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Press Release

The Consulate General of France in Pondicherry and Chennai is pleased to announce the opening of the 2022 edition of the *French Rendez-Vous* Festival. This French cultural festival will take place in Pondicherry, as well as in Chennai, Tamil Nadu and Trivandrum, Kerala from April 3rd to April 9th. This eclectic festival includes 12 shows comprising of music, theatre, modern circus and puppet shows, some of them are a collaborative work with Indian artist, highlighting the cultural cooperation between India and France.

French Rendez-Vous festival is organised by the Consulate General of France in Pondicherry and Chennai, the French Institute in India, and the 3 Alliances françaises of Pondichéry, Chennai and Trivandrum. The festival is supported by Government of Pondicherry, the Government of Tamil Nadu, as well as that of Indo-French companies. These partnerships are of great importance as they symbolize the friendship between India and France.

Francophonie is a concept that unifies the people of the French-speaking world and French language lovers from around the world. The French language is widespread across the globes and is the most sort foreign language, this diversity contributes to its richness.

For this reason, the famous francophone festival *Les Francophonies - Des écritures à la scène* is in charge of the artistic direction of the festival: it is a French organisation that spreads the spirit of Francophonie throughout the world through festivals focusing of literature and culture. Mr. Hassane Kassi Kouyaté artistic director of the organisation will direct this edition of French Rendez-Vous Festival.

The full programme for the festival is available online on the website of the Consulate General of France in Pondicherry and Chennai, link below, https://in.ambafrance.org/Programe-of-the-French-Rendez-vous-2022

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