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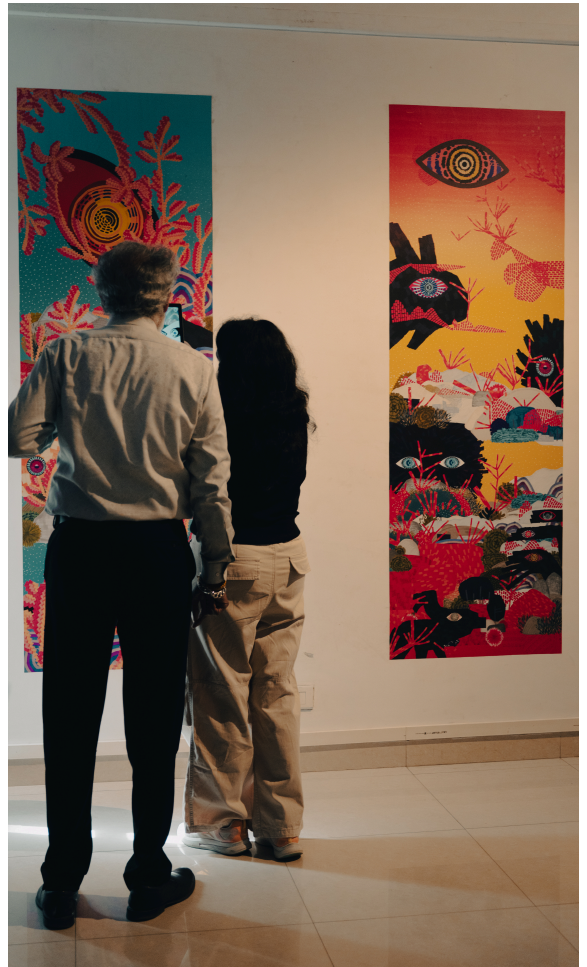
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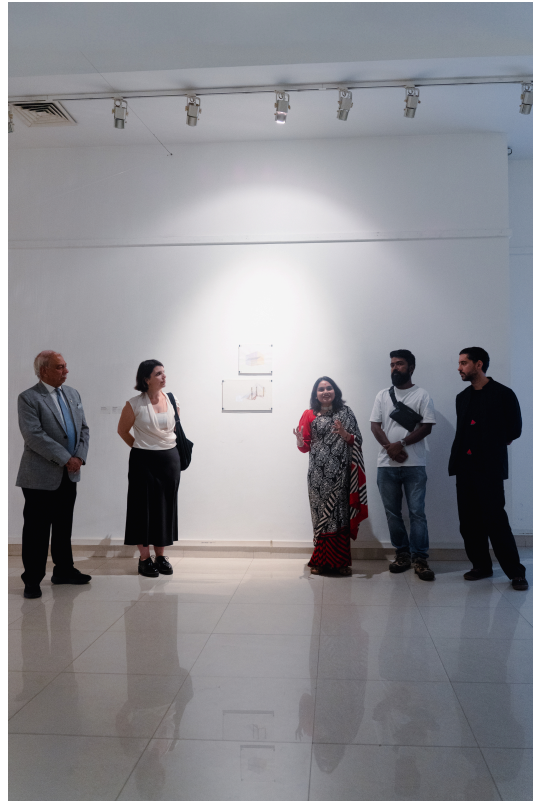
EDITO

Dear members and friends of Alliance Française Chandigarh,

Welcome to this new edition of La Plume. You will notice it has changed: more compact, it is designed to give you a clearer and more accessible window into everything AFC has to offer linguistically, culturally, educationally, and artistically.

This quarter is a particularly rich one. As part of the India-France Year of Innovation 2026, a landmark in a strategic partnership nearly eight decades old, Alliance Française de Chandigarh is embracing the creative and collaborative spirit that defines this bilateral moment. From exhibitions and concerts to screenings, workshops and much more, the programme ahead is varied and alive. Alongside it, you will find all the information you need on our language courses, certification sessions, and pathways to France. There is much to discover, and even more to experience in person. We look forward to welcoming you.

Fiona Guerra
Director, Alliance Française Chandigarh



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The Bilateral Agenda, 2026

The India-France Year of Innovation 2026 marks a bold new chapter in the global and special strategic partnership between France and India. At its core lies the idea that innovation is a vital driving force in Indo-French ties.

