

# French Forum



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The French Forum successfully conducted eight E-Events scheduled until 30 April 2021, being one of the pioneers for such E-Events in the College during the covid-19 lockdown.

Pandemic hit the world during the academic year of 2020-2021. The highlight of this academic year were the two series of events namely - French Frydays and Tour D'Art.

These events were conducted by the forum using digital means and social media platforms, wherein every week one event was conducted by the forum to promote and spread awareness about the French Lifestyle, Culture, Business and Commerce, History and Geography, Heritage, Gastronomy, Language using fun and exciting ways for the students.

## A. French Frydays

It was the first series of events, which consisted of four events and as the name suggests, the Fridays during this period were dedicated to bringing fun-filled online games and activities related to the French language.

The series commenced on 29th May, 2020, and the last event was scheduled for 24th July, 2020. Following is a list of all the four events conducted during this series.

### 1 Word Search Week:

The Word Search Week starting from 6th-11th June 2020 included six themed word searches, posted every day, for 6 days, at 5 pm on the Instagram story of the French Forum's Instagram handle.

The words in the search were arranged vertically, horizontally, and diagonally. The participants had to take a screenshot of the word search template, solve it, and strike off the words as they found them in the search, and then DM it to @rapodarfrenchforum! The series started with a bang as we got an amazing footfall of more than 121 entries

### 2 Quizard Of OZ:

A fun set of jumbled words, mazes, and riddles were put up on our forum's

Instagram story at 5 pm respectively on alternate days starting from 20-25th June 2020. Students not familiar with the French language were also able to take part in this event. 75+ entries were received for this event. Following were the ways in which the participants were to send their entries:

- i Jumbled Words: Answers were to be sent by replying to our Instagram Stories!
  - i Mazes: Participants had to Take a screenshot, use the doodle in their gallery to crack the maze, and message it to @rapodarfrenchforum.
  - i Riddles: Interested Students had to answer the riddles by replying to our stories!
- 3 Biz Quiz:  
Conducted on 4 July 2020, the BIZ QUIZ was mainly about brainy yet fun quiz questions related to the brands and companies based in France! Students not familiar with the French Language were also able to participate in the Biz Quiz thus, 70+ students participated! In order to do so, the participants had to send in their responses through the question/poll stickers on our Instagram stories!
- 4 French National Week:  
Conducted between 10-17th of July, the event was sub-divided into two parts. In the first half of the week, the participants had to show how they would celebrate Bastille Day at their homes despite the lockdown by sending in their entries to the Instagram handle of the French Forum.

On Bastille Day (14 July), one of the French forum members, Aarya Deshpande gave a gist about the history of this day along with a little information on the French Revolution. She also described how Coco Chanel promoted the idea of women empowerment. A very informative IGTV video is available on the forum's social media to account for the same. Later a short slideshow of memories depicting how Bastille Day was celebrated in our college from 2015-2019 was also posted on the Instagram and Facebook Page.

The French Frydays ended after its fourth event. Shortly after the conclusion of this fun and exciting series of events, the forum came up with a new competition - The Logo Competition.

- 5 The Logo Making Competition:  
Commencing on November 24th, 2020, The French Forum of our college came up with the Logo Making Competition. The students got a chance to design the logo of our very own French forum, for the academic year, 2020-2021. The main objective behind conducting this event was to test the good artistic and editing skills of the students of our college and to encourage the feeling of involvement among the Students for the Forum.  
In all, we received 15 entries and out of which the best one was selected as the face (Profile Picture) of the two social media handles for the academic year 2020-2021.

## **B. Tour D'Art:**

After a break of 4 months, the French Forum had a comeback with another series of fun and amazing E-Events named 'Tour D'Art' in April 2021. Commencing from 2nd April, 2021, this fun-loaded series included three super exciting competitions; the participants submitted their entries by sending a DM on the @rapodarfrenchforum

Instagram account or on the email id: rapodarfrenchforum19@gmail.com. The three events were as follow:-

6 Pablo PIC-CAP So:

The participants had to do two things in this event, 1st to click an image in 1:1 ratio themselves, and secondly to write a caption of 30-50 words describing that image in French. The caption should show relevance to the picture clicked! In total, the forum received 28 entries out of which three best entries were the winners of this event, which commenced on 2 April and concluded on 7 April.

7 It Memes A Lot:

Commencing from 16 April 'it memes a lot' was an event crafted for all the members of our college. This event also had a good response from students. There were no language barriers for this event and the students not knowing French were also able to participate, the requirement of this event was that the meme should show relevance to France in some way or the other. The participants had to send an original meme made by them only.

8 BUJO:-

The last event of the academic year 2020-21, starting from 23rd April, 2021, as the name suggests participants were required to make a Bullet Journal based on the current seasonal theme at that time in France that is in the Spring/Summer season. The participants had full liberty in how they wanted to make these beautiful bullet journals and what all to add to them. They had a choice of whether to make these bullet journals digitally or hand-designed. The forum received a good response and the best three bullet journals were declared as winners!

To sum up, the French forum not only successfully conducted numerous events for its members but also encouraged a competitive spirit alongside making French fun on an online platform, a new one in its own! The team members came up with their innovative ideas to conduct these events so that all the fellow students and friends could participate with the least constraints. All the events under the forum received a great response. The flexibility in the forum made it possible to adapt to the changed situation and come up with the events like TOUR D'ART and FRENCH FRYDAYS.

The online events not only made it possible to cherish learning French through fun events but also provided an opportunity to connect, share, acknowledge and learn from each other.