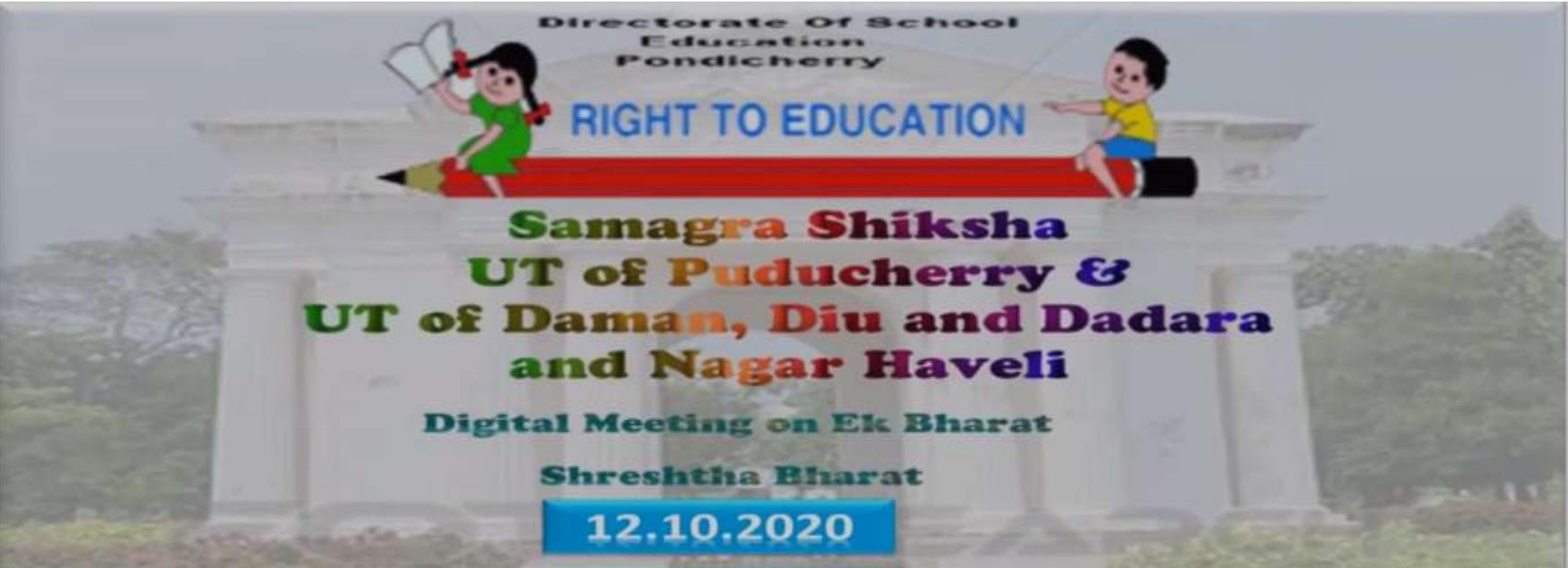


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Digital Meeting on Ek Bharat
Shreshtha Bharat

12.10.2020

Ek Bharat Shreshtha
Bharat

Welcome!

