**Report on International Webinar: "Comprehend the Cultural Differences – India and France"**

**Organizers:**  
The Department of French, St. Mary’s College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi  
The Department of French, Holy Cross College, Nagercoil

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**Platform:** Zoom & YouTube Live

**Resource Experts:**

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* Mr. Tom Umbdenstock, Journalist - France Culture, Sciences Humaines, Têtu

**Objective:**  
The primary aim of the international webinar was to facilitate a deeper understanding of cultural disparities between India and France, thereby fostering cultural sensitivity and awareness among the participants.

**Outcome:**  
The webinar commenced with Ms. Prathiba Kothandaraman and Mr. Tom Umbdenstock sharing their firsthand experiences in both India and France. Their insights offered a nuanced perspective on various cultural aspects, dispelling stereotypes prevalent in both nations. Participants gained valuable knowledge about the cultural intricacies, customs, and societal norms unique to India and France.

**Impact:**

1. **Enhanced Understanding:** The webinar provided participants with a platform to comprehend the cultural disparities between India and France beyond stereotypes, enabling them to appreciate the nuances of both cultures.
2. **Cultural Sensitivity:** By engaging with the experiences shared by the resource experts, participants developed a heightened sense of cultural sensitivity and awareness, essential for fostering cross-cultural interactions and relationships.
3. **Academic Enrichment:** The involvement of students and professors from various colleges ensured a diverse exchange of perspectives, enriching academic discourse on cultural studies.
4. **Certification:** E-certificates were provided to the 600 participants, acknowledging their active participation and engagement in the webinar. These certificates serve as tangible evidence of their commitment to cross-cultural learning and understanding.

**Conclusion:**  
The international webinar on "Comprehend the Cultural Differences – India and France" served as a commendable initiative towards promoting cross-cultural understanding and appreciation. Through insightful discussions and firsthand experiences shared by the resource experts, participants gained valuable insights into the complexities of Indian and French cultures, transcending stereotypes and fostering mutual respect and understanding.