

## Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature Discipline of French and Francophone Studies

# REPORT EDUCATIONAL TOUR AND THREE-DAY WORKSHOP ON FRENCH STUDIES

The Discipline of French and Francophone Studies undertook an educational tour to Pondicherry University from 03 February 2025 to 06 February 2025. During the tour, the Department of French, Pondicherry University in collaboration with the Discipline of French and Francophone Studies, Goa University organized a three-day lecture series for students of both the universities.

The objective of this educational tour was to enhance students' knowledge of French studies through a series of expert-led lectures and workshops covering diverse topics such as media evolution, phonetics, and literary translation. The event sought to foster cultural exchange, allowing participants to appreciate the significance of the French language globally, particularly in the Indian context.

On 03 February 2025, the students visited the Consul General de France in Pondicherry (French Consulate in Pondicherry). Mr. Nicolas Joffroy, In-charge of Communications at the Consulate presented a guided tour to the students who were familiarized with the role of the consulate, its functions and its significance in India. Mr. Etienne Rolland-Piegue, Consul General (Counsellor) received the group and interacted with the students on their academic and career plan. He had brief exchanges with the students on varied topics related to French, France, Francophonie and India.

On 04 February 2025, the students attended the first session of the workshop titled Les Médias en France (Media in France) by Dr. Jayapal Sharmili, Assistant Professor, French from

Pondicherry University. In this session, the students learnt about the evolution of media from the earliest to the recent history. The session also sparked discussion on the role of Artificial Intelligence in manipulation and questioning authenticity of the content in the contemporary media. The second session of the workshop was Voyelles Nasales en Français: Caractéristiques et Implications Phonétiques (Nasal Vowels in French: Phonetic Characteristics and Implications) by Mr. Anthony Gomes, Assistant Professor, French from Goa University. In this session, the students were introduced to the human system of articulation and the phonetic classification. Through interactive activities, the students learnt about the nasal vowels in French and its pronunciation and how to distinguish one from the other. The session ended with Kahoot quiz wherein the learning of the students was tested. Both the sessions were attended by a total of 75 students.

In the afternoon of 04 February 2025, the students visited Institut International Francophone de Recherche et de Formation en Intelligence Artificielle (IFRINA) in Pondicherry. IFRINA is a first of its kind research and training institute in Artificial intelligence in India with a focus on neuropedagogy and didactics. Dr. Arunkumar Santhalingam, C.E.O. of the Institution welcomed the students and conducted a workshop titled Analyse Prédictive et Suivi des Performances en Classe de FLE via l'Intelligence Artificielle (Predictive Analysis and Performance Monitoring in the French as a Foreign Language Classroom via Artificial Intelligence). Further, he engaged with the students in discussion about various career opportunities in French studies and strategies to align these opportunities with their individual aspirations and competences. The workshop ended with the distribution of Participation certificates to the students.

On 05 February 2025, the students attended the third session titled Les défis culturel dans la traduction littéraire (Cultural challenges in literary translation) by Dr. Runjhun Verma, Assistant Professor, French from Pondicherry University. In this session, the students were introduced to the essence of translation and various elements to be considered while translating a text. The participants applied their learnt knowledge through a translation activity wherein the students were asked to translate a text containing multiple loan words. The fourth session of the workshop was Traduire, c'est (re)créer: une étude des procédés de traduction (Translating is (re)creating: a study of translation processes) by Ms. Kshama D. Dharwadkar, Assistant Professor, French from Goa University. In this session the students were introduced to various translation methods and corresponding examples. The learning of the participants

was checked through a group activity where a list of phrases and its translations were provided, and the students had to identify the type of translation and justify. Both the sessions were attended by 71 students.

In the afternoon of 05 February 2025, the students visited *Institut Français de Pondichéry*, a French research center under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and CNRS. Madame Visalakshi Vassoudevayar, Executive Secretary, coordinated the visit, giving students an overview of the institute's research activities. Students explored the Department of Indology, which focuses on classical Indian texts, religions, and languages, and the Department of Ecology, which studies biodiversity, fragile ecosystems, and human impact. They also visited IFP's archives, including 8500 palm-leaf manuscripts, 140,000 photographs of South Indian temples, a 22,000-slide pollen collection, and a herbarium with 23,000 specimens. The visit was facilitated by Madame Margherita Trento, Head of Department, Indology, Monsieur Ayyappan Narayanan, Researcher, Ecology, Monsieur Rameshkumar Kothandapani, Head - Photo Archives and Madame Anupama Krishnamurthy, Researcher, Ecology.

On 06 February, the students attended the fifth session titled La francophonie et Poudouchéry (Francophony and Pondicherry) by Prof. C. Tirumurugan, Professor, French from Pondicherry University. In this session, the students learnt about brief History and the French presence in Pondicherry. The students also learnt about the vestiges of the French colonial rule in Pondicherry. The sixth session of the workshop was Apprentissage du français à travers les activités créatives (Learning French through creative activities) by Ms. Shourya Dalvi, Assistant Professor, French, Goa University. In this session, the students were introduced to OuLiPo, a literary group and their literary works, and participated in activities wherein through teamwork, the students came up with their own creative texts in French. The workshop concluded with how creative activities help in learning language better with examples of level specific activities that could be used in a language classroom. Both the sessions were attended by 137 students.

The workshop ended with a valedictory function. The chief guest of the function was a French writer under the pen name Mirashakti who spoke to the students about her first novel titled Les déesses chutent mais ne tombent pas: Des femmes à Pondichéry. The Chief guest, along with the workshop coordinators distributed the certificates of participation to the students.

Around 137 students attended the three-day workshop which was conducted by a total of 6 resource persons. A total of 8 faculty members from Pondicherry University and Goa University were present for the workshop.

Students emerged from the workshop with a deeper understanding of French studies, particularly regarding media dynamics and phonetic intricacies. They developed practical translation skills and learned various methodologies applicable to their academic and professional paths. Exposure to real-world contexts, such as discussions with the Consul General and visits to prominent institutions, enriched their perspectives on the applications of their studies. Participants received certificates of participation, which validated their commitment to professional development. The event also encouraged creative learning through interactive activities, fostering a collaborative environment that not only deepened their cultural insights into Francophonie, especially in Pondicherry, but also strengthened their academic networks for future endeavors.

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Ms. Shourya Dalvi
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## A Three-Day Workshop on French Studies

Date:

From 4th to 6th February 2025 Venue:

School of Humanities, Pondicherry University, Puducherry

Prof. Anuradha Wagle Dean, SGSLL Goa University

Dr. Sarmila Acharif Head, Department of French Pondicherry University



Ms Kshama Dharwadkar Workshop Coordinator Goa University Prof. C. Thirumurugan Workshop Coordinator Pondicherry University

## Link to the social media post

- 1. French Discipline (Instagram):
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- 2. Goa University (Instagram):

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Group picture of the students and teachers at Pondicherry University



Resource person delivering a classroom session to the B.A. and M.A. French students.



Faculty and resource persons



Visit to French Institute of Pondicherry



Students of Goa University at Institut Français de Pondichéry



Visit to the Consulat général de France à Pondichéry et Chennai



Visit to Institut Francophone International De Recherche Et De Formation En Intelligence Artificielle (I.F.R.I.N.A.)

## **Attendance sheets**

## Classroom sessions on 04th, 05th, and 06th February 2025.

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