

## *Pyaar Sans Frontières-*

### **Play staged by Department of French and Francophone Studies**

The Department of French and Francophone Studies, Goa University organized a theatre workshop from 13<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The workshop was conducted by Ms. Marion Madélenat, a French actress with a 14 year long experience of performing on stage. She has conducted numerous theatre workshops for young people worldwide and specializes in the use of theatre as a tool for developing self-confidence and promoting values of mutual respect and cooperation.

The workshop was attended by M.A. and B.A. students from the Department of French and Francophone Studies. During the course of the 2 week long workshop, the students were involved in theatrical activities and conceptualized a play. Discussions, creative writing, and improvisations were followed by an adaption to the stage directed by the resource persons Ms. Marion Madélenat and faculty Ms. Natasha Gomes. The play entitled *Pyaar Sans Frontières* is a fruit of discussions on a wide range of subjects touching intercultural themes in India, France and Quebec. Through stage dialogues and audience engagement, pertinent topics such as social discrimination, cleanliness, eco-friendliness, and environment conservation were dealt with.

*Pyaar Sans Frontières* is loosely translated as Love Beyond Borders and its multilingualism gives a peek into the intercultural character of the production. Dialogues were in French, English, Konkani, Hindi, and Quebecois French.

The staging of the play on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020 was followed by theatre-based oral language activities conducted by Ms. Madelenat for students studying French at the beginner's level. The audience was treated to French pastries- *chocolatines* and *palmiers*.





