

WELCOME TO OUR

# Newsletter series

Rounding off an amazing 2023 and stepping into 2024 with some great adventures!



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# #THROWBACK



## Christmas Open House at Alliance Française Jaipur

A grand Christmas Open House, delivering immersive French experiences, from gastronomy to VR, to cinema under the stars to a festive bazaar, inviting visitors of all ages to enjoy a day filled with the essence of French culture, with just the perfect touch of local celebrations!



## Alphaville : Digital November

A cautionary tale about the dangers of a soulless society controlled by technology, emphasizing the power of human connection, *Alphaville*, a Godard classic rendering homage to the master of cinema, and celebrating the Digital November month.



## Peau d'âne : A holiday classic

A whimsical fairy tale where a princess, faced with an unusual dilemma, embarks on a magical journey, filled with love and fantasy. An absolute holiday classic that was just perfect for our CineMela under the stars for Christmas Open House.

# Anais Beaulieu in Jaipur

French artist **Anais Beaulieu's** daring work with embroidery on found plastic, culminated at the **Kishan Bagh** Sand Dunes Park in Jaipur, after travelling through 5 Indian cities. Collaborating with waste-management communities, Beaulieu embroidered endangered flora and fauna on plastic and urban waste, echoing the environmental crisis.



# Maya Kamaty in Jodhpur

**Maya Kamaty**, daughter of renowned artist Gilbert Pounia, showcases her fusion of Maloya tradition and urban pop at the mesmerizing **Daspan House** in Jodhpur bringing over 150 visitors to the impromptu dance floor as they grooved to her Creole Urban pop hits!

# Novembre Numérique

Month of digital cultures

The 7th edition showcased a captivating blend of digital experiences. The **Midi Minuit** augmented reality exhibition explored time's essence. **CineMela** screened iconic French movies. The **Space Symposium** featured renowned researchers discussing space, while **Coding Night** offered a beginner-friendly coding session, making it a diverse and engaging event.

# Novembre Numérique

A month of digital culture happening at Alliance Française Jaipur.



1st November - 30th November

A digital extravaganza that encapsulates the essence of modern art, technology, and thought-provoking discourse.

# NOVEMBRE NUMÉRIQUE TOP EVENTS!

## The Space Symposium

An online webinar for space enthusiasts, exploring UFOs and the potential for life on Mars, with speakers **Alexis Paillet** from CNES and **Sylvestre Maurice** from IRAP.

The symposium was a cosmic rendezvous that enchanted participants, offering profound insights into the captivating mysteries of our universe.



Event held on 24 November 2023



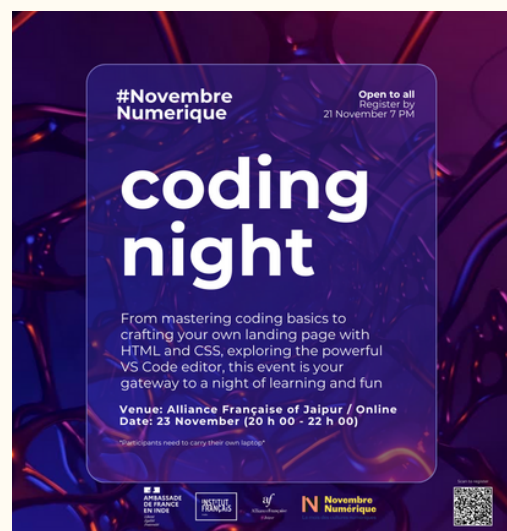
Event held from 6-12 November 2023

## Midi Minuit @ IIT Jodhpur

'Midi Minuit' exhibition, part of Novembre Numérique at IIT Jodhpur, curated by **Aurélien Jeanney**, offered a captivating journey through time and imagery. This immersive digital showcase transported attendees from serene seashores to cosmic vistas, sparking contemplation on life's fleeting moments and merging innovation with artistry.

## Coding Night

Novembre Numérique buzzed as Alliance Française Jaipur hosted **Coding Night** on November 23rd, 2023. Enthusiasts, both online and offline, explored HTML, CSS, and tools like Glitch and VS Code, crafting landing pages. The workshop ignited creativity, making coding accessible to all skill levels.



