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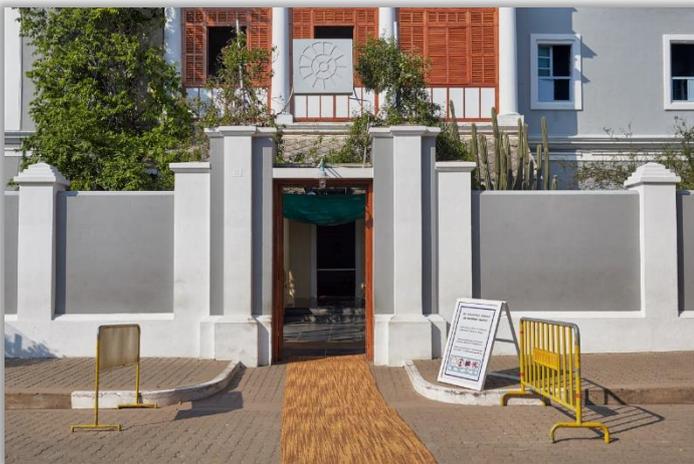
PUDUCHERRY LOCAL SIGHT SEEING

MANAKULA VINAYAGAR TEMPLE



- The **Manakula Vinayagar Temple**, in Puducherry, is a grand and beautiful temple, dedicated to the Hindu lord Ganesha.
- The temple is of considerable antiquity and predates French occupation of the territory.
- Being more than 500 years old, it has an illustrious history and is one of the oldest temples in the region.

SRI AUROBINDO ASHRAM



- The **Sri Aurobindo Ashram** is a spiritual community (ashram) located in Pondicherry, in the Indian territory of Puducherry.
- The ashram grew out of a small community of disciples who had gathered around Sri Aurobindo after he retired from politics and settled in Pondicherry in 1910.

PROMENADE BEACH



- **Rock Beach** (or, known as, "Pondicherry Beach") is the popular stretch of beachfront in the city of Puducherry, India, along the Bay of Bengal.
- It is a 1.2-kilometre-long stretch in Pondicherry, starts from War Memorial and end at Duplex Park on the Goubert Avenue.

PUDUCHERRY MUSEUM



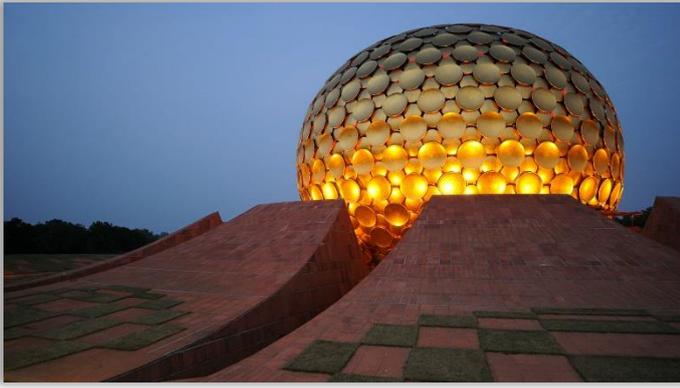
- The **Pondicherry Museum** is an art and history museum located in Pondicherry, India. It is especially noted for its collection of fine lost wax bronzes from the period of the Chola Empire.
- The Museum's collection includes 81 **Chola bronze sculptures**, ranking as one of the largest collections of Chola bronzes.

THE SACRED HEART BASILICA



- **Basilique du Sacré-Cœur de Jésus de Pondichéry**, situated on the south boulevard of Pondicherry in Puducherry, India, is an oriental specimen of Gothic architecture.
- This 100 years old historical church is 50 m long, 48 m wide and 18 m high with Latin rite cross shape in aerial view is in Gothic style. 24 main columns hold the structure.

AUROVILLE



- Founded in 1968 by **Mirra Alfassa**, also known as '**The Mother**', Auroville is an experimental township or a universal town.
- Designed by famous architect **Roger Anger**, **Auroville** is a must-visit attraction of Pondicherry where people of different nationalities, cultures and beliefs live together in harmony.
- One of the major highlights of Auroville is the **Matrimandir**, a modern structure with a high significance for integral Yoga practitioners.
- Matrimandir has a lotus-shaped dome almost 30 meters high and is covered by **golden discs** that reflect sunlight.

ARIKAMEDU



- **Arikamedu** is an archaeological site in Southern India, in Kakkayanthope, Ariyankuppam Commune, Puducherry.
- Sir Mortimer Wheeler 1945, and Jean-Marie Casal conducted archaeological excavations there in 1947–1950. The site was identified as the port of Podouke, known as an "emporium" in the Periplus of the Erythraean Sea and Ptolemy.
- Digs have found Amphorae, Arretine ware, Roman lamps, glassware, glass and stone beads, and gems at the site.