

Department of French pays Homage to *Notre-Dame de Paris*

The Department of French and Francophone Studies, Goa University organised a series of interactive sessions and workshops on the theme of *Notre Dame de Paris*, France on 25th and 26th September 2019. This iconic cathedral in Paris, France which is steeped in history recently featured in the news because of a devastating fire that destroyed a huge section.

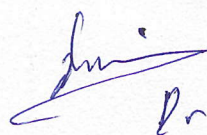
The sessions on the first day mainly catered to students who opted for French in Higher Secondary schools, post-graduate and Undergraduate students of Goa University. Prof. Anuradha Wagle informed the students about the various career prospects and job opportunities associated with French. The Department of French and Francophone studies offers a Bachelors and a Masters in French to cater to the ever-growing demand for professionals with a good knowledge of the language.

Dr. Irene Silveira, In-charge, Department of French & Francophone Studies conducted an interactive session on the historical and political significance of the Cathedral *Notre Dame de Paris*. Students were quizzed on various aspects and prizes were given out to the highest scoring teams. St. Xavier's Higher Secondary, Mapusa, Presentation Higher Secondary, Margao and Goa university team bagged prizes. Louise Lecourt-Richard conducted the next session on the cultural significance of the renowned cathedral and its depiction in opera, songs, poems, comics, films and video games.

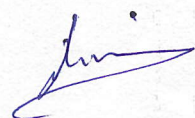
The day concluded with a Q&A session with four francophones who visited *Notre Dame*. The panellists included Ms. Lecourt-Richard who studied at the Sorbonne in Paris and lived close to the *Notre Dame de Paris*; Mr. Anthony Gomes, an MA French student who was awarded the prestigious Champak Scholarship to complete a semester at Science Po, Lyon, France; Sarah and Yanis two students from Science Po, Lyon who are currently on an exchange program at Goa University. The audience sought additional information about this famous monument and inquired about the panellist's personal experiences surrounding the monument and the fire.

Day two was dedicated to French phonetics and poetry. The first session was conducted by Ms. Lecourt-Richard who introduced students to nuances in certain key French sounds through a series of activities. The following session by Dr. Silveira focused on poetry based on the *Notre Dame* and participants worked in groups to create their own versions of the poems. The day culminated with a quiz on French phonetics. Over 80 participants attended the two-day event.

Event co-ordinator : Ms. Natasha Gomes

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Department of French & Francophone Studies
is organising an Interactive session on

Notre Dame de Paris

on 25th September 2019

from 10:00am to 1:00pm

at the Conference Hall,

Administrative Building, Goa University.



Department of French & Francophone Studies
is organising a workshop on

Phonetics & Poetry

on 26th September 2019

from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

at the Conference Hall,

Administrative Building, Goa University.

Notre Dame de Paris and Phonetics & Poetry

25-09-2019 to 26-09-2019

Prof. Irene





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Interaction with french speakers who have visited the Notre Dame



Audience interacting with the panel



Prize winners of the Quiz



Group Photo