Event held on 23 November 2023

# FRENCH WEEK IN UDAIPUR

## TOYO! in Udaipur

French circus and acrobatics show, **TOYO!** by **Les Colporteurs**, charmed the city of Udaipur, in its first-ever French cultural week celebrations with **Maharana Mewar Public School, Rockwoods** and **The Third Space, Udaipur**. TOYO! is a fun encounter between an acrobat and a construction pipe and sets the bar for creative storytelling for children and the old alike!



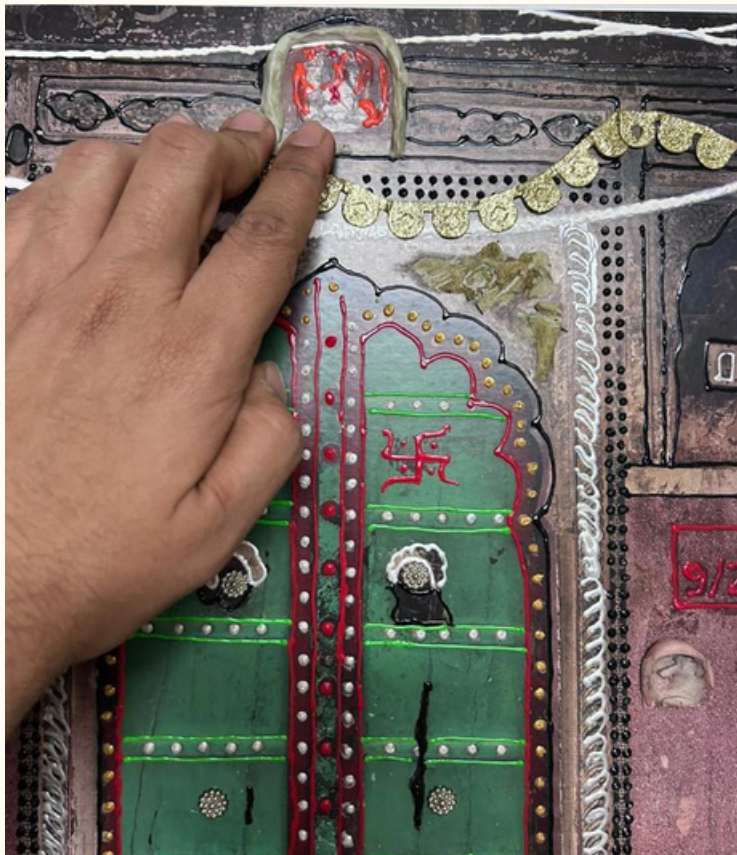
## Sandre for WAF #3

French muralist **Sandre** led students from **Maharana Mewar Public School, Udaipur**, on a marathon run to finish a colossal wall art project over 3 days! Part of the Wall Art Festival edition #3, Sandre created her signature bold, caricatural urban and ironic narration, with bright colors echoing the spirit of Udaipur.

## DELF Junior: breaking records in Jaipur

With 130 registrations for DELF Junior in December 2023, a personal record was set for Alliance Française Jaipur.

The partnership with **Birla Educational Trust Schools** in Pilani, with **Sophia College Ajmer** and with **Bodhi International** Jodhpur, foretells a promising future for the students clearing the exams with impressive results.



## Tactile Braille Photography

15 year old **Gauri Gupta**, brings her exhibition *JIVANAM - Life in the City* - a heartfelt portrayal of urban life in all its facets. Rendered in Tactile Braille format, these photographs are a pioneering collaboration with **Read to India** and **Access for ALL**, bringing the art of photography to the visually impaired, challenging traditional boundaries. Showcased as a collateral event of the **Jaipur Art Week**, the works will be on show at the Alliance grounds all through February.

## Warm the Streets Drive

Happy to have brought to Jaipur the **Warm the Streets** campaign, collecting and redistributing pre-loved and upcycled warm clothing to those in need during winter, collaborating with our partner, **O'Baque Jaipur Patisserie**.

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O'Baque Patisserie

## Warm the Streets Drive

Embrace the spirit of giving! Drop off recycled and pre-loved winter wear at Alliance Française Jaipur to support those who need it! Let's spread warmth together this holiday season! Follow the guidelines to ensure your drop-offs are good for redistribution.

