



### STROLL THROUGH THE COIMBATORE CORPORATION FLOWER MARKET

The local flower market may be an unusual place to be on a list of things to see, but when you are here, you will be treated to a symphony of aroma and colour like at no other place. This local market is full of flowers of varying hues, the vendors here are quite friendly and will also pose for pictures. Locally called Poo Market (*poo* means flower in Tamil), it is best to visit the place in the early hours of the morning when you will see most of the action. There are mounds of jasmine, roses, marigold and other types of flowers in various colours. The intoxicating aroma of the flowers here is unmissable. The garland makers here come up with unique garlands that are customized according to the needs of the clients. This is where most people shop for flowers for weddings and other functions, family as well as official.

### INDULGE IN A BIT OF SHOPPING

When in Coimbatore, do keep some time aside to explore the local markets and malls. Silk sarees are a favourite here and in fact the saree stores here have an array of different kinds of sarees. Large format stores like Pothy's have an extensive choice that includes sarees at various price points. Also head to Oppanakara Street and explore the many showrooms here that retail the famed silks of Tamil Nadu. This is where you can find many traditional sweet stores and local confectioners as well. For something more urbane head to Avinashi Road known for its array of international branded showrooms. This is where you can also do a spot of jewellery shopping. At Cross-Cut Road in Coimbatore you will find many stores selling cotton and silk clothing as well as spices and local produce. The local R S Puram market is the place for local food supplies and its central location makes it a good place to observe the life of the locals here.

