

## **SUMMARY**

This lecture deals with Chettinad – a cluster of more than 80 villages occupied by a community called the Chettiars famous for their overseas trading and banking capabilities. What they were also famous for was the residential architecture which was developed over a period of time with respect to various factors that influenced them. The Chettinad mansions are world famous and in this lecture we talk about them, their design features, planning principles and building materials that went into these mansions.