# ESPACE PÉDAGOGIQUE

## Habilitation DELF

Rendez-vous at Alliance Française Jaipur for the annual session of **habilitation of DELF and DALF examiners and correctors**. This February, only through pre-registrations! Two trainers will deliver the stage d'habilitation de DELF from 19 February 2023.



**CONGRATULATIONS**



**SYED SAAD AHMED**

*for being the  
NATIONAL WINNER of  
DEFI INTER-ALLIANCES*

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## AFJ Student wins DEFI InterAlliances 2023

**Syed Saad Ahmed**, an Alliance Française Jaipur student, clinched the prestigious title of **National Winner at DEFI Inter-Alliances 2023**.

The global competition celebrates French culture, encompassing art, history, and gastronomy. Saad's victory in both zonal and national rounds showcases his immense dedication and passion for the French language and culture.

# NEW CLASSES

Click on the titles to know more!

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## A1.1

**JANUARY SESSION  
ADULTS- EVENING**

Unlock new horizons with our top-notch French classes! Weekdays, open to all. Flexible, evening classes for working professionals and students or just anybody!

**8 JANUARY 2024**  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

**COMMODOAL**  
CLASSES CAN BE ATTENDED  
ONLINE OR OFFLINE

**LINK IN BIO**

**JOIN NOW**



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[A1.2 for adults](#)

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## A2.1

**JANUARY SESSION  
WEEKEND- DAY CLASS**

Unlock new horizons with our top-notch online French classes! Weekdays, open to all.

**6 JANUARY 2024**  
10 AM - 1 PM

**ON SITE, INTENSIVE**

**LINK IN BIO**

**JOIN NOW**



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## B1.1

**JANUARY SESSION  
ADULTS- EVENING**

Unlock new horizons with our top-notch online French classes! Weekdays, open to all. Embrace the beauty of French today!

**22 JANUARY 2024**  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

**ONLINE**

**LINK IN BIO**

**JOIN NOW**



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## C1 INTENSIVE

**ADULTS- EVENING**

**MARCH 2024**

**ONLINE**

**CLICK HERE**

**JOIN NOW**



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Science is Fiction

For this month's CineMela we have a stunning series of scientific shorts by **Jean Painleve**, French scientist, educator and filmmaker. The mesmerizing, utterly unclassifiable science films of Jean Painlevé are delightful, surrealist-influenced dream works that are also serious science. This time, CineMela is traveling all the way to **JK Lakshmipat University**.



## AFJ Library: Accessible Braille collection

The **AFJ library** is now open for all. From graphic novels to crime thrillers, it offers a variety of books on diverse topics! What's more? There is an exclusive collection of French classics rendered in Braille in order to make reading more accessible. The collection in Braille is supported by our partners **Read to India** and **Access for ALL**.

## CinéMela February: Not just love!!

Watch out for a selection of French films celebrating different kinds of love, this month of February at AFJ! Celebrating friendships, companionship with our pets, our parents, stories of love shared between neighbours and strangers! Not all love need roses, some just blossom without a reason.



# PRÉSIDENT MACRON IN JAIPUR

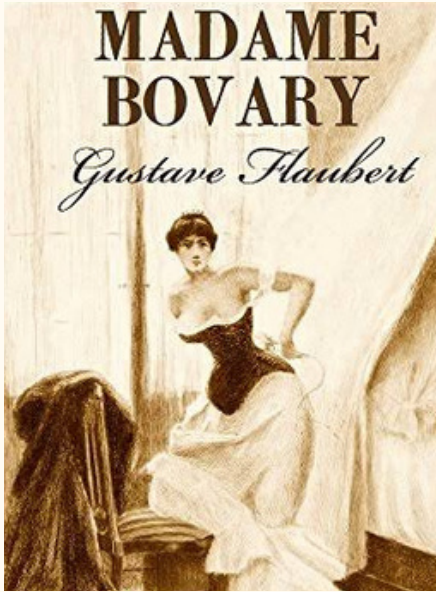


Photo Courtesy: JKLU Jaipur

Moment of great pride and reckoning for Jaipur, as **French President Emmanuel Macron** becomes state guest for PM Modi on January 25, ahead of the Republic Day celebrations in Delhi. AFJ mobilised over 350 students from 13 different academic institutions in Rajasthan to welcome the President to the historic Amer Fort. With a focus on art, culture and education, the visit, on one hand showcased the strengthening of academic cooperation and French language promotion in the state, and on the other, the contemporisation and innovations in local craft and design. **AFJ President Toolika Gupta**, director Indian Institute of Crafts and Design and **Anuradha Singh**, director Nila House, among others led the charge of the design and crafts showcase for the President.

