

newsletter

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FRENCH CHARITY FETE: THE PROGRAMME IS OUT!

The French Charity Fete is here! Our teams have been working hard for several weeks now so that you can have a grand, festive day at the Lycée Français de Delhi. Main Tendue's main goal is to collect funds which will help us carry out projects, in the 12 NGOs we support in Delhi, for many months to come.

And for you this is an unmissable opportunity to shop for Christmas savour delicious French specialities in a friendly atmosphere and participate in a special tombola.

Don't forget to bring your friends and family! The more the merrier!

*We gratefully acknowledge
all the supporting
messages received
from our Indian friends in
the Wake of the tragic
November 13 terrorist
attacks in Paris*



A MASSIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET IN THE CENTRE OF DELHI

More than 100 stalls will be present at the French Charity Fete, making it a massive Christmas market showcasing local handicraft: carpets, jewellery, Christmas decorations, furniture, cutlery, shawls, plaids, clothes, accessories, bags, belts, shoes, cosmetic products, plants, art, books, paintings, photos (including Delhi Accueil's Club Photos sold by Main Tendue), vintage screen prints and travel opportunities! And don't forget our gifted NGOs, where the handicrafts we sell are made.

You'll find everything you need here: things to decorate your home, ideas for Christmas gifts adapted to your budget, and delicious French food to tickle your taste buds!

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DONATE THINGS YOU DON'T NEED ANY MORE!

We have three stands where you can make donations in kind: French books, winter clothes, and ... candies! You may need a few hours to sort all your things at home, but with your help, 100% of everything

we collect will be donated to the NGOs we support.

Please make sure books and clothes are in good condition.

Books and clothes: to be donated from 9:00 to 14:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00.

Contact Christelle at getinvolved.maintendue@gmail.com

Candies (and sausages!): contact Céline at celinebernard049@gmail.com

SPARE US A FEW HOURS ON 28 NOVEMBER!

More than 100 volunteers will help us on the D day for the French Charity Fete. Come give us a hand by becoming a volunteer for 2 hours or more! There's always some way to help: at the snack and refreshment area, at the Main Tendue stand, the ticket office, to sell candies, books,

or even to conduct activities for children!

Mail us at: getinvolved.maintendue@gmail.com

We need you!

news from our NGOs

MOTHER TERESA – Residence for disabled orphans

Our volunteers suggested an architect's designs for renovating the class. But this project is not on our priority list, as the roof is now leaking! Main Tendue and Indian Kids would like to contribute to repairing the roof but are also interested in the renovation of the class, which would have a direct and positive effect on the children. Our team is also currently involved in a major project: developing a structured programme for each child, with an individual record and medical history and where personalised development objectives are defined for each child.

THE SHELTER - Residential centre that provides education and healthcare for abandoned children

The children are doing great in this well-maintained location. Sandra has obtained funding for the school where the older boys stay. Volunteers from Gurgaon will help tutor children in the afternoon and, in the morning, the personnel receive English and Computer classes while the teenage girls (14-17 years), not being able to go to school, get tutored in the Shelter. Volunteers also help conduct activities on the weekends and during school holidays.



Diwali at Kamalini

TORCH – A centre that receives and helps send street children to school

We've successfully distributed underwear! Soon, Main Tendue will be sponsoring shorts and t-shirts! Ideally we are waiting for volunteers at more crucial hours so that the children are not on the streets too early, but this task requires our volunteers to invest a lot more of their time. A few more volunteers are welcome here, to add to the 5 that come regularly.



Diwali's Diya at Torch

MOTIA KHAN – A centre for underprivileged children that provides healthcare and schooling assistance



Motia Khan's volunteers team

There was a legal prohibition to go to the shelter in the last week of October; it was an emotional week for our volunteers. In fact, the Indian government had given AAA NGO the full responsibility of managing Motia Khan's shelter. AAA in turn notified Samarpan and Main Tendue that they no longer had the right to conduct charitable activity in this location, which now belonged to them. However, for six years now, strong bonds have been formed with the neighbourhood and shelter's residents. We hope to convince AAA to allow our teams to continue to work in the shelter (food and medical assistance) and let Samarpan build a school in a friendly space in the neighbourhood. Many locations have already been visited. This is a big constraint, but we'll bounce back! Keep an eye out for more news.

As a short term solution, please support Motia Khan by buying their calendars at the French Charity Fete!

KAMALINI – Professional training centre for underprivileged women

Cooking classes have begun with 13 participants; this is more than our expected maximum of 12! Our production centre volunteers have developed new products: come discover them at the French Charity Fete!



New Christmas' collection

MUSKAAN-DERA – Residential centre for disabled adults

Many beautiful, multi-coloured, and creative products were displayed by Muskaan for their annual Diwali Bazar. You'll find these products at the French Charity Fete as well: candles, bags, paper, envelopes, biscuits, dried spices, etc.



SHAKTI SHALINI – A centre for receiving and training domestic violence victims

Main Tendue helps this shelter by paying the salary of one person for a full-time legal and psychological assistance position for domestic violence victims, mostly women. Gaëlle, who works in the French Embassy victim help cell will also work with the NGO to supervise along with Nirupama all the tasks carried out daily as well as their outcomes.

SALAAM BALAK TRUST - Residential centre that provides education and healthcare for abandoned children

The team wishes to buy games for the children: a simple way to kindle their interest while teaching them the rules of team games. The volunteers have noticed that the boys need clothes for the upcoming winter season: our stock from previous in-kind donation drives will be useful, but new donations will help too!



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JAGRITI - Residential centre that provides education and healthcare for abandoned girls

This shelter is looking for a refrigerator: a family that is leaving Delhi and would like to give away theirs or someone who would like to sell one at a low price would be of great help.

We are looking to invite this centre's young girls to the French Charity Fete and some of them will help us at the activity stands: what better way to mix business with pleasure!

Jagriti visiting Humayun Tomb last March



The five « Tara Girls » dancing Kathak dance during the Grand Opening

TARA HOMES - Residential centre that provides education and healthcare for abandoned children

Tara Girls, the 4th Tara home, opened its doors mid-September and now houses 4 girls from Tara Tots (aged 6 to 8 years old) and one 10-year old (sister of one of the girls from Tots). The official inauguration took place on 26 October, in the presence of the Ambassador of France to India, His Excellency, Mr François Richier.

A wonderful ceremony was held with speeches and dance, where the founding team received a standing ovation fit for this brilliant project. Well done!



First cooking lesson for Tara Girls: chocolate mousse !

SEVA OASIS – A centre that receives and helps send slum children to school

Main Tendue sponsored the waterproofing work here, and following the monsoon, the centre was entirely repainted, making the classes a lot more pleasant for the children. A new project is in the making – that of opening a class for the girls in the afternoon.



Our association

NEW AND LOYAL CORPORATE PARTNERS

- We would like to thank Vossloh **Cogifer** who donated 3 lakhs to Motia Khan through Samarpan. Thanