the plantations around Chembakolli.

There is also a Fairtrade Premium which is an extra payment that goes towards improving the community.

How Does Fairtrade Support Chembakolli?

Take a look at this video from Clipper Tea, which is a Fairtrade company working with communities across Tamil Nadu.

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How have the communities in Chembakolli and across Tamil Nadu benefitted from Fairtrade?



