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## PRESS REPORT

### **“La Fête de la Francophonie” International Francophonie Day 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**

The French students of the Travel and Tourism Department (TTM) and the French Certificate of the University of Ladakh, Leh Campus-Taru Thang organized “La Fête de la Francophonie” (International Francophone Day) at the Conference Hall of Leh Campus, University of Ladakh on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023. Prof. Neena Mehta, Dean of Rayat-Bahra University participated as the honorable Chief Guest and graced the occasion. “La Fête de la Francophonie” commenced with the Khataks ceremony and the cake-cutting ceremony and proceeded with the welcome address by Ms. Tsewang Dolma, AP (French TTM). The dignitaries were the Director of Alliance Française Ms. Sophie with her team, Dr. Joldan Dean Research UoL, and Mr. Stanzin Dorjey Gya, renowned Filmmaker and line producer from Ladakh

Honorable Chief Guest, Prof. Neena Mehta emphasized the importance of foreign languages. She expressed that language is a gateway to a great many cultural, political, historical, and artistic movements from around the globe, and through languages, one can understand the contemporary world while shedding light on the past. Prof. Neena Mehta also shared that she has studied the French language for 4 years.

Our Special Guest Mr. Stanzin Dorjai is an Indian documentary filmmaker from Gya in Ladakh, who won many international awards. He shared his personnel connection with France. In the past and till today, he accompanied many school exchange programs between schools of Zaskar, Ladakh and France.

Ms. Sophie, present Director of Alliance Française Leh, participated with her wonderful students at the Leh Campus, UoL and read a book on "Le Roi, la poule et la terrible Mademoiselle Chardon". Thanks to her that our guest could be able to taste French Cuisine along with other snacks organized by French Certificate & French TTM.

The French students of TTM presented a small hilarious French play “ Le Caillou”: by Valentin Martinie. The conference hall of the University of Ladakh, Leh Campus immersed in music and song when the bright French Certificate students sang the song “LES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES” along with all the 70 participants. A 1969 song by Joe-Dassin, “LES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES” is a classic French song about the world’s most beautiful avenue in Paris, L’Avenue des CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES. Originating from Greek mythology LES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES means “The Elysian Fields (The paradise for dead heroes)”.

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