

WELCOME TO OUR

Newsletter series

2024 STARTS OFF WITH A BANG!



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A quick look at our top events this last quarter! Meet our new members, say hello to some exciting courses, or check out the new additions to the AF!



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Mark your calendars for these exciting events the Alliance Française Jaipur brings to you, throughout the summer!



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What's kept us going? In-focus showcases the most talked about event of Alliance Française Jaipur these last months.

Also see: Bibliothèque recommendations, partner showcase, work opportunities and more!

WHAT'S BREWING?



Mayo Girls DELF Preparation

A big round of applause for the 12 students from **Mayo Girls** who led the way in the DELF Preparation classes and just completed the Junior April 2024 session. With all their hard work and dedication, they're now fully prepared to showcase their French skills. Let's cheer them on as they reach this exciting milestone in their language learning journey with their teacher Poonam Khandelwal! Go, Mayo Girls!

DELF preparation is a tailor-made mock exam session for the all levels. With focus on all four competencies, the prepa primes the students through intensive and immersive experiences of the DELF exams.

Student Exchange: Alliance Française Bordeaux

Immerse yourself in a cultural exchange in Bordeaux with Alliance Française of **Bordeaux** this autumn. Our first group of students from Alliance Française partner schools are all set to fly to their dream trip this **October!**



WHAT'S BREWING?

Classes Internationales Principals' Meet



Introducing **Classes Internationales**: The French government's groundbreaking program, announced during the visit of French President Macron to Jaipur in January 2024, is set to welcome Indian students to French public universities! An info session in Jaipur this February brought together over 25 high schools, principals, and school heads to interact with the university cooperation sector of the French Institute in India to better understand the programme that envisages to bring Indian high-school students into **French public universities** directly after their grade 12th exams!



THIS QUARTER TOP EVENTS!

Choose France Regional Tour

This April, the Campus France office organized a mini **Choose France Tour** in Rajasthan in collaboration with the **Manipal University Jaipur**. It brought together almost 15 institutions of higher education from France to offer information, counseling and guidance to students wishing to pursue their academic careers in France. Close to 500 students from various schools and universities of Rajasthan participated in this Choose France tour.



Celebrating Francophonie

The AFJ team made the trip to **Pilani** to celebrate **Francophonie Day** with the students of **Birla Balika Vidyapeeth School**. The day was packed with engaging activities, from slam poetry workshops, to games of Petanque, cinema screenings, to quizzes and charades, to enriching educational experiences, and a vibrant celebration of Francophonie!

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS!

Screened en **plein air**, the **Cinema under the stars** is a part of Alliance Française Jaipur's programming to bring French cinema to the public in an open-air, accessible format.

March

The Design Week celebrated by **JK Lakshmipat University** Jaipur marked their collaboration with Alliance Française Jaipur with an exclusive screening of **Coco before Chanel**, a fabulous tribute to the queen of fashion. **Anne Fontaine's** lavish biopic goes back to Chanel's early years to show, how, before she invented the century by revolutionizing fashion, she invented herself.



April

The Umbrellas of Cherbourg, a delightful musical from the iconic **Jacques Demy**, with **Catherine Deneuve** in an unforgettable role, a perfect summer evening on the lawns of Alliance Française, with ice-creams to go with!



READING WITHOUT SIGHT



Alliance Française Jaipur proudly partners with **Read to India** and **Access for All** to launch a remarkable initiative: a collection of **20 French classics in Braille** for visually impaired students in Jaipur. Monthly sessions at the AFJ library feature sensory experiences, including read-alouds of French texts in Hindi and English, accompanied by music, large font texts, Braille translations, tactile objects, and auditory stimulations.

This initiative fosters inclusivity and cultural enrichment, exemplified by a heartwarming moment at **Rajasthan Netraheen Kalyan Sangh**, Jaipur, where **The Little Prince** was read aloud in Hindi and English, with simultaneous Braille interpretation. Special thanks to our moderator **Saudamini Deo** for her involvement.





CINÉFLE Udaipur

Introducing **CINÉFLE**, an exclusive offer for young learners of French to not only dabble in the basics of the language but to make movies while at it!

Embark on an enjoyable journey with Alliance Française Jaipur in the city of **Udaipur**. To create a debut film scripted in French, to acquire fundamental French language skills, and to delve into a brief exploration of French cinema history, equipping you to craft unforgettable scripts destined for the festival de Cannes — fingers crossed!

Simply bring your curiosity, creativity, and smartphones.



