

Fort St. George

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Tamil Nadu Chief Minister toured the Secretariat campus and several iconic places within the historic Fort St. George complex recently.

About Fort St. George

- It is a historic fort located in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu**.
- **Built** by the **British East India Company** in **1644**, it was the **first English fortress in India**.
- It became both a **trading base and a defensive outpost**, protecting their interests along the Coromandel coast.
- It is **made of brick & stone** and has **thick, tall walls** to protect against attacks.
- The fort has a **rectangular shape** with **strong, tall gates** at the entrance.
- It includes important buildings like **St. Mary's Church**, which is the oldest Anglican church in India, and the **Fort Museum**, which displays **artifacts from the colonial period**.

- The **fortified settlement** that **grew around it** served as the **nucleus of Madras**, which, in time, expanded and **evolved into modern Chennai**.
- **Currently**, it serves as the **administrative centre of Tamil Nadu**, with the **Secretariat, Legislative Assembly, and other government offices** housed within.

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