

## ***BELC Inde 2026 - International French Teachers' Training at Goa University***

Goa University hosted BELC India 2026, an International French Teachers' Training, from 25 to 29 May 2026 at the Goa Business School. Now in its third regional edition in India and second at Goa University, the training was organized by *France Éducation Internationale* (FEI), the French Embassy in India, and the French Institute in India (IFI), with the support of Goa University. The programme was held under the guidance of the French Language and Education Division of the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) and the International Federation of French Language Teachers (FIPF), in collaboration with *Institut français*, *Radio France Internationale*, Goyal, Langers, and the Alliance Française in India.

The inauguration ceremony on 25 May 2026 was presided over by Prof. S. Krishnan, Officiating Vice-Chancellor, Goa University. Among those present were Prof. Anuradha Wagle, Dean, Shenoj Goembab School of Languages and Literature (SGSLL), Goa University; Mr. Grégor Trumel, Director, IFI; Ms. Stéphanie Orfila, Attaché for Educational Cooperation; Ms. Sophie Henquinet, Attaché for French Cooperation, West Zone; Mr. Thomas Chaumont, Attaché for French Cooperation, South Zone; Ms. Clothilde Sautrel, Attaché for French Cooperation, North Zone; Ms. Julia Martin, Attaché for French Cooperation, East Zone; and Mr. Jatinder Singh, National Coordinator for Linguistic and Educational Cooperation. The event also received the support of H.E. Patrick Leverino, Consul General of France in Mumbai, and Mr. Henri de Rohan-Csermak, Director General of FEI, both of whom conveyed their greetings in absentia.

The training brought together 142 French language teachers from India, Cambodia, Malaysia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, and Vietnam. Sessions were conducted by master trainers from FEI, namely Ms. Anne Mocaer, Ms. Deepika Grover, Ms. Marine Bechtel, and Ms. Louise Sylvain, and from IFI, Ms. Nisha Seshan and Ms. Komal Shah. The program covered a broad range of pedagogical themes, including teaching French for Academic Purposes, integrating gamification in the French as a Foreign Language (FFL) classroom, and designing activities to strengthen oral language skills. Teachers also worked on podcast project creation, the use of radio and digital news media from a beginner level, memory development techniques for language learners, and the use of literary texts in the FFL classroom from levels A2 to B2.

The five-day training concluded on 29 May 2026 with remarks by Prof. Anuradha Wagle, Dean, SGSLL, followed by a closing address from Ms. Stéphanie Orfila, Attaché for Educational Cooperation, IFI. Certificates were then presented to all participants. The event was coordinated on behalf of Goa University by Prof. Anuradha Wagle and Mr. Anthony Gomes.

BELC India 2026 highlighted Goa University's growing role as a centre for international academic exchange, sending 142 educators back to classrooms across six countries with renewed skills and a shared commitment to French language teaching.



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