

# PRESS RELEASE

## **EMBASSY OF FRANCE IN INDIA TO PRESENT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES IN FRANCE TO INDIAN STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS**

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 from 4pm to 9pm

Registration at [www.choosefrance.in](http://www.choosefrance.in)



The banner features a dark blue background with a faint silhouette of the Eiffel Tower. On the left, logos for the Ambassade de France en Inde, Institut Français India, and Campus France India are stacked. Below them, the date '11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH' is displayed in large white letters, with '4PM TO 9PM' in a red box. A central white hexagon contains the text 'CHOOSE FRANCE TOUR ONLINE' and lists activities: 'INTERACTIVE SESSIONS', 'GAMES & QUIZZES', 'ALUMNI MEET', and 'FREE COUNSELLING'. To the right, the words 'STUDY IN FRANCE' are written in large white letters, followed by 'BACHELOR | MASTER | PHD'. A white button with 'FREE REGISTRATION' and the website 'www.choosefrance.in' are at the bottom right. Social media handles '#choosefrance' and '#studyinfrance' are at the bottom left.

### **Virtual Choose France Tour – online higher education fair**

The French Institute in India, the educational, scientific and cultural service of the Embassy of France in India, in collaboration with Campus France Paris, is organising the first virtual Choose France Tour of the year 2022.

Students, scholars, and professionals interested in studying in France may join online on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 between 4pm-9pm to meet with over 40 top French institutions and explore study opportunities at the graduate, post-graduate, and doctoral levels. Parents, teachers, and academic counsellors are also welcome.

Virtual show floors will connect students and parents with universities and institutions from various domains: 19 management and business institutions, 11 engineering schools, 5 arts and design schools, 4 culinary and gastronomy schools, and 2 public universities will be available to answer all questions. From 4 pm to 9pm, the 40+ schools and institutes will each have their virtual booth, offering text and video chat functionalities for live one-on-one exchanges with the participants.

14 Campus France Managers, specialising in the education domain, will share individual and tailor-made advice with students. All participants in this fair can benefit from free personalised counselling from the Embassy of France.

The virtual Choose France Tour platform features two E-auditoria for live events. Four webinars will be conducted about studies opportunities in France: 'Studies in France' process and visa formalities, scholarship opportunities, bachelor's and master's programmes as well as alumni testimonials will be presented. The webinars will follow the schedule given below:

- 4:30-5:15 PM: Etudes en France: How to study in France?
- 5:30-6:15 PM: Finding the right programme in France
- 6:30-7:15 PM: Scholarship opportunities in France for Indian students
- 7:30-8:15 PM: Chat with Alumni

Further, students will be able to meet with the network of Alliances Françaises in India and learn more about French language classes in India and France, and the advantages of learning the language of Molière.

Last but not least, students will be able to participate in a quiz on French culture and try to win vouchers from Decathlon and Myntra for a total value of INR 50,000. A free French course from the Alliance Française network in India will be also awarded to one of the winners.

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## **Choose France Tour on the road again: on-site regional fairs in March/April 2022**

Campus France India and the French Institute in India are pleased to finally bring Indian students face-to-face with leading French institutes on the occasion of local education fairs.

This series of education fairs, hosted in Indian institutions will also see participation from several other educational establishments in and around the target city. Students, parents, and faculty are all invited to these free events.

- Coimbatore – Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March: Kumaraguru College of Technology
- Kolkata – Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Techno India University, Salt Lake Sector V
- Delhi-Noida – Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> March: Jaipuria Institute of Management
- Ahmedabad – Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Ahmedabad University

These fairs are open to all students and parents, even if not enrolled in the host university. Registration is open on the French Institute's website: [www.ifindia.in/study-in-france-guide](http://www.ifindia.in/study-in-france-guide)

## **France, an attractive destination for Indian students and researchers**

According to the last official post COVID-19 collected data, there were around 6,000 Indian students in France in the academic year 2020-2021. A huge number of them is admitted to the master's programme in Management studies (70%). Engineering programmes come next (11%) and the remaining 19% can be found evenly spread among different majors, including Humanities, Hospitality and Tourism, or STEM. 3% to 5% of Indian students are pursuing studies at the doctoral level.

France is a nation driven by knowledge, science and technology; a long-standing tradition of innovative thinking can be witnessed in all parts of French society. 32 French higher education institutions are ranked in the 2022 QS World University Rankings; 11 of them in the Top500, 2 in the Top50. The same trends are displayed in the latest Times Higher Education or Shanghai ARWU rankings. The French system of Higher Education offers programmes of excellence across all kinds of majors.

France remains the 6<sup>th</sup> economic power in the world and is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest economy in Europe in terms of GDP, so it is no wonder that it was Europe's foremost destination for international investments in 2020 and the country that welcomed the largest number of Erasmus+ students, which includes the highest number of Indian students among EU countries (126 last year).

## Why choose France?

1/ World-class education: France is ranked #3 in the world in the Shanghai Ranking. In 2021, the Financial Times' top-five masters in finance are all French.

2/ A leading nation for research and innovation: ranked second in the world for Fields Medals (mathematics) and fourth for Nobel Prizes, France is one of the most innovative countries in the world.

3/ Reasonably-priced, state-funded education: in French public universities, non-European students pay less than 4,000 euros a year for a master's degree, and European students pay almost nothing. The state covers most of the cost of students' education, not to mention the many scholarship opportunities available.

4/ A wide choice of academic programmes, all over the country: students can choose from 3,500 public and private institutions throughout France, and earn a diploma that's accredited by the French government and recognised throughout the world. They can take advantage of the many corporate internship opportunities.

5/ An attractive destination for international students: with nearly 370,000 international students from five continents, France is among the top host countries in the world.

6/ Study in English in the heart of Europe: students can choose among more than 1,700 academic programmes taught in English and study in the heart of Europe (Erasmus, European universities) and just a few hours from Spain, Germany and the United Kingdom.

7/ French language, an added bonus for student resume: French is the world's fifth most widely spoken language in the world, and the most studied language in the world after English.

8/ A label that guarantees the quality of student support services: The "Bienvenue en France" (Welcome to France) label showcases higher education institutions that offer a special quality of support services. Multicultural campuses enrol students from all over the world.

9/ The French way of life: more than 40,000 monuments and protected sites, 41 UNESCO World Heritage sites, 8,000 museums, 2,000 cinemas and nearly 500 festivals, not to mention gastronomy and a spirit of festivity.

10/ One of the world's top economic powers: France, the sixth economic power in the world and second in Europe in terms of GDP, is Europe's first destination for international investments in 2020.

## French Embassy scholarships worth 1.4 million euros in 2022

The Embassy of France in India currently offers a multitude of financial aids to Indian students to study in France at various degree levels. These scholarships, worth over 1.4 million euros in 2022, are available for meritorious and dedicated students and offer them various advantages such as *Status of French Government scholarship holder*, living allowance, exemption on tuition and visa fees etc.

Top scholarships for students to study in France: *Charpak scholarships of excellence*, *Eiffel scholarship program of excellence*, *Make Our Planet Great Again (MOPGA) fellowship*, *Raman Charpak fellowship (for PhD studies)*, *Co-Financed scholarships* (joint ventures of the Embassy of France in India and French institutions/organisations). More scholarships and grants are listed on the online scholarship directory - *Campus Bourses*

<https://campusbourses.campusfrance.org/#/catalog>,

## About the French Institute in India

The French Institute in India (Institut Français en Inde) is the educational, scientific and cultural service of the Embassy of France in India. It facilitates academic and scientific exchange between higher institutes of learning and research, enables student mobility, and promotes the French language as well as artistic and cultural dialogue. Cooperation between India and France takes place through several sectors: Arts & Culture, Books & Ideas, French Language & Education, Study in France programme, Academic Partnerships, Science & Technology, as well as Innovation and Multimedia. [www.ifindia.in](http://www.ifindia.in)

## About Campus France

Campus France, a department of the Embassy of France in India, is a government agency providing services to students who wish to pursue higher studies in France. It serves as an information resource for students in planning every stage of their stay in France: helping them define their study plans, choosing and applying to programmes, and assisting them in the visa process. Campus France has 12 offices across India: Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Bhopal, Jaipur, Kochi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Pune. [www.inde.campusfrance.org](http://www.inde.campusfrance.org)

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