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The objective of this 'Map Series' is to provide users and planners with topographic and thematic information related to a district.

Pattanamittita, the 13th district of Kerala State came into existence on 1st November 1982, consisting of portions from Alappay, Idukki, Kottayam and Quilon Districts. It covers an area of 2642 sq.kms divided into 5 taluqs, 9 development blocks, 55 panchayats and 65 villages. The topography of the district is highly undulating with vast unending stretches of forests and rural landscapes. The land consists of 3 natural divisions - the highland with forest clad hill slopes, the midland with cultivations and plantations and the low land on the west covered mainly by coconut groves. Nearly 57% of the district consists of lush green forests having rare flora and fauna.

The district has a population of 11,88,332 as per 1991 census comprising of Christians, Muslims, Hindus and a few Tribals. Agriculture is the mainstay of the people. Cassava, rubber, sugarcane, coconut, pepper, banana etc are grown on a large scale. Rubber and timber produced here accounts for one third of the total production of the state. Animal husbandry is another major occupation. The fish breeding centre for quality fingerlings at Pannivelichira is one of the best in the state.

Climate is moderate and the two monsoons - South-west and North-east, provide fairly good rainfall to the area. Pamba, Achankovil and Manimala are the main rivers flowing across, nourishing the entire district. The abundant water resources are being utilised for irrigation purposes through Kallada and Pamba Irrigation Projects. Kallada the biggest multi-purpose project with a command area over 1,05,000 hectares is the 2nd largest producer of hydro-electric power in the state. The district is having a good network of roads, except in hilly areas. Industrially the district is backward considering the availability of resources.

Pattanamittita, the headquarters of the district is famous for Chandanakudam festival. The Shrine of Lord Ayappa at Sabarimala, the most famous pilgrim centre in India, situated amidst thick forests attracts crores of devotees during the pilgrimage season - November to mid-January. Aranmula the venue of the famous 'Snake Boat Race' - part of the 'Onam' festivities is also famous for its 'Valkannadi' - the ball-metal-mirror, the making of which is a unique art. The Vinjana Kalavadi here imparts training in traditional arts like Kathakali, Kalaripayattu, Classical dance and music and attracts number of foreign students and tourists.

The oldest church built by St. Thomas in AD 53 at Niranam, the 'Maraman Convention' - the largest Christian gathering in the world which takes place on the sandy bank of Pamba River, Cheraloluzha - the place of an important religious gathering of Hindus, Kakki Reservoir - set in a sylvan background, Perumnanaruvi Water Falls known as 'Kannamma Sundari', Konni where the wild elephants are tamed and trained for work, Cheralikulmi - a picturesque hill station, Parumala, Kadammanitta, Manjinkkara and Mannadi etc are some of the tourist attractions of the district.

REFERENCES

Boundary, international	---
Boundary, state : demarcated / undemarcated	---
Boundary, district : subdivision, taluk or taluk : forest	---
Boundary, block	---
Boundary, village : surveyed / unsurveyed	---
Roads, metalled : according to importance / distance	---
Roads, unmetalled : according to importance / bridge	---
Can-track, pack-track and pass, foot-path with bridge	---
Bridges with piers, without, causeway, ford or ferry	---
Railways, broad gauge : double / single with station / under constn.	---
Railways, other gauge : double / single with station / under constn.	---
Mineral line or railway : Main power line / Cutting with tunnel	---
Streams with track in bed / undefined, Canal	---
Dams : masonry or rock - filled / earthenwork	---
Weir	---
River banks : shelving : steep, 3 to 6 metres / over 6 metres	---
River, dry with water channel / with island / submerged rocks, Shoal, Swamps, Reeds	---
Wells : lined / unlined, Tubewell, Spring, tanks / perennial / dry	---
Embankments : road or rail / tank, Broken ground	---
Settlements : urban / rural, Fort	---
Huts : permanent / temporary, Tower, Antiquities	---
Temple, Church, Mosque, Idgah, Hindu, Christian	---
Lighthouse, Lightship, Buoy, Lighted, unlighted, Anchorage	---
Mine, Cultivation	---
Orchard & Plantation, Jungle areas	---
Post office, Telegraph office, Post & Telegraph office, Police station	---
Bungalows, club or travellers' inspection, Rest house	---
Circular house, Camping ground, Forest reserved / protected	---
Hospital, Dispensary, Veterinary Hospital	---
Places of tourists' interest	---

Names : other places of interest

Names : settlements, block

Names : taluk

Names : taluk headquarters

Names : headquarter, district

Sabarimala

Kozhancheri KONNI

TIRUVALLA

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Agricultural Land	---
Forest	---
Water Bodies	---
Urban Settlement	---
Rural Settlement	---

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