

Francophony Day 2021 Celebrations

The Department of French and Francophone Studies, School of Languages, organised its annual event “Fête de la Francophonie” through virtual and physical mode on 16th April 2021. The one day event was attended by dignitaries from France, Belgium and Quebec (Canada), teachers and students of the Department.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof Surekha Dangwal, inaugurated the event by sharing her vision to strengthen the School of Languages and developing Doon University as a Centre of Excellence. The keynote address was delivered by Prof Jean-Marc Defays, President of International Federation of Teachers of French (FIPF) and Director of Institut Supérieur des Langues Vivantes (ISLV), Université de Liège, Belgium. He focused on importance of multiculturalism and plurilingualism and role of language teachers in today's world.

Our guests of honour: Mr Stéphane Crouzat, Ambassador for Climate, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, Government of France and Mr Emmanuel Lebrun-Damiens, Counsellor for Cooperation in Education and Culture and Director of French Institute in India, Embassy of France, delivered informative talks on the themes related to status of French language in international forums and educational and cultural cooperation between India and France. The interaction round with the students and delegates was extremely engaging.

Our other esteemed guests included Mr Francis Paradis, Counsel and Director of Bureau du Québec in Mumbai, who gave a stimulating presentation on Linguistic Policy of Québec and Ms Eléonore Laporte, Manager of Alliance Française de Dehradun, conducted an interesting workshop on idiomatic expressions from France and Francophone Countries. The event concluded with a vibrant elocution contest and a gripping quiz on Francophone countries.

Besides, the French Embassy delegates also had a fruitful meeting with the Vice-Chancellor and other University authorities to discuss future collaborations in the fields of French Studies and Himalayan climatology.

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The embassy of the French government has shown keen interest in Fresh universities entering into an understanding with Doon University here for research in climate change and study of French language. In a meeting held on

Friday with the Vice Chancellor (VC) of Doon University Surekha Dangwal, Stephane Crouzat and Emmanuelle Lumbrandian of embassy of France showed keen interest in the courses of French language and research in subjects such as climate change, glacier and Himalayas of the university. The duo offered that the universities of France can enter into an understanding with the varsity for research in these fields. The former VC of HNB Garhwal University S P Singh who was present in the meeting



said that climate change is a major subject of research and to understand it better one should understand the structure of Himalayas. Noted Geologist Navin Juyan said that climate

change on a global scale is responsible for melting and receding glaciers. The dean student welfare H C Purohit, M S Mandrawal and others were present on the occasion.

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