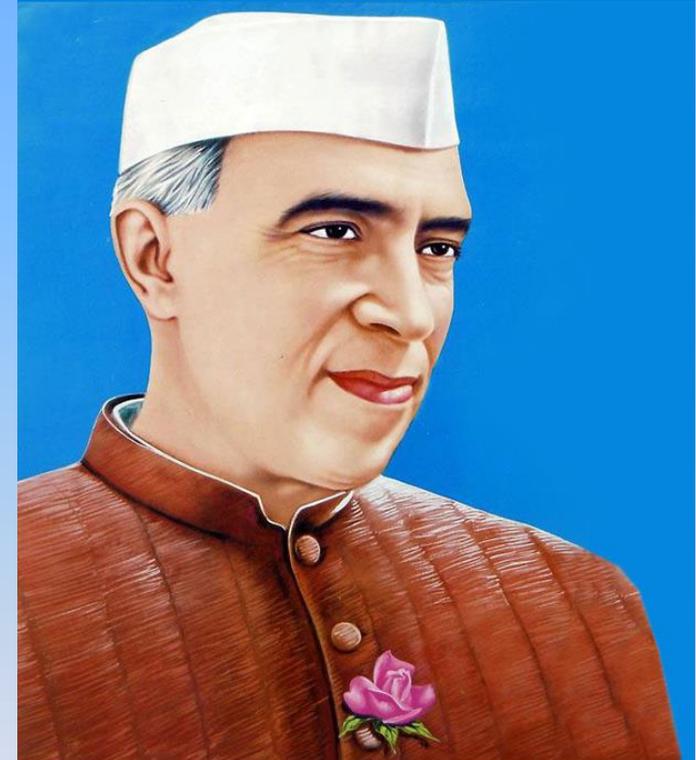
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A French Window on India



Puducherry: A corner of India that is forever France

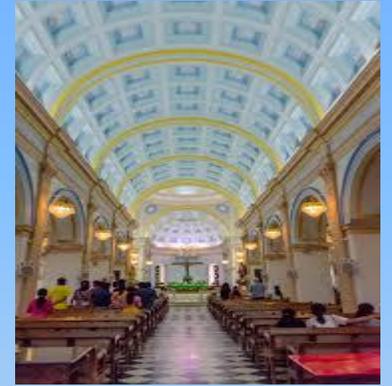
At the Town Hall, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru insisted on the importance of preserving the French culture in Pondicherry; he wanted the place to remain a “Window of France on India”.



Cultural continuity and connectivity



Architecture



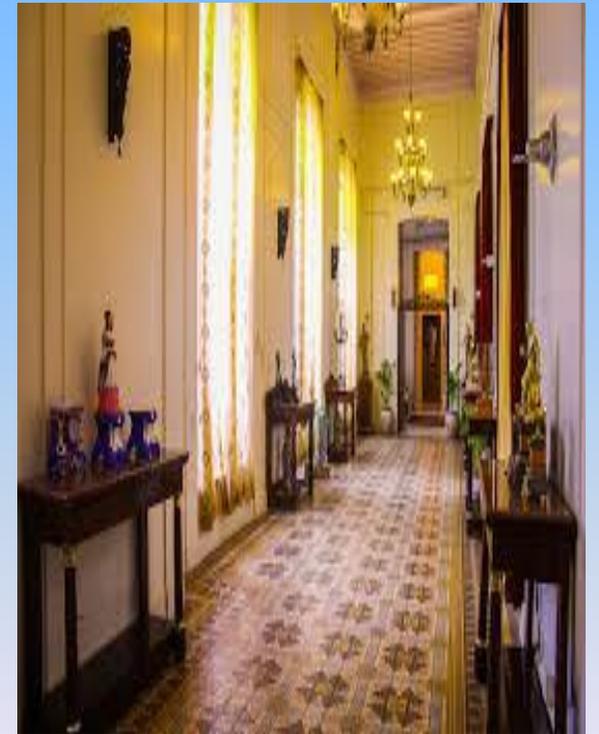
French War Memorial

- Reminds of soldiers who laid down their lives during the First World war.
- Built with French construction in 1971.
- Built at Goubert Avenue.
- Every year on 14th July (Bastille Day), the memorial is beautifully illuminated and homage is paid to those brave martyrs.



Raj Nivas (formerly Dupleix's house)

An example for Indo-French architecture



FRENCH CITIZENSHIP



French essence

- French medium instruction in school.
- People speak English with French accent.
- Common people use French words such as

Bonjour = Hello, Good morning

Oui = Yes

Non = No

Merci = Thank you

Français = French

Madame = Elderly woman



The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

- Immaculate Church is built with Portuguese style of architecture
- It is also known as “Samba kovil” which means “Saint Paul’s kovil”.
- It was visited by Mother Teresa during her visit to Puducherry.