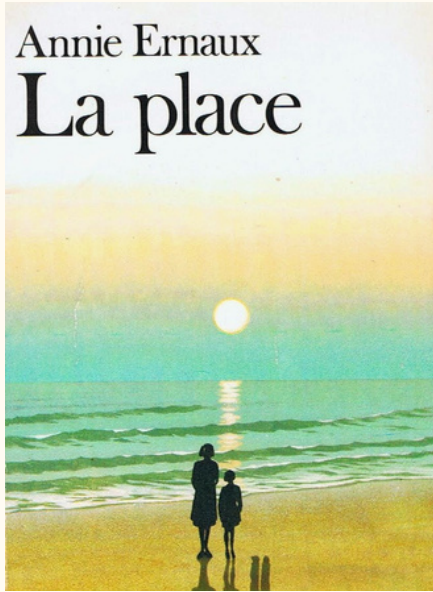
# AFJ RECOMMENDS

From the library at AFJ, here are our top picks!



**MADAME BOVARY**

The eponymous character of the book Madame Bovary lives beyond her means in order to escape the banalities and emptiness of a provincial life.



**LA PLACE**

Annie Ernaux expands on personal experience to reflect universal themes of generational and class alienation, of grief at a parent's loss, and of the evanescence of memory, in what she has called an *autobiographical narrative*.



**NÉ SOUS UNE BONNE ÉTOILE**

Gustave is a young schoolboy who works hard, but is still struggling at school. The book follows him over several years, his family life, with his parents and his sister, and his student life, with teachers more or less listening...

## SPOTIFY WITH AFJ

Our team curates a monthly playlist

Click below to discover Alexandre's Christmas playlist!



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Click below to discover Disha's New Year playlist!



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# LITERARY EVENTS

## AFJ & ELLCS, UNIVERSITY OF RAJASTHAN



### Philippe Charlier

*L'étrange histoire des cœurs des rois*, an investigative documentary directed by **Dominique Aadt**, an inquisition into the last remains of French King Louis XIV, which led researchers to startling discoveries including the fact that the heart of Louis XIV was found ground up into cheap pigment in a painting made by an anonymous artist in France. Screening followed by discussion with forensic scientist and anthropologist, **Dr. Philippe Charlier**, who worked extensively on the remains of noted historical figures like Joan of Arc, Agnes Sorel, Henri IV, Adolf Hitler among others and was the chief researcher behind this project.



### Shumona Sinha

From the acclaimed author of *Assommons les pauvres*, *Calcutta*, *Le Testament Russe* and *Apatride* comes a literary talk dedicated to the theme **"Who is a foreigner?"**

Focusing on identity, immigration and construction of the **Self the and Other** in a strange land. Hosted by **University of Rajasthan and AFJ**, in collaboration with the **French Institute in India**, the session will focus on multilingualism, transnational movement, exchange among cultures as well as human relationships and values.



# ANNEX IN UDAIPUR



Photo courtesy: City Palace Museum Udaipur

Alliance Française Jaipur is launching its **Udaipur annex** very soon, marking the beginning of expanding its operations across Rajasthan. This expansion aims to promote the study of the French language in Udaipur, Rajasthan. With the inauguration, a new phase unfolds, fostering linguistic and cultural connections in the heart of Udaipur. Join us on this enriching journey of language and discovery.

# WELCOME BACK TO OFFICE



We are thrilled to welcome back **Rajendra Swami**, our administrative staff at AFJ after two months of recuperation following a life threatening accident! Thanks to your wishes, he is now back amongst us. We missed him and so did the dogs of AFJ!

# INTERN WITH US!

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JOIN OUR TEAM

- Communication and marketing
- Project management
- Coordination and liaison

We are looking for interns

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