Habilitation DELF

An intensive 3 days of learning and unlearning as 12 professors underwent the **training for habilitation as examiners and correctors of DELF!**

Alliance Française Jaipur is happy to have accompanied old and new faces in this exciting journey.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS

Proud to partner with the top institutions of Rajasthan for the promotion of French language and culture. Here is a showcase of our partner institutions who joined us this quarter.



MNIT JAIPUR



IIT JODHPUR



IICD JAIPUR



JKLU JAIPUR



SUBODH JAIN COLLEGE JAIPUR



BIRLA EDUCATION TRUST PILANI

PAANI KI KAHANI IN UDAIPUR



An exciting endeavor to chronicle Rajasthan's ancient water systems advances into its second phase in Udaipur. This initiative holds particular significance for the city, renowned for its lakes, especially given the commendable efforts already underway at the **City Palace of Udaipur**, where water conservation stands as a paramount objective.

Led by **Creadhle** in partnership with **Alliance Française Jaipur, Aayojan School of Architecture and Jaipur Virasat Foundation**, the project kicked off its inaugural week with a water documentation art project, engaging students from **Maharana Mewar Public School** and **Rockwoods School Udaipur**.

Led by French architect **Celia Lebarbey** and filmmaker **Marylene Negro**, the objective of this project is to find innovative and engaging ways to document the architectural water harvesting marvels in Rajasthan through the lens of art, cinema, and graphic narration.

Don't miss the project "**Paani ki Kahani: Jaipur**," which documented water harvesting systems in Nahargarh and neighboring areas and was made into a short film by the students of Aayojan School of Architecture, shot exclusively on smartphones with little or no editing! **Watch it on Vimeo: The Waiting**

FRESH BATCHES, NEW OFFERS!

Click on the titles to know more!

A1.1
MAY SESSION
ADULTS- MORNING
COMODAL

ONLINE OR ON SITE CLASSES
AS PER PREFERENCE

15TH MAY 2024
5 WEEKS

7.30 AM - 9:00 AM
MON-TUES-THURS-FRI

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A2.1
MAY SESSION
ADULTS- EVENING
COMMODAL

ONLINE OR ON SITE CLASSES
AS PER PREFERENCE

2ND MAY 2024
7 WEEKS

7.00 PM - 8:30 PM
MON, TUES, THURS,
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B1.1
MAY SESSION
ADULTS- EVENING
COMMODAL

ONLINE OR ON SITE CLASSES
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6TH MAY 2024
13 WEEKS

6.00 PM - 7:30 PM
MON-TUE-THURS-FRI

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MAY SESSION
YOUNG LEARNERS

ONLINE

MAY SESSION

**AFTERNOON
BATCHES**
MON-TUE-THURS-
FRI

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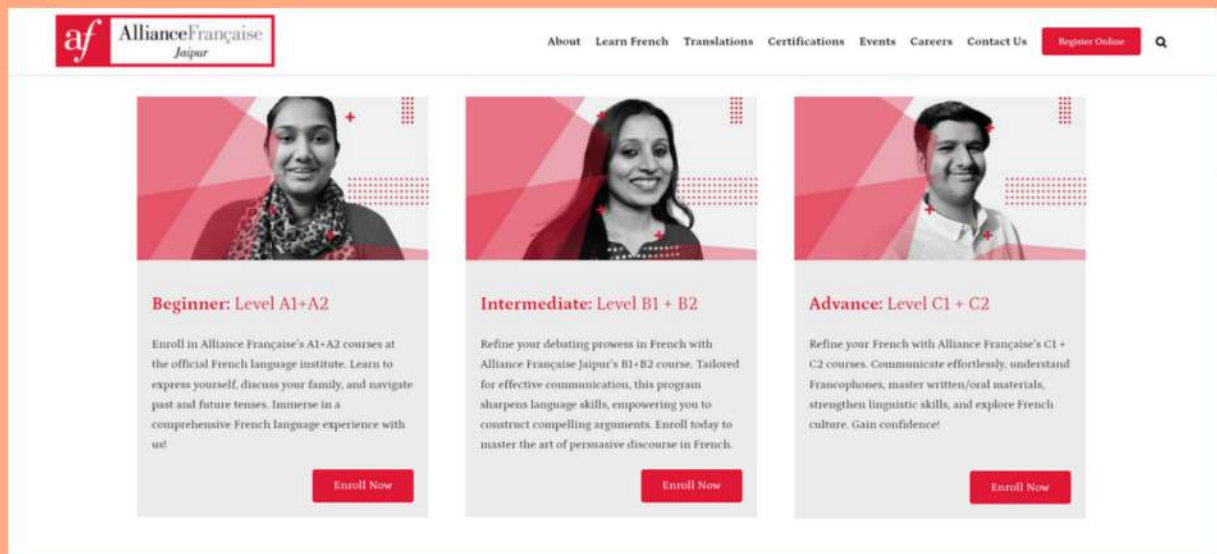
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[A1.1 young learners](#)

