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1.0 Background

1.1 City Background

Batticaloa is the provincial capital of the Eastern province of Sri Lanka. It is also the locality where the Eastern University of Sri Lanka is situated. The city has been separated from the mainland by the lagoon and small islands lie in the middle of the lagoon which traverses through the district extending 73.5 km to Verugal in the North from Batticaloa city and also extending 35.2 km from the city in the direction of South up to Thuraineelavanai. Many bridges are built across the lagoon connecting the landmasses and the islands. The largest island is called Pullianthivu, which consists almost every important administrative, common and commercial activities of the city. The very famous Lady Manning Bridge is located at Kallady, which is the main access path to the city from the southern places of the district. This bridge and the Kallady lagoon are also famous for singing fish, that has been become a unique character of the city.

Location

Batticaloa Municipal Council is situated in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka. It lies in 580824.828 M, North and 598832.632 M East in the global positioning system (G.P.S) coordinates. The city of Batticaloa is bounded on the North by the Eravur Pattu Pradeshiya Saba, on the East by the Bay of Bengal, on the South by Kattankudy Urban Council and on the West by Batticaloa lagoon which separates the Manmunai West Divisional Secretariat division and Manmunai North Divisional Secretariat division. The city is almost flat and lies in between 1.20 M and 4.0 M above Mean Sea Level. Batticaloa Municipal Council limit coincides with the Manmunai North D.S. Division.