France established diplomatic relations with India as soon as it gained independence on August 15, 1947. In 1998, the relationship was elevated to the level of a strategic partnership, establishing France as India's oldest strategic partner.

In 2023, on its 25th anniversary, President Emmanuel Macron and Prime Minister Narendra Modi decided to renew and deepen the Indo-French strategic partnership for a further 25 years through the adoption of the Horizon 2047 Roadmap. The year 2047 will mark three symbolic milestones: 100 years of India's independence, 100 years of diplomatic relations between our two countries, and 50 years of our strategic partnership. It is under this broader agenda of orienting our bilateral relationship towards to the future that the Year of Innovation is taking place.

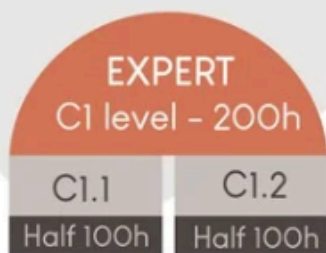
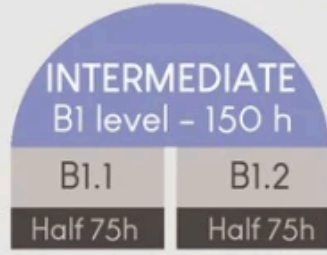
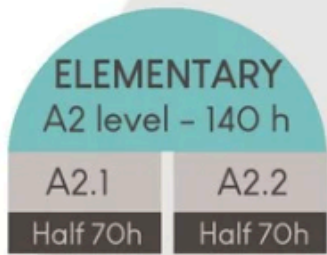
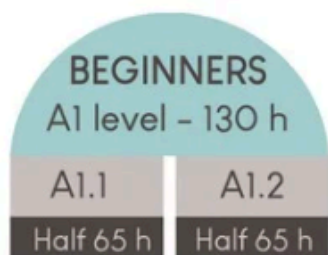
The initiative is structured around four pillars in which France and India are uniquely positioned to develop joint solutions to shared challenges: Aerospace; Health, Well-being & Food; Sustainable Development and Energy Transition; and Cultural and Creative Industries.

The Alliance Française network is part of this momentum. Across India, Alliance Françaises are engaging with the Year of Innovation not only as relay points for national programming, but as genuine creative actors. **In Chandigarh,** AFC is bringing this ambition into focus through The City Narratives, a pluridisciplinary programme exploring architecture, memory and frugal innovation, as well as a forthcoming digital arts initiative aligned with Novembre Numérique 2026, among many other cultural & artistic proposals..

From public-facing events to behind-the-scenes evolutions , the AFC's engagement with the Year of Innovation is both a reflection of bilateral ambition and a commitment to making it locally meaningful.



5 EUROPEAN LEVELS



3 AGE RANGES



7+ Children

11+ Young learners

15+ Adults



4 PACES



Regular
Half level
in 3 months



Intensive
1 full level
in 3 months



Super intensive
1 full level
in 6 weeks



Hyper intensive
2 levels
in 3 months

4 SESSIONS OF 3 MONTHS PER YEAR

Spring session
March to May



Summer session
June to August



Autumn session
Sept to November



Winter session
December to Feb

OFFLINE



2 FORMATS

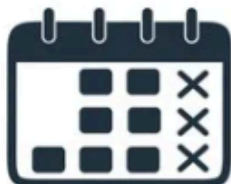
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2 OPTIONS



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3 EXAM AGE RANGES

7-11 years

Delf Prim



A1.1 - A1 - A2



12-17 years

Delf Junior



A1 - A2 - B1 - B2

13+

Delf DalF tout public



A1 - A2 - B1 - B2 - C1

5 SESSIONS DELF - DALF TOUT PUBLIC PER YEAR

MARCH 2026
09 to 13

JUNE 2026
15 to 19

JULY 2026
07 to 08

SEPT 2026
15 to 19

DEC 2026
07 to 11

2 SESSIONS DELF JUNIOR PER YEAR

APRIL 2026
21 and 22



JULY 2026
18 and 19

1 SESSION PER YEAR DELF PRIM



APRIL 2026
27 to 29

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TO REG

FOR EACH LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA

A1

DEL F A1 recognizes basic knowledge. At this stage, the learner can interact in a simple way: he/she can speak about him/herself and his/her immediate environment.