CHECK OUT THE NEW WEBSITE

A lot of new features



Alliance Française Jaipur is dedicated to enhancing communication within its **community** through a range of exciting new initiatives.

These include a comprehensive **course catalog** designed to cater to diverse learning needs, providing detailed information on **DELF and DALF exams** for those seeking proficiency certification.

Additionally, the upcoming online **accessibility of the library catalog** will empower members to explore a wealth of resources remotely.

Furthermore, the introduction of a faculty and administrative **team directory** will foster stronger connections between students and staff, while featured **partner articles** and **press releases** will keep members informed about collaborations and events.

With these enhancements and more on the horizon, Alliance Française Jaipur is committed to enriching the experience of its **community members** and fostering a vibrant cultural exchange.

IN FOCUS: EQUALITY

Kicking balls!

Celebrating access for all in sports, with a very special event this July, focusing on women in sports. Footballers from France and Rajasthan unite in a never seen before collaboration to bring sensitization workshops, film screenings and football matches across Rajasthan, Kerala and Goa.



Girls who code

Break stereotypes with a focus on equality and equal access, a virtual reality workshop tailor-made for girls. In collaboration with **SMS International Jobner**, a model school bringing quality education to first-generation learners, this event promotes gender equality in tech and digital spaces

UPCOMING EVENTS

Slang's not bad!

Verlan, a reversal of the French word l'envers, meaning 'reverse,' comprises slang widely used in France. It's not only common but also quite fun to learn. A workshop made to discover everyday expressions that become cooler in slang because in regular classes, you only learn pure grammatical sentences, so a little break from that!

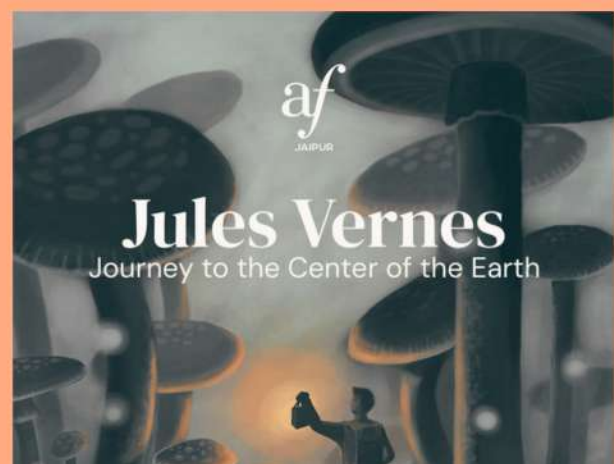
Pardon my French book corner

A delightful new addition for booklovers in Jaipur. Iconic **Rajat Book Store** is partnering with the **Alliance Française Jaipur** and the **French Institute in India** to bring French classics and contemporary literature in translation to the city. The Pardon my French book corner will be inaugurated in May and will continue to programme cool events that will get together readers from across Jaipur.

Journey to the centre of the Earth

In May's special edition of Reading without Sight, we discover the beauty of Jules Verne's universe in a sensorial reading in Hindi, English, French and Braille of the iconic text: Journey to the center of the Earth, exclusively at the Alliance Française Jaipur library

Française OF **Jaipur**
SATURDAY **MAY 27**
learn **how to speak**
LIKE A NATIVE
WHAT WE *didn't* **TEACH** **IN THE CLASS**
The Workshop
TELL us,
HOW the french DO



UPCOMING EVENTS

Exclusive screening at IICD Jaipur

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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF CRAFTS & DESIGN, JAIPUR

India, 1900

Cinemela

With the unmissable participation of
Dr. Toolika Gupta, director, Indian
Institute of Crafts and design Jaipur
and President, Alliance Française Jaipur

अभिलेखों का अनावरण

The archives unveiled
May 15

India: Archives Unveiled, May 15 at IICD

From the Victorian era in 1899 to the final images of colonial India, previously unseen film archives showcase the power of the British colonizers, their perspective on the Indian population, and India's struggle for independence. This two-chapter epic is made possible by the recent rediscovery and restoration of 300 film reels from the British Film Institute. A visual and historical treat produced by **Arte France**.