French culture

France doesn't just have culture; the word "culture" actually comes from France.

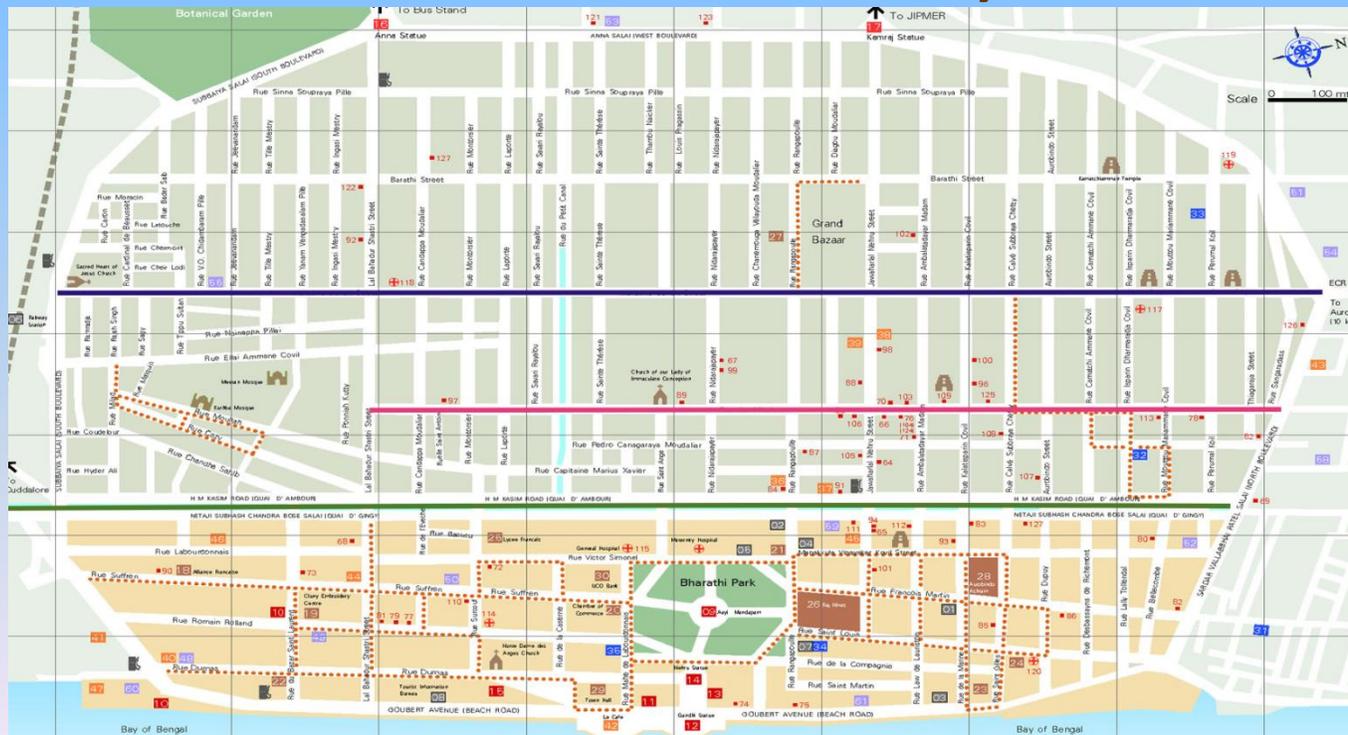
“'Culture' derives from the same French term, which in turn derives from the Latin *colere*, meaning to tend to the earth and grow, cultivation and nurture”

Puducherry – continuity and connectivity with French culture

- Vernacular local architecture.
- Puducherry still mirrors the part of the French culture.
- Yellow white creamy pink colour buildings – aligned.
- Pin drop silence with street names in French, shops owned by French nationalities.

Puducherry- French inter-connected

Without French character Puducherry would be like any other normal town without any tourist interest.



White town & Tamil town





*Thank
you*