

Minutes of the General Meeting of February 7, 2025

On Friday, February 7, 2025, the members of the Alliance Française of Pondicherry met in General Assembly at the Alliance Française of Pondicherry on the written invitation of the President of January 17, 2025. The meeting was chaired by Mr. NALLAM Satish, President, assisted by Mr. R. Venguattaramane, Vice-President and Treasurer, Mr. S. Pannirselvame, Secretary General, Mr. Laurent JALICOUS, Director and Mrs. Émilie JACAMENT, Coordinator of the Alliances Françaises network in India by videoconference.

The quorum being reached at 6 p.m., the president after his welcome speech declared the exceptional general assembly open at 6 p.m., in accordance with the statutes.

The attendance sheet indicates that 32 members (including 8 proxies) out of 120 are present.

The General Assembly deliberates on the agenda drawn up:

- Welcome address by the President;
- Presentation of the Bureau of the Board of Directors;
- Approval of the Bureau of the Board of Directors;
- Presentation of the activity report from April 2023 to March 2024, by the Secretary;
- Approval of the activity report from April 2023 to March 2024;
- Presentation of the financial statements for the financial year corresponding to the Indian fiscal year:
April 2023 - March 2024, by the Treasurer;
- Approval of financial statements: from April 2023 to March 2024;
- Miscellaneous questions.

President's Welcome address:

The President, Dr. Satish NALLAM, opened the meeting and welcomed all the participants to this General Assembly. He recalled the importance of this key moment for the institution, allowing to take stock of activities and discuss future prospects.

The President expressed his gratitude to the members of the committee, the team, in particular the Embassy of France and the government of Pondicherry, for their support. He highlighted the organization of a record number of events this year, marked in particular by the inauguration of an annex to the SBV University by His Excellency Mr. Thierry MATHOU.

The number of students learning French now stands at around 470, and the Alliance Française of Pondicherry is in third place in India for independent examinations.

The Alliance also hosted the France Volontaire space, reinforcing its commitment to cultural exchange. It has also developed a partnership with Reunion Island, receiving trainees from Reunion, and is preparing to welcome Arnaud RONDEAU to the cultural centre.

In the continuity of development, a mission was carried out with the Director in Karikal for the creation of a branch and in Yanaon for the implementation of online courses. The aim is to strengthen the accessibility and impact of training.

The statistics have returned to their pre-pandemic level, and several French trainees are present this year to accompany the courses.

The President said that classrooms were increasingly equipped with interactive whiteboards, and continuous efforts were being made to improve infrastructure. The responsibility for the pedagogical pole is entrusted to Mrs. Hemavathy PERROTET, and thanks her for her commitment.

Cultural events occupied a central place this year, in terms of quantity and quality. Among the highlights:

- Celebration of the Olympic Games in public spaces and with several tournaments organised at the Alliance.
- The Alliance Française of Pondicherry has won the second UNESCO prize for ecology.

The President recalled that the committee was composed of eight members, in accordance with government directives.

He announced that Mr. Swethakumar had resigned last year and had been replaced by Ms. Nithya.

He thanked him for his commitment during his mandate.

Regarding the FCRA license, its renewal is pending, although government inspection has been completed.

The President reassured the members that the financial situation was stable, thanks to rigorous monitoring carried out by the auditors and the accountant, in compliance with the standards in force. The President expressed deep gratitude to Mr. Laurent, Director, for his efforts to restore the institution's confidence and credibility with the public.

Efforts will continue to further strengthen the Alliance Française of Pondicherry.

He concluded by expressing his sincere condolences to the families of the former members of the Committee, Mr. Namassivayane and Mr. Govindarajalou.

The President once again thanked all the members for their support and confidence in the Alliance Française team.

Presentation of the Bureau of the Board of Directors:

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. NALLAM Satish	<i>President</i>
M. Venkataramana Ramadurai	<i>Vice-President/ Treasurer</i>
M. Sundaravelu Pannirselvam	<i>Secretary-general</i>
M.M. Sundaravalli S.	<i>Member</i>
M. Thirumurugan K.	<i>Member</i>
M. VENKATAKRISHNAN Jayaprakash	<i>Member</i>
M. Kone Kalyan Ram	<i>Member</i>
Mrs Nithya SIVA	<i>Member</i>

SUPPORTING BOARD MEMBERS

M. Nara rajavelu	<i>Supporting Member</i>
M. DEROCK Théophile	<i>Supporting Member</i>
Dr. Sarmila Acharif	<i>Supporting Member</i>

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Approval of the Bureau of the Board of Directors:

The Bureau of the Board of Directors was unanimously approved.

Presentation of the activity report from April 2023 to March 2024:

The progress report is presented by the Secretary-General.

The activity report was unanimously approved.

**Presentation of the financial statements for the financial year corresponding to the Indian fiscal year:
From April 2023 to March 2024 :**

The financial statement for the Indian fiscal year April 2023 - March 2024 is presented by the Treasurer.

The financial statement for the Indian fiscal year from April 2023 to March 2024 is unanimously approved

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Mr. Narayanane (member) expressed the wish that an elevator be installed in order to facilitate access for the elderly. In this regard, the President indicated that a study was under way, but that the old structure of the building complicated this installation.

Regarding accounting, Mr. Narayanane also asked that the elements of the financial balance sheet be more detailed and elaborate. Dr. Nallam V. (member) proposed that this assessment should also be translated into French.

Mrs. OUMABADY Vijayasankari (member) raised the lack of new features in the youth section and suggested that it should be enriched. In response, the Director assured that he would address this issue upon his return.

Mrs. DAVID Chantal asked about the possibility of organizing events in collaboration with French institutions. The Director and the President replied that there had already been events organized with the Institut Français and the Lycée Français and that more would be planned in the future.

Mr. DEROCK Théophile (member) proposed that the students of the Alliance Française visit the Foyer du Soldat, where many paintings could enrich their culture and knowledge.

Mr. Rajagopal Palani Swamy (Member) asked about the procedure for renting the Alliance Auditorium for an event. The Chairperson clarified that the decision was up to the Director and himself, according to certain criteria and conditions.

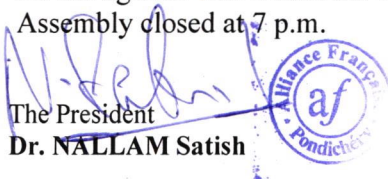
Finally, Mrs. Émilie JACAMENT, Coordinator of the Alliance Française network in India, expressed her thanks to the team of the Alliance Française de Pondicherry for its remarkable work, as well as to the President and the members of the Board of Directors for their constant support.

Closing of the General Assembly

As the agenda was exhausted and no other questions were asked, the President declared the General Assembly closed at 7 p.m.

The President

Dr. NALLAM Satish



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