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Vellore Institute of Technology

Department of English

School of Social Sciences and Languages

One- Day Online National Workshop

on

Learning Basic Spoken French from a Native Speaker

Date: October 25,
2026 (Sunday)

ABOUT VELLORE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) was founded in 1984 as Vellore Engineering College by Chancellor Dr G. Viswanathan. VIT attracts students from all 29 states of India and more than 41 different countries because of its academic excellence. VIT was established with the aim of providing quality higher education on par with international standards. VIT has been constantly ranked among the best universities and is aspiring to emerge as a global leader. VIT has already been ranked by major international ranking agencies such as Shanghai ARWU Ranking, QS, Times Higher Education, US News, RUR, and others. VIT sets the record as eight of the subjects made their way to the prestigious Quacquarelli Symbols (QS) World University Rankings (WUR) by Subject in 2023. Seven subjects of VIT are within the top 450 QS World University Rankings by subject. VIT has national accreditation from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Gov. of India with an++ grade.

ABOUT SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND LANGUAGES

The School of Social Sciences and Languages was established in the year 2009 as a separate school. The prime focus of the school is to impart education in subjects such as commerce, Economics, finance and accountancy, Business and Corporate Law, Psychology, Sociology, History, Music, Ethics and Values, Master of Social Work, Indian and Foreign Languages, such as English, French, German, Chinese, Spanish, Russian and Japanese and Arabic apart from Tamil and Hindi. SSL offers undergraduate commerce degrees, postgraduate social work programs, and doctoral research options. It also provides core and elective language, humanities, and social science courses for students across the entire university.

ABOUT DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

The English Department at VIT provides compulsory English courses for all undergraduate and postgraduate students, focusing on technical English, communication, and soft skills like public speaking and leadership. The Department of English has an established Ph.D. Programme. The department enhances learning through state-of-the-art language laboratories. The faculty are highly qualified, conduct workshops and webinars, and engage in research, contributing to global standards and the university's reputation.

ABOUT THE RESOURCE PERSONS



Ms. Océane Bordenave

Ms. Océane Bordenave is a French language Assistant at the School of Social Sciences and Languages, VIT Vellore, for the 2026–2027 academic year.

She is from Paris, France, and holds a Master's degree in Social Sciences, specializing in Migration Studies.

She has gained international experience in teaching French and English in several countries, including France, Spain, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, and the United States.

She taught French at the Alliance Française of Kandy and at the University of Peradenan Sri Sri Lanka, working with learners of different levels and ages. Her experience includes preparing learners for the Delf examinations and developing activities focused on communication and language skills.



Dr. Shantanu Shandilya

Dr. Shantanu Shandilya is currently serving as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Languages at the Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT). He brings over eight years of teaching and research experience in French language, literature, and cultural studies.

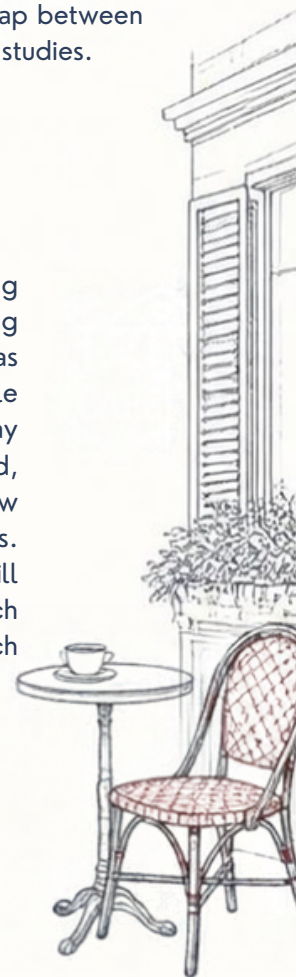
He holds a Ph.D. in French Language and Literature from Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, one of India's most prestigious institutions.

Dr. Shandilya also earned his Master of Arts (M.A.) in French and Francophone Literature from BHU, graduating as the Topper of his batch and a Gold Medalist.

Dr. Shandilya's research on Francophone literature, comparative literary studies, translation, and cultural discourse analysis has been published in reputed journals. His academic contributions bridge the gap between literary theory and applied language studies.

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

The workshop provides a practical introduction to spoken French while connecting language learning with the culture and everyday life of French-speaking communities. Participants will develop essential conversational skills such as introducing themselves, using greetings and polite expressions, and asking simple questions, with a focus on communication for higher education and everyday interaction. The workshop also explores French traditions, social customs, food, fashion, art, and everyday communication, helping participants understand how language reflects the values, history, and lifestyle of French-speaking communities. Through interactive activities and authentic cultural experiences, learners will practise simple French expressions while gaining a broader appreciation of French language and culture. Overall, the workshop aims to make learning French practical, engaging, enjoyable, and culturally meaningful.



WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

10.15 am to 10.30 am	Inaugural Session
10.30 am to 12.30 pm	Session 1 First step to Conversational French
12.30 pm to 2.30 pm	Lunch break
2.30 pm to 3.30 pm	Session 2 Beyond Bonjour: Exploring French Language, Culture & Everyday Life
3.30 pm to 4 pm	Vote of Thanks and Valedictory

REGISTRATION DETAILS



Registration Fees

Rs: 100 + GST 18%



Registration URL

<https://events.vit.ac.in/>



Last Date of Registration

October 22, 2026

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ECertificates will be provided to all registered participants.



Registration will be confirmed only after payment and submission of the receipt.



Limited seats. 50 only



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