With the unmissable participation of Dr. Toolika Gupta, director, Indian Institute of Crafts and design Jaipur and President, Alliance Française Jaipur.

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

Les Intouchables: May 17

"**Intouchables**" is a heartwarming French film that follows the unlikely friendship between Philippe, a wealthy quadriplegic, and Driss, his exuberant caregiver from the suburbs. Their bond transcends societal barriers, highlighting themes of empathy and human connection.

The movie skillfully blends humor with poignant moments, offering a refreshing take on disability and privilege. **Omar Sy's** charismatic performance as Driss adds depth and authenticity to the story, complementing **François Cluzet's** portrayal of Philippe's vulnerability. Through their adventures and challenges, "Intouchables" delivers a powerful message of embracing life's joys despite adversity. The film's success globally speaks to its universal appeal and emotional resonance. Overall, "Intouchables" is a touching and uplifting cinematic experience that leaves a lasting impact on its viewers.



AFJ RECOMMENDS

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

LA CHANSON DOUCE LEILA SLIMANI



Leïla Slimani is a French writer and journalist of Moroccan ancestry. In 2016 she was awarded the Prix Goncourt for her novel *Chanson Douce*. Slimani takes the reader in the spiritual odyssey of a woman who comes to murder the two children she has been taking care of for several years. The novel deals with the denunciation of much deeper concerns intrinsically tied to our society - racial and social inequalities.

COMME UNE REINE ERNIS



A young woman leaves Douala, the economic capital of Cameroon, and takes the direction of the village where she grew up, where the women of her family raised her, teaching her the rites, the traditions, the history of her family. Since then she carries these stories without knowing what to do with them, and visions that remind her that she belongs to a long line of powerful women. Her arrival in the village shakes her people. Nothing prepared her for this return, the awakening of visions and the role she could play in her community.

A magnificent first novel that questions in a new way the opposition between tradition and modernity. The author uses magic realism to question the place of women who think, dream and shape the future.

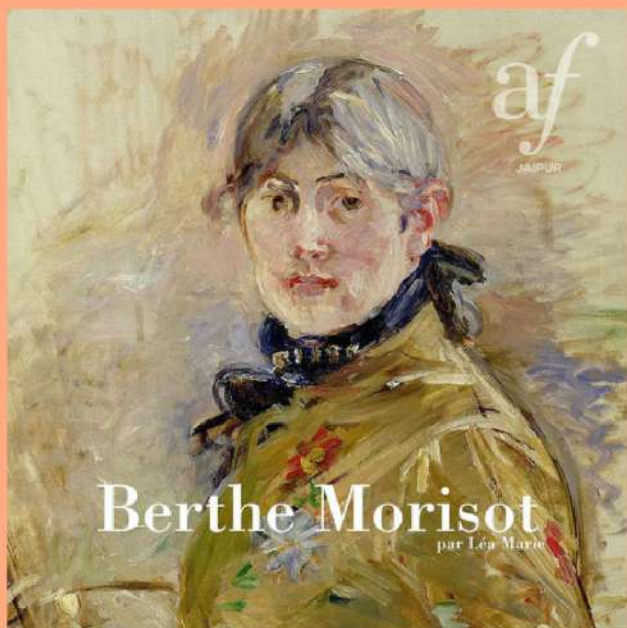
SOON THOMAS CADENE BENJAMIN ADAM



2150. The world has changed significantly. Damage caused by climate change and the resurgence of certain deadly diseases have drastically reduced the world's population. Nature has taken back control and the survivors are spread out over different urban zones. Simone, 50, is an astronaut who has been in training for a controversial one-way space mission. Simone will have to leave her son Youri forever. Before they say goodbye, Simone asks Youri to travel with her to the seven urban zones.

LISTEN UP!

Tune in, turn on, drop out with our handpicked podcasts and Spotify playlists!



Welcome to our **Podcast** series! Each month, we explore marginalized stories from India and France. In March, we celebrated international women's rights by highlighting French impressionist **Berthe Morisot**, shedding light on her genius and determination. Léa shares how Morisot remains an essential artist of modernity and one of the key founders of the impressionist movement.

