

## **INTRODUCTION**

The U.T. of Puducherry comprises of four regions namely Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam with a total area of 479 Sq. Kms. The estimated Population of the U.T. is 11.10 lakh as on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008. Puducherry, the capital of the U.T is on the South of Chennai at a distance of 162 Kms. Karaikal lies 130 Kms South of Puducherry. Mahe is situated near Tellicherry, Kerala at a distance of 850 Kms from Puducherry on the Malabar Coast. Yanam is situated on the East Coast geographically in Andhra Pradesh and politically forming part of the U.T. of Puducherry at a distance of 870 Kms (North) from Puducherry.