A2

DEL F A2 recognises the linguistic competency of a basic user, considered as a social actor. The candidate can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring the most common polite phrases and exchanges of information.

B1

DEL F B1 recognises the linguistic competency of an independent user. The candidate can maintain interaction and give his/her opinion.

B2

DEL F B2 recognises the linguistic competency of a user with a high degree of independence and fluency that allows him/her to construct arguments to defend his/her opinion, explain his/her viewpoint and negotiate.

C1

DAL F C1 recognises language user who are completely independent and fluent. They have a large vocabulary and can choose the appropriate expression to introduce their comments. They can produce clear, well-structured discourse without hesitation.

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YOU CAN APPEAR FOR THE LEVEL(S) OF YOUR CHOICE**



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DEL F	Internal	External
A1	₹ 7,287	₹ 11,210
A2	₹ 7,847	₹ 11,210
B1	₹ 8,756	₹ 13,263
B2	₹ 8,756	₹ 13,263
DAL F	Internal	External
C1	₹ 9,605	₹ 14,549
C2	₹ 10,042	₹ 14,549

**RATES
2026**

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Your gateway to French higher education. Campus France India supports students at every stage — programme selection, application, visa, and arrival. Master's graduates benefit from a 5-year Schengen alumni visa. campusfrance.org/en

CLASSES INTERNATIONALES (Campus France)

Launched in 2024, this track integrates Indian students directly into French institutions with combined language and academic support — no prior French required to get started.

MEET NIDHI CHOPRA, CAMPUS FRANCE MANAGER

To answer all your questions, reach out to Nidhi Chopra, Campus France Manager. Office at Alliance Française de Chandigarh

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Shraddha Kochhar, French Teacher

Born in New Delhi to two intrepid nomads, Shraddha grew up with the world as her classroom and with the early conviction that where the spoken word falls short, the written word never does. That belief carried her all the way to a doctorate in English Literature.

French, she says, was "the enchanting brook that gurgled along my way." She completed her final level in 2024 and joined the Alliance Française Chandigarh as a teacher that same March, finding here a bridge between her love of literature and a multicultural space that champions interaction and innovation. A passionate arts practitioner, she brought that energy fully to life between October 2025 and January 2026, co-writing an original play with colleague Romane Boulon and guiding eleven AFC students all the way to the stage, performed entirely in French. A great success, and a reminder of what language can become when it is truly lived.

Official humans of Alliance Française de Chandigarh



Lucile Desaga, service civique

My name is Lucile and I have been in charge of communication and event organisation at the Alliance Française of Chandigarh. I arrived in May last year and my time here is now coming to an end.

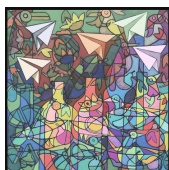
I feel very grateful for this opportunity and for everything I have experienced. I had the chance to meet many different people and to grow in an international environment that meant a lot to me and taught me a lot.

Working here has helped me gain confidence and discover new ways of creating and sharing culture. I was able to travel across several places in North India and I am still amazed by the cultural richness and diversity that can be found everywhere. Each place, each encounter, brought something new.

I hope to continue my travels and come back soon to explore more of this country.

Cultural agenda

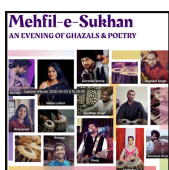
April - June



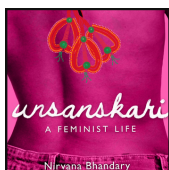
April 10 - 25
Purusha aur Prakriti
#exhibition



April 17, 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm
Little Moments in French
#kidsactivity 5 - 8 yo



