

# Discipline of French and Francophone Studies, Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature

# Report on European Day of Languages 2024 – Languages for Peace

The European Day of Languages, celebrated on September 26, aims to promote linguistic diversity, cultural exchange, and language learning throughout Europe. It encourages the acquisition of new languages while highlighting the role of multilingualism in fostering unity and communication. The theme for 2024, "Languages for Peace," underscores how languages can be powerful tools for promoting harmony and cooperation.

In alignment with this theme, the Discipline of French and Francophone Studies at Goa University organized the event 'European Day of Languages 2024 – Languages for Peace' on September 26, 2024, at 10 AM in the Seminar Hall, Block B. The event featured four engaging activities designed to celebrate the power of languages in mediating peace and understanding.

The first event was a masterclass in French, conducted by two resource persons. Ms. Kshama Dharwadkar, Assistant Professor, led a session on French grammar, while Ms. Charline Leuck, French Language Assistant, presented trivia and lesser-known facts about the French language.

The second event was a Kahoot! quiz in French, organized by Ms. Shourya Dalvi, Assistant Professor of French. 22 students participated in this quiz, which tested their knowledge of the French language. The winners were: Ms. Evelyn Fernandes (1st place), from M.A. French – Part 1; Ms. Gerianne George (2nd place), from M.A. French – Part 2; and Ms. Sarena Coelho (3rd place), from M.A. French – Part 2.

The third event, a Kahoot! quiz in English titled 'Myth or Fact?', was conducted by Mr. Anthony Gomes, Assistant Professor of French. Focused on multilingualism, this quiz debunked common myths about languages. 26 students participated, with Ms. Gerianne George (M.A. French – Part 2) securing first place, Mr. Kenneth D'Souza (FY B.A. French) in second place, and Ms. Carmen Miranda (M.A. English – Part 1) finishing third.

The final event, 'Headline Harmony: A Multilingual Challenge', saw teams of two creating creative headlines for three images using at least two European languages. This challenge allowed participants to creatively mediate between languages. A total of 21 students participated, with the top prizes awarded to: Mr. Rishabh Raj and Mr. Kaeden Pereira (1st

place, TY B.A. French); Mr. Kenneth D'Souza and Ms. Noelle Barreto (2nd place, FY B.A. French and FY B.A. Portuguese); and Mr. Nathan Couto and Ms. Reboni Araujo (3rd place, FY B.A. French).

The event offered participants deeper insights into the French language through the masterclass, enhancing their understanding of French grammar and culture. The quizzes helped students improve their language skills and explore the significance of multilingualism in today's globalized world. The multilingual competition encouraged creative language use, blending knowledge of European languages with students' native tongues.

A total of 42 individuals attended the event, including 10 faculty members and 32 students. The prizes are partly sponsored by the Quebec Government Office in Mumbai. The event was compered by Ms. Jemima Fernandes, and coordinated by Mr. Anthony Gomes, Assistant Professor, Discipline of French and Francophone Studies.

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#### Poster of the event





# **EVENTS FOR THE DAY**

# For Students of French



#### Masterclass in French Language

Immerse yourself in the beauty of the French language through a dynamic session on French grammar, and get ready to be captivated by fascinating French trivia with Ms. Kshama Dharwadkar & Ms. Charline Leuck.



#### Kahoot: Quiz on French Language

Learn and have fun as you discover the wonders of the French language through an interactive Kahoot game! with Quiz Master, Ms. Shourya Dalvi



#### Kahoot: Myth or Fact?

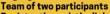
This one's a breeze! Jump on Kahoot and decide whether it's a fact or myth about the French language. It's going to be easy peasy, lemon squeezy! Quiz Master: Mr. Anthony Gomes

# Open to All Goa University Students



#### **Headline Harmony: A Multilingual Challenge**

Put on your creative caps and craft catchy headlines for the images, but here's the twist: use at least two European languages. Vamos lá-faites preuve d'imagination!



Register through the link or QR code to participate: https://forms.gle/4TrXqKimCtQ4Kbzm8



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#### **Link to the Social Media Posts**

- (1) French Discipline:
  - https://www.instagram.com/p/DAFTBcIPCzX/?igsh=YXpyaThhNWR4Z2ph
- (2) Goa University Official: https://www.instagram.com/p/DAHKZIKz5Ry/?igsh=aXVoejdodDY5a211

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Group picture with all the participants



Ms. Kshama Dharwadkar delivering Masterclass on French Grammar



Ms. Charline Leuck delivering Masterclass on French Trivia



Scoreboard of Kahoot quiz on French language conducted by Ms. Shourya Dalvi



Scoreboard of Kahoot quiz on 'Myth or Fact?' conducted by Mr. Anthony Gomes



Mr. Rishabh Raj and Mr. Kaeden Fernandes won the first place in "Headline Harmony: A Multilingual Challenge" competition.



Mr. Kenneth DSouza and Ms. Noelle Barreto won the second place in "Headline Harmony: A Multilingual Challenge" competition.



Mr. Nathan Couto and Ms. Reboni Araujo won the third place in "Headline Harmony: A Multilingual Challenge" competition.

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