This April, **Heloise Nio**, our professor crafts a delightful journey into the heart of the Creole language and its origins, because we believe every month is the month of Francophonie! Creole, in its different forms, a dozen different to be precise, fascinates linguists all over the world. Their origins tell us so much about the regions where they are spoken, the traditions, the food, how the people dress, all so deeply linked with the spoken tongue.



SPOTIFY WITH AFJ

Our team curates a monthly playlist

Groovy playlists to fit the mood perfectly. Our teachers at AFJ curate the season-specific delights from tearjerkers to dance specials, a playlist for everyone.

Pankaj



Héloïse



Shreya



INTRODUCING ALEXANDRE CENTER MANAGER - UDAIPUR ANNEX



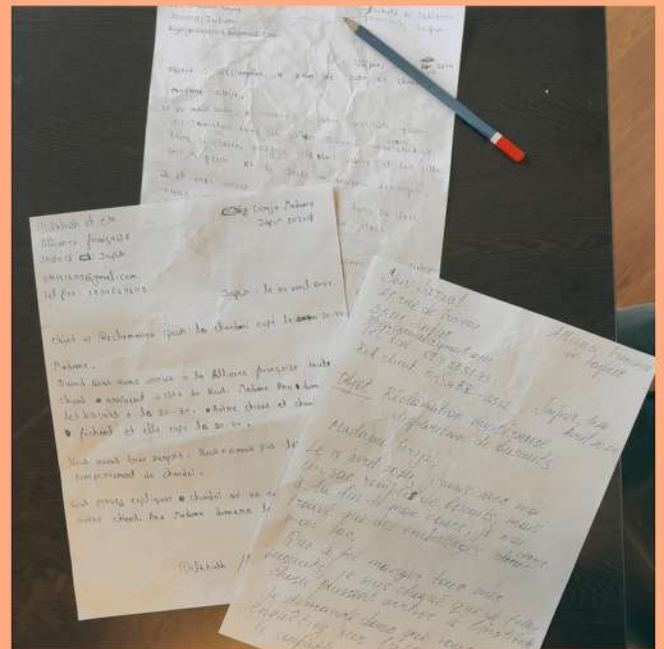
Meet our newest team member, **Alexandre Gilardeau**, affectionately known as Alex, Alex sir, and Guruji Alex, who will be leading the AFJaipur annex in Udaipur. Besides his passion for a good pao bhaji and our indie dogs, Alex holds a deep admiration for Rajnikant. A trained professor of French as a Foreign Language, Alex brings a wealth of experience from his time in Spain, Mexico, before making his (rather long) journey to Bangalore and then finally to Jaipur. Swing by AFJ or Udaipur to say hello and welcome him aboard!

DEFI INTER-ALLIANCE JOIN THE MADNESS!

All set for the brand new edition of the **Defi InterAlliance**, an exclusive inter Alliance competition with regional, national and international rounds! Open to students currently registered at an Alliance Française, above 18 years of age and with a minimum level of A2 and above. The local round in Jaipur is on May 11, don't miss the francofolie!



IT'S A DOG'S LIFE



For those who know, know it well! For those who don't here's a showcase of our best mascots from Alliance Française Jaipur, who are top class de-stressers, be it during DELF exams, during classes, or high-tension meetings at work.

With our team of 4- Guddu, Chandni, Mowgli and Twenty-Twenty, we sure got our hand's full, but our hearts' fuller!

Don't miss these photos of students during DELF exams, and **letters written during a class of B1 from students to the management in support of one of our dogs!** We always integrate them into our lives and how.

MEET OUR INTERNS!



Jaya

Hi, I'm Jaya, a budding tour guide, currently studying French at Alliance Française Jaipur. Did you know that less than 5% of tourist guides in India are women? I'm determined to shatter this barrier by not only following in my family's footsteps in this profession but also becoming one of Mandawa, Shekhawati's first female French-speaking guides! In addition to my French classes at AFJ, I'm also interning at the library, where I'm currently working on cataloging the books.

Pankhuri

I'm Pankhuri, currently a student at IICD and a communication and design intern at Alliance Française Jaipur. In this role, I handle communication, design, and social media management. The AFJ team holds a special place in my heart, as they've been instrumental in my growth. Working with Alex, whose subtle humor adds enjoyment to our projects, and fostering a bond with Sanjana has enhanced my internship experience. Together, we create flyers, banners, and posts, making the journey both productive and enjoyable.



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JOIN OUR TEAM



We are looking for interns

- Communication and marketing
- Project management
- Coordination and liaison

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