



Comparing our local area to Chembakolli

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BIG QUESTION:
 'Are there any similarities between Chembakolli and London?'

Map of India & Chembakolli

Where Is India?

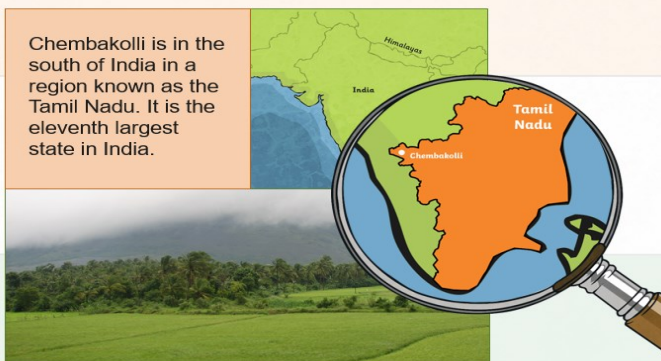
India is located in Asia and is close to China, Pakistan and Nepal. Can you find it on the map? What do you know about India?



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 the Tamil Nadu. It is the eleventh largest state in India.



Climate & Transport

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 a monsoon. Because most rain falls on the nearby mountains, this can lead to drought the villages.

Because of it's size and location, the easiest way to travel to Chembakolli would be by jeep, bus, rickshaw or elephant!



School in Chembakolli



Each school day starts with assembly in the prayer hall. The children sing Adivasi and English songs.

The children learn Tamil, English, maths, science and social studies.

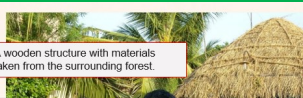
There is a library where the children can come to read books in Tamil and English.

They play many different games like *kho kho*, *kabbadi*, *dodgeball*, *football* and *skipping*.

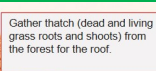
Life and work in Chembakolli



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



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.

The hut is warm in winter and cool in summer.



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

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.



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

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



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



Cooking on an open fire



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

Key Vocabulary

Chembakolli	A small village in Tamil Nadu, India.
Rickshaw	A light, two-wheeled cart consisting of a doorless, chair-like body, mounted on springs with a collapsible hood
Tamil	A language spoken in India
Fairtrade	Fair prices are paid for products like tea to provide workers with a stable income that can improve their lives.
Monsoon	A seasonal wind bringing lots of rain.
Drought	A time of dry weather, leading to a shortage of water.
Adivasi	A tribal group of people who live in Chembakolli



Recommended websites

<https://www.actionaid.org.uk/school-resources/search/s/topic/0-2371>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chembakolli>