



My Indian expedition as S4S-chairmain

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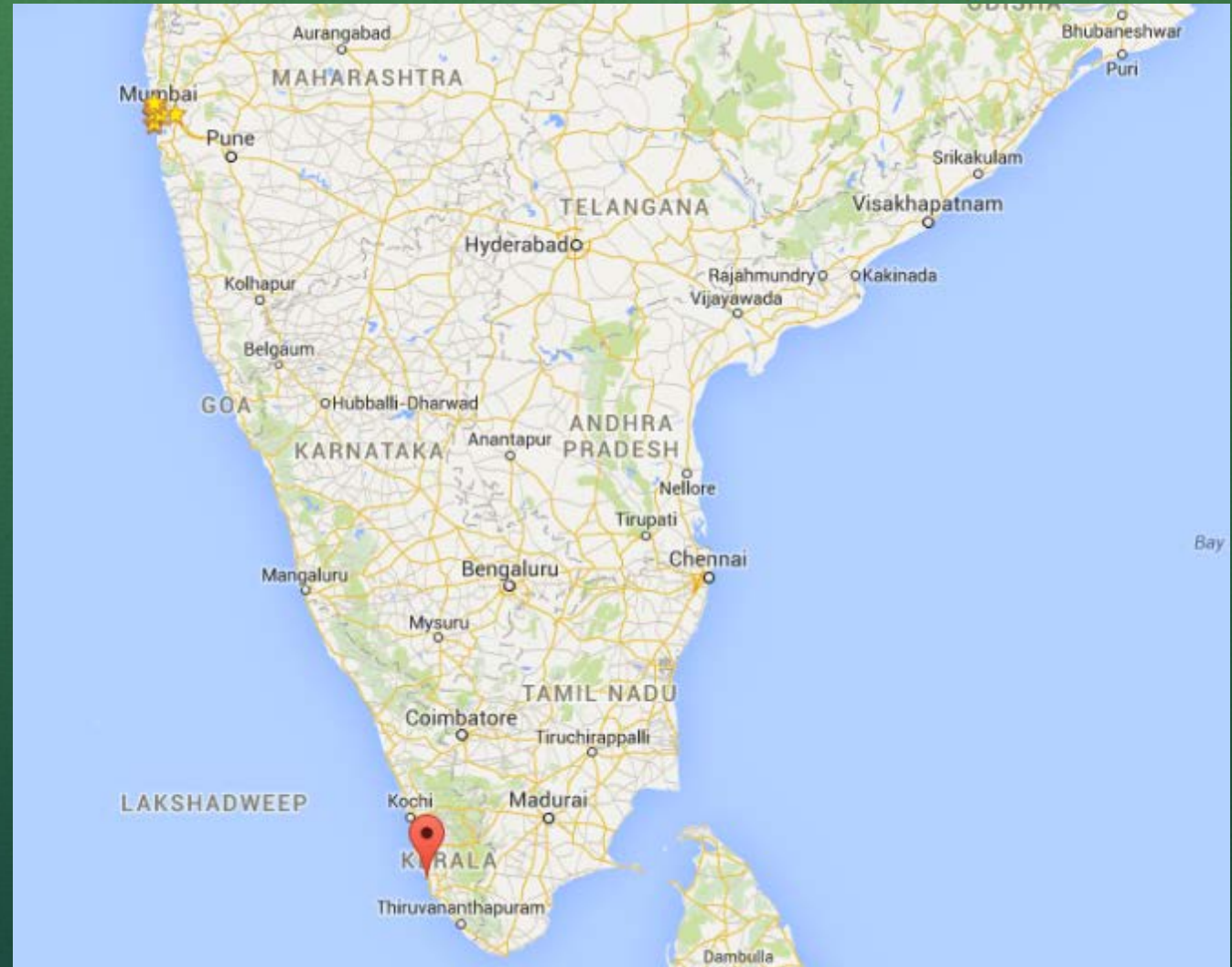
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- Trip to southern India Dec14-Jan15

About Amrita University

Main campus:
Amritapuri
(Kerala)



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- As engineer in global development context:
 - Cities fascinate
 - Rural areas challenge!

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Dhanyavaad!