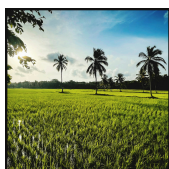
April 18, 6 pm
Mehfil-e-Sukhan
#concert



May 15 (timing to be confirmed)
Unsanskari by Nirvana Bhandary
#booklaunch



May 9 - June 5
Le Monde sans fin
#exhibition

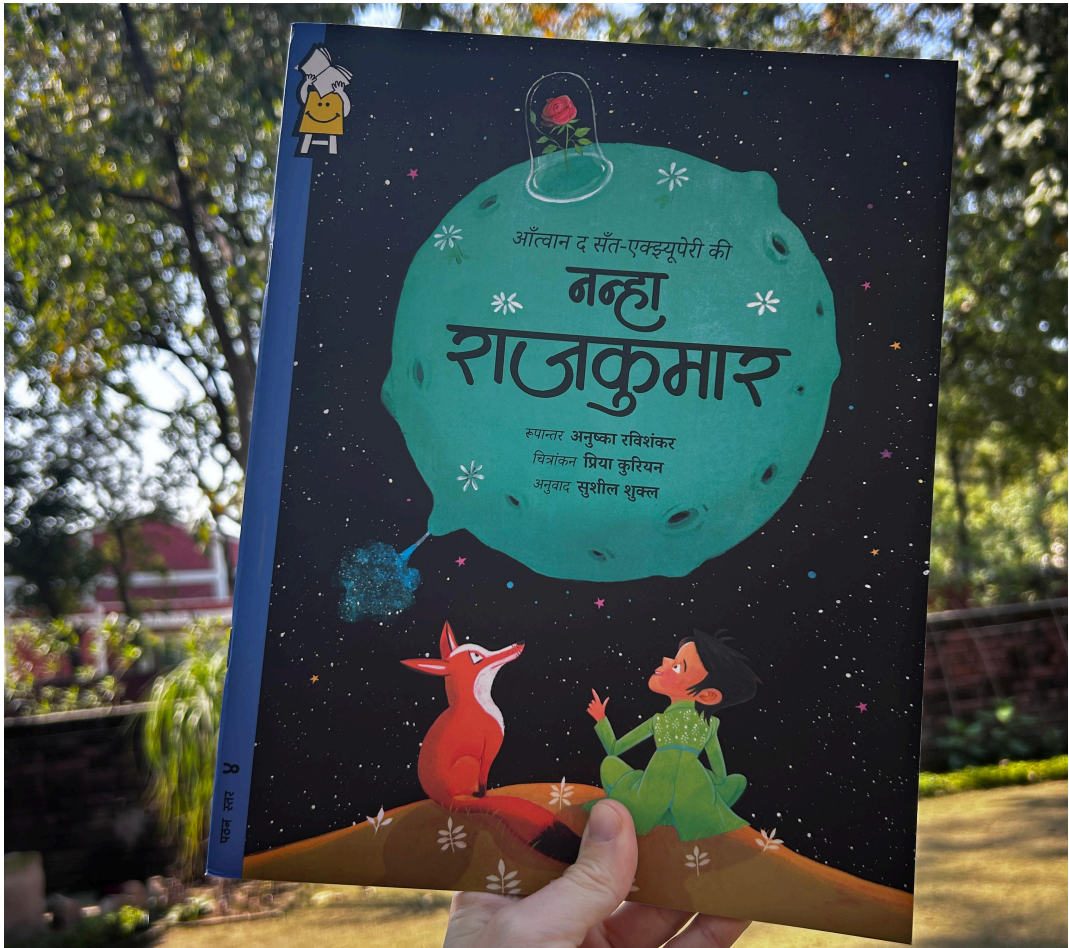


June 5
World environment day
#debate



June 18
Fête de la Musique
#concert - to be announced

More to come and to be confirmed, stay tuned and check our upcoming events on <https://chandigarh.afindia.org/>



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MEET NANHA RAJKUMAR, THE BELOVED LITTLE PRINCE IN HIS INDIAN PICTURE BOOK AVATAR.

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This reimagination was born from a beautiful collaboration between the **French Institute in India**, **Pratham Books**, adapter **Anushka Ravishankar**, and illustrator **Priya Kuriyan**. Together, they have transformed one of French literature's most beloved stories into something wonderfully new: a Little Prince who arrives in India as a rajkumar, making the tale feel at once familiar, intimate, and alive for young readers today.

Published in English, Hindi, Marathi, Tamil, and Kannada, the book is also available on StoryWeaver, Pratham Books' open digital repository, ensuring this story can travel far beyond our library walls and reach readers across India.

Hindi-language copies are available to borrow right here at the Alliance Française Chandigarh library.

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Summer Camp 2026

A summer full of games, creativity and cultural discovery., Designed for young learners to explore the French language in the most natural and joyful way.

No pressure, just play. En français.



Date & Time

June 1 - 25, 2026
10.30 AM - 12.30 PM
Mon to Thurs



Registration

Open on May 5, 2026
7434 INR per child

Children

8-11 years



What to expect?

- Certified French teacher
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- Theatre
- Recreational activities
- and more

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Sector 36A



Govinda's French recipe

Tarte tatin aux oignons rouges

I chose this recipe for one simple reason: I love oven-baked dishes. There's something deeply comforting about recipes that simmer quietly and fill the kitchen with wonderful aromas. I also have a preference for savoury food, which is why I enjoy putting a twist on traditionally sweet recipes — like the tarte tatin. Originally conceived with shallots, I adapted it using local produce, and red onions quickly became the obvious choice. The ones found here in India are milder and lend themselves perfectly to slow cooking: once caramelised, they turn meltingly tender and slightly sweet.

The tarte tatin is a classic French dessert made with caramelised apples, said to have come about by accident — the Tatin sisters forgot the pastry beneath the apples and simply placed it on top before baking. An unexpected result... and a delicious one. As this goes to show, in cooking, accidents sometimes turn out rather well.



Serves 4

Ingredients:

- 5 to 6 red onions
- 30 g butter
- 2 tbsp sugar
- Salt and pepper
- (Optional but irresistible) a dash of balsamic vinegar and fresh thyme

For the shortcrust pastry:

- 200 g flour
- 100 g cold butter
- 1 pinch of salt
- 5 cl water

PREPARATION

- 1 Mix the flour, salt and butter cut into pieces. Add the water and bring together into a dough. Leave to rest for 20 minutes.
- 2 Preheat the oven to 180°C (350°F).
- 3 Peel and slice the onions, then cook them gently in butter. Add the sugar and leave to caramelise.
- 4 Arrange the onions in a baking tin.
- 5 Roll out the dough and cover the onions, tucking in the edges.
- 6 Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, then turn the tart out immediately after removing from the oven.

Best enjoyed still warm, for a simple and generous moment! Bon appétit!



Wall Art Festival #5

Event highlights

From February 19 to 22, the **Wall Art Festival #5** reached new heights across India, organized by the Alliance Française network and the French Institute in India.

In Chandigarh, the collaboration between **Kashink** and **Gouvernement Art College** explored Women, Horizons, and New Voices in Urban Art, weaving identity and freedom.

A creative afternoon on February 20 featured face painting, canvas work, and music, celebrating the power of collective expression with **Queering in Chandigarh** collective.

Eventually, this journey culminated in the grand inauguration of a large scale mural at Alliance Française Chandigarh.

Special thanks to our sponsors **Apollo Tyres**, **JSW Paint**, and **French Institute in India** for supporting this creative solidarity.



The City Narratives #1

Event highlights

From 27 February to 29 March 2026, the Alliance Française of Chandigarh launched **The City Narratives**, a new pluridisciplinary programme inviting audiences to reconsider Chandigarh as both a lived space and a field of open inquiry. Supported by the Institut français in India and a wide network of local and international partners, the first edition marked the opening of the Indo-French Year of Innovation 2026.

Over the course of five weeks, the programme brought together exhibitions, public conversations, a book launch, and a film screening, unfolding across multiple sites in the city, from the AFC's art gallery to the Sector 17 underpass, the Government Museum, and a private modernist home in Sector 8C.

The programme closed on 14 March with a screening of **The Eternal Modernist**, a documentary honouring **S. D. Sharma** and the human stories behind Chandigarh's built heritage, screened in the presence of Sharma himself.



FRANCOPHONIE WEEK

Event highlights

As part of the **Francophonie Week**, Alliance Française Chandigarh hosted a series of events celebrating the French language through community and creativity. Students engaged in a Kahoot Quiz and a warm Francophone Potluck Picnic, sharing homemade dishes.

The week featured academic challenges like **La Grande Dictée** proposed by the **French Institute in India** and the international **Plume d'Or** writing competition, highlighting impressive linguistic skills.

Finally, AF Got Talent showcased incredible performances in singing, poetry, and painting.

Huge thanks to **Jennifer Desprez** (FFL teacher) and **Govinda Cortier** (French cook) for organizing this successful week and to all participants for their energy!

Stay tuned !



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