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# HOW IS ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE CHANDIGARH SPECIAL?



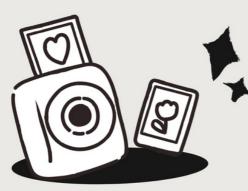
# HELLO SPRING! \*\*

"SOLEIL DELAVIE"

Tu es la saleil de ma vie.

"FAIRE UNE FLEUR"





"Être au printemps de sa vie" TO BEYOUNG

Laissez-les s'amuser, ils sont encore au printemps de leur vie.

# "Après la pluie, le beau temps"

AFTER THE STORM, COMES A CALM.

On a tellement lutté pour notre relation, et maintenant on est mariées. Comme quoi, après la pluie il y a toujours le beau temps.



# Berck Sur Mer

### KITE FESTIVAL



Each April, the skies of Berck-sur-Mer explode with colours, as kites line up in choreographed displays to perform for the crowds.

Every April, Berck-sur-Mer hosts one of the world's most prominent kite festivals. The delightful seaside town is a great place to visit, but really comes alive when hundreds of thousands of people gather together to witness incredible displays of dexterity combined with an enthusiasm for nature. The event lasts for nine days, and you'll be joining over half

a million people - an impressive turnout!
Across the festival, all kinds of kites will be taking to the skies, and judged by spectators and experts at the event.

The International Kite Festival at Berck-sur-Mer has taken place for over 25 years, and when you visit you'll see kites of all shapes and sizes, plus you'll have the chance to learn about the history of kite flying, and how it has spread across the world.

The surrounding area of Bercksur-Mer is a pretty seaside resort even outside of the festival, like go-karting, swimming, bowling or getting lost in the nearby hedge maze.

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- DELF 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.
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# SUMMER IN — FRANCE





### PROVENCE'S LAVENDER FIELDS

Nicknamed 'the blue gold,' the lavender fields are among the top places to visit in Provence. This is one of the best places to visit in France in June and July — when the lavender fields are in full bloom. Aix-en-Provence & Avignon are two good basecamps for the lavender fields. The best way to explore the lavender fields is by car.



# A French Vacation!

Summer is a fantastic time to visit France.
The warm weather, bright sun, good food, and a relaxed lifestyle are all guaranteed in any summer vacation in France.



### GULF OF MORHIBAN, BRITANNY



With its many islands and islets, a microclimate that warms the sea, and its sweet life, the Gulf of Morbihan is one of Brittany's most beautiful landscapes to discover during summer in France.

Here, you can visit vibrant cities, mysterious castles, prehistoric sites, and some of the prettiest coastal towns.

Finally, the Gulf of Morbihan is an excellent place to fully immerse in Brittany's culinary heritage: seafood, crêpes, and other traditional dishes.

### THE FRENCH BASQUE COUNTRY

The French Basque Country is great for sightseeing, but the only way to get into the heart of this region is by walking. Enjoy its variety of landscapes, from dramatic coastline to rugged mountains, on short or longer hikes. With consistent waves year-round, the French Basque country is also a surfer's paradise, with a wide choice of surfing schools, surfing shops, and championships.

The French Basque Country is known for its distinctive architecture, delicious food, and for having the best chocolate in France!



### THE RÉUNION ISLAND

Ile de la Réunion is one of the French islands of the Indian Ocean, located between the islands of Madagascar and Mauritius.

Its 25% of population is Indian!

Reunion is a land of contrasts of adventure, exotism, and different flavors.

With 40% of the territory listed as UNESCO World Heritage, this wonderful island is a paradise for nature-lovers, well-known for its volcanic, rainforested interior and beaches.

Also, the colorful Marché de Saint-Paul, in Saint-Paul, is worth exploring.







# The call for applications for the Legrand Empowering scholarship for the academic year 2023-24 is now open!

This scholarship is designed for Indian students who want to pursue a master's degree programme in France in the field of Management, Science, Engineering, Finance and Social Science.

The students with an annual family income that is below 8 lakhs are eligible to apply.

Preference will be given to: Differently-abled & LGBTQ students, Children in single-mother families & Children of martyred armed forces personnel.

The scholarship will be awarded for up to a maximum of one academic year (September to June) and can be renewed for a second year subject to students' academic performance and attendance record in the first year of master studies.

### **BENEFITS**

- Monthly stipend of INR 59,500

- Visa and Campus France fees waiver

**DEADLINE**: Friday April 21, 2023 (23:59 IST)

For application procedure, visit https://www.inde.campusfrance.org/legrand-empowering-scholarship. In case of queries, please write to scholarship.france@ifindia.in.

# A New Entry!



# **Jeane Vinot**

### **COMMUNICATION & CULTURE VOLUNTEER**

Bonjour, My name is Jeane, I'm 25 years old and I have joined AF Chandigarh as a volunteer in the Communication & Culture department. This is my first time working abroad and I love Chandigarh!

Before this, I was a curator and organizer of cultural events. I'm passionate about Urban Art and all popular creative forms, particularly those from Counter-Cultures (Hip-hop, graffiti etc), I am convinced that art transforms public spaces and individual lives.

After getting a Bachelor's degree in Information & Communication and a Master's degree in Culture & Communication, I worked for an urban art association in Paris (Urban Art Paris and LaBel Valette Festival).

A desire to change horizons and learn new cultures led me to take an interest in Alliance Française.

Having traveled a lot in India as a child, it was only natural that the post in Chandigarh caught my attention.

# LET'S HAVE At chat with

### ARUNANSHU BANSAL

FRENCH TEACHER





I am Arunanshu Bansal.

I am a teacher at Alliance
Française de Chandigarh.

Originally, I am from
Bathinda, but I have been
living in Chandigarh for 6
years now.

To the beginners of this language, I'll say that, yes, this language does test your patience. It's not an easy language. It is complex, but that's what makes it beautiful! Give it time, and let it settle within your thoughts.

# S IT JUST THE LANGUAGE THAT YOU'RE ATTRACTED TO OR WERE THERE OTHER FACTORS SUCH AS A PASSION OR AN INTEREST INVOLVED AS WELL?

Honestly, it started with the language, but then I was always curious about art and how it is preserved in France. I am a huge fan of certain French brands, not because I like their products, but how they preserve their heritage while maintaining their avant-garde approach. This fine mixture of the two fascinates me a lot and makes me read about them. So, now, there are a lot of passions attached to French.

### AFTER VISITING FRANCE AS AN ENGLISH ASSISTANT, WHAT WERE THE CULTURAL DIFFERENCES YOU NOTICED THE MOST?

I noticed a lot of differences, not just cultural but generally as well. The first thing which shook me was the timings, stores in France used to shut at 7 or 8 pm, which is usually the time we go out. That took some time to get adjusted to. I noticed that people in France are obsessed with their freedom and they will do anything to protect it, which isn't the case in India.

# WAS THERE ANY PARTICULAR POINT OR A SPECIAL MOMENT WHEN YOU DECIDED TO MENTOR THIS LANGUAGE?

There wasn't a special moment as such but rather a sudden thought. When I used to be a student at AF Chandigarh, I noticed that there wasn't a single male teacher here, so a thought was born. I wanted to be the only male teacher here and live the experience of teaching the language, which gave me so much exposure.

### AS A TEACHER, DO YOU THINK YOUR FRENCH TEACHERS PLAYED A PART IN YOUR JOURNEY TO FOLLOW THE PATH OF FRENCH TEACHING AS A STUDENT?

Definitely, I've had the most amazing experience at Alliance and most of it is because of my teachers here. They made the language easier for me. Amongst everything, coming here was the best part of my day. If I am a teacher today, it's because they made it look fun. I never fail to praise them in front of my students.

## DID YOU EVER HAVE TO MAKE A CHOICE ABOUT WHICH COUNTRY YOU WANTED TO EXPAND YOUR CAREER IN OR WAS IT ALWAYS DECIDED AND WHY?

As of now, I did not come across this decision. Although, I always want to be in France doing just about anything related to wine or I'll probably go to New Zealand as my family is planning to move there.



# Tarte au Citron



Ingredients	Method
Crust  250 g flour  150 g butter  50 g sugar  50 g iced sugar  1 egg 1 inch of salt	<ol> <li>Beat eggs with the 2 sugars and salt</li> <li>Add the flour, knead with your fingertips</li> <li>Add the soft butter into pieces, knead quickly and form a ball</li> <li>Film and chill at least 1 hour</li> <li>Spread in pie plate, cover with a sheet of parchment paper and beans, balls of clay or a chain of metallic beads.</li> <li>Bake 10 minutes at 180 ° C, then remove the "weight" and give</li> <li>minutes to cook the center.</li> </ol>
Lemon curd  150 ml lemon juice 150 g sugar 3 eggs 1 tbsp cornstarch or flour 75 g butter	1. Remove the zest of one lemon 2. Bring to boil the lemon juice with zest 3. Beat eggs with sugar and cornstarch 4. Gradually add the lemon juice while beating 5. Put everything on medium heat and thicken, 6. stirring well all the time you will get a cream. 7. Let cool and then add the soft butter into pieces, whisking well. 8. Garnish the baked pie shell. Set aside in the fridge.
<u>Meringue</u> 2 egg whites 75 g sugar	<ul><li>I. Whisk the egg whites until they become firm, add sugar and whisk for a few seconds.</li><li>2. Garnish top of pie with a pastry bag and caramelize the meringue with a blowtorch.</li></ul>









by Navjot Kaur (A1)

Workshop with Prof. Shreya





by Mathieu Bertrand





Week of Francophony

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# CULTURAL EVENTS

### PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

21-24 JAN





### PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

3-12 FEB





### NOMAD POP-DUO CONCERT

10 FEB



### ROSE FESTIVAL 2023

Alliance Française de Chandigarh had the wonderful chance to have a stall at the Rose Festival this year. Many people showed their interest in the AF organization and were impressed by it.

17-19 FEB









THE NIGHT



# OF IDEAS

This time, there was a new spark to the Night Of Ideas, where both the artists and the participants indulged together to create pieces of art and many

The two themes were, "More control and less freedom?" and "More production and Consumption",



# WEEK OF FRANCOPHONY

— Semaine de la Francophonie

For the week of Francophony, AFC set up 7 food stalls from different countries to explore and showcase their culture. Other activities like artwork, movie-screening, and a French game called 'Pétanque' was also a part of the French week.









Cultural Activities

# Upcoming Events





### Geet-Taar & Taal

#### 8TH APRIL

The music concert features Nadaka, the creator of the 24-string 'Geet-Taar' (guitar) instrument, joined by two excellent Indian classical musicians: Ilyas Khan, who plays the ancient bowed instrument Sarangi and Chandrashekar Gandhi on Tabla.

# Fête de la Musique

### 21ST JUNE

The 'Fête de la Musique', is an annual music celebration. On Music Day, citizens and residents are urged to play music outside in their neighborhoods or in public spaces and parks. Free concerts are also organized, where musicians play for free just to have fun.

### There's more!

Apart from the mentioned events, there will be many more cultural events and art

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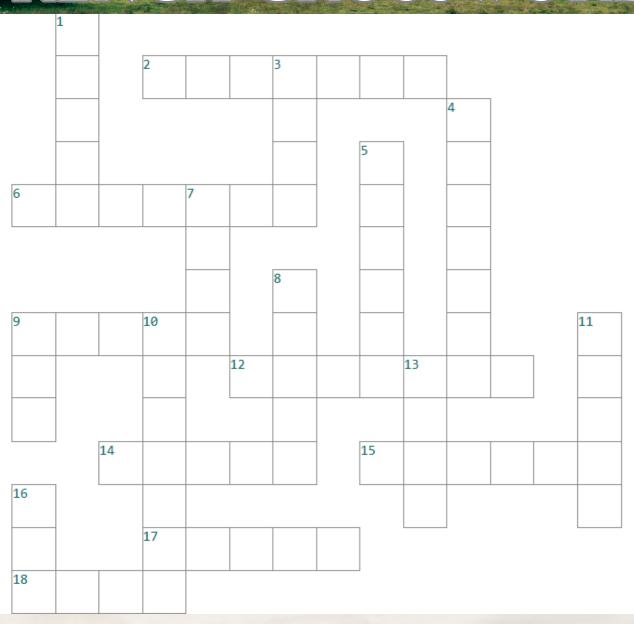
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# ENCH CROSSWORD



### DOWN

### 1. white

### 3. heart

### 4. kitchen

### 7. head

### 9. bed

### 10. river

### 11. dog

### 16. Wall

### **ACROSS**

### 2. to touch

### book

### 14. girl

### 17. red

18. to laugh

<sup>5.</sup> to dance

<sup>13.</sup> black



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