

## Report on Pondicherry Study Tour.

From 14th December 2017 to 21st December 2017, our department, in collaboration with the Department of English organised a Study Tour to Pondicherry mainly for the BA French and BA English students. 13 students of the Department of French and 3 students of the Department of English participated in the tour organised and led by our faculty member, Ms. Aswathi R. Jagadish and Ms. Delilah Pacheco (Dept. of English). The whole group left Goa on the 14th and made a round trip with a halt in Bangalore on the 21st.

Over a period of four complete days, the students were exposed to the last remaining traces of the French Colonial rule in India. They participated in numerous academic activities including a complete and guided walking tour of the White Town organised by the company 'Storytrails'. The students received in depth knowledge of various monuments and sites of historical significance of the city. They visited the Auroville, the all inclusive township residing within Tamil Nadu, close to Pondicherry and got to experience first hand the most unique village in the country where there is no social barrier. They also visited the University of Pondicherry and the students had a lively interaction session with the Department of French, the Department of English and the Centre for Southern Asian Studies Programme. Through the relationships established between our students and theirs we hope that the benefits will be long lasting to all institutions concerned.

On cultural front, the students were exposed to a vast array of Creole culture that still exists in Pondicherry. They were introduced to authentic French colonial cuisine in India. They visited the French churches and the Tamilian temples in the city. The group was fortunate enough to attend the only regular French mass in the country conducted at Eglise de Notre Dame des Anges. They also got a taste of the hippie culture that still exists in the city at Auroville and its neighbourhood.

The tour was of special importance to our Department's two third year students who have chosen to work on French influence in India as part of their final year project. The whole tour was organised to focus on the academic requirement of these students so that they write an exceptional project with on-site information and authentic sources to corroborate their facts.

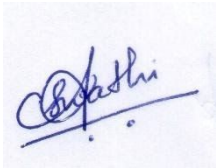
Thus, in light of the activities conducted for the students by the Department, it is our kind request that this Study Tour should be included as part of credits for the participating students. They have learnt aspects of the Indian Francophonie scenario on-site through various activities through both academic and non-academic sources.

Please find below a detailed report of the activities conducting during the educational trip.

Names of students from the French department : Vrinda Vaz, Sharvani Chandavle, Sanket Revankar, Chrisniel Dias, Elayne Baretto, Lyanne Fernandes .

<b>Date/ Day</b>	<b>Places to visit</b>	<b>Interviews/ Interactive sessions</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Special French Restaurants</b>
16-12-2017 Saturday	-White town -Pondicherry Museum -Romain Rolland Library -French War	-Interaction with the guide regarding the White Town -Interaction with Romain Rolland	-Walking tour of White Town (7:00am- 9:30am)	French Breakfast at "Baker Street"

	Memorial	Librarian		
17-12-2017 Sunday	-Basillica of Sacred Heart of Jesus -Arulmigu Manakula Vinayagar temple -Notre Dame des Anges, Jean d'Arc	<b>Evening: Attend</b> French Mass at Notre Dame des Anges (French Mass 5.15pm)	Visit to the Sunday Flea Market	French Lunch at "Satsanga"
18-12-2017 Monday	-Auroville -Statue of Duplex and Gandhi -Institut Français -Bharathi Government Park	-Institut français representative.	Complete visit of Auroville	Lunch at "Auroville Bakery"  French Dinner at "La Marée"
19-12-2017 Tuesday	-Lycée Français -Pondicherry University -Arikamedu Roman archeological site	-Visit to Lycée Français -Interaction with French Department - <i>Interaction with UMISARC*</i>	-	French Breakfast at "Café des arts"  French Lunch at "Le Duplex"



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