

Activities of the Department

The small but vibrant department of French undertakes a series of activities each year to develop and showcase the artistic skills of the students in drama, music, dance, cuisine and general knowledge.

The goal is to create a well-rounded graduate student who has developed poise, confidence and eloquence with public speaking skills,. This is the prime directive behind any and all our activities, be it through competitions, creative workshops, co curricular events and departmental events

These are few of the events that the department organizes annually:

JOUR DE BASTILLE

'Le Jour de Bastille' is the biggest event celebrated in the depart of French on 14th July every year. This event marks the National Day of France and includes a very versatile guest list of French experts, French teachers, ex-students and members of the francophone community. A cultural programme is organized by the department and is to a large extent planned and orchestrated by the students themselves. What better platform than this in order to put one's organizational and planning skills to the test? This event challenges the students be able to work alone or as a team. A variety of artistic activities find their way to a well decorated stage emanating the flavors of the French culture. This event provides the students a befitting platform to showcase their talents in speech, drama, music, culture and Indo-French cuisine. The event is open to the students of all the departments and various competitions and animations are conducted for the audience to participate actively in the programme. The audience is served dollops of French culture during this programme and are suitably rewarded for their French connaissance. 'Le Jour de Bastille' has now become a popular event and is eagerly awaited for each year by the student community at large.

LA SOIRÉE FRANÇAISE

La soiree Française is a cultural event that brings to the stage a variety of activities related to music, dance, song, art, fusion cuisine and francophone

culture. This event blends in an artistic way, the Indo-French culture along with the very versatile and colorful francophone culture. The students are provided an open platform to showcase their talents in various fields and present their skills in an adept manner by subtly blending in the French nuances. Activities like mask and face painting, local regional dances local folklores presented in French, fusion music and fusion cuisine and some of the highlights of this event. The enthusiasm and camaraderie of the students is unmissable as the sessions unfurl.

WORKSHOP

The Department of French conducts workshops on themes such as creative writing skills, developing translation skills and career guidance talks. The workshops are aimed mostly at developing the written and oral competences of the students. The resource persons are industry experts and educators from the francophone community, ex-students who have made successful careers in the French world as well as in the global market and in-house resource persons. The students are offered valuable tips and guidance in various domains: how to express themselves articulately and more efficiently in French, how to avoid common mistakes whilst undertaking simple translation projects, how to plan their career moves based on the opportunities available in the local and international market and how to make sensible choices for undertaking further studies. The department even conducts workshops on French cuisine and opens the portals to the culinary artistry of the French culture.

For the last three years, the department has organized Cosfest Goa, an event born out of our Visual Literature course and an outcome of the Study tour taken to Mumbai Comic Con. Students organize this All-Goa event open to families and the public, as an extension activity, where they apply their knowledge and love of popular culture in an enjoyable and visually appealing event. This event has been covered extensively in Goan dailies.

Participation in intercollegiate and other events

The students of the department of French are encouraged to participate in activities conducted by other educational institutions. Our Department participates wholeheartedly in the very enriching activities conducted by the Department of French and Francophone studies at Goa University. The students are encouraged to work as tour guides and translators to

participants at the International Film Festival organised by the Ministry of Tourism in Goa.