The thesis entitled Criminal Justice System In Pondicherry- A Comparative Critical Study Of The Past And The Present. This study provides the groundwork for evaluation of the effectiveness of the respective systems not only through an analysis of the various provisions in the substantive and procedural laws, but also by an examination of the efficacy and efficiency of the various institutions in the context of public opinion and impressions gathered by way of empirical researches. It is concerned with the role of functionaries such as Police, Prosecutors, Judicial Officers, Prison Officers, Correctional Staff under the French and Indian Criminal Justice Systems. The study gives a detailed picture about the pre-trial procedures under the French and Indian systems as well as various types and hierarchy of courts under the French system and their trial procedures. It diagnoses the sentencing segment of criminal justice system. In this study, the researcher made an attempt to evaluate the scheme of correctional process. The conclusion of the study states that, Pondicherry is a unique territory which had the fortune of experiencing more than one system of criminal justice administration. In tune with the latest trend of legal systems, it would be better if some of the good features of the French system are incorporated into the existing system. The study suggests certain measures for improvement of Pondicherry criminal justice delivery system. It includes, a separate wing may be assigned for process service, for all the criminal courts, for assisting investigation of the crime should be set up under the control of Director of Public Prosecutions etc. The study summarizes that each court should be provided with a computer for feeding latest decisions and case laws for speedy analyses of cases. Suggestion includes the modification of working hours of the trial court. It also states that periodical inspections should be made in the prison by the Chief Judicial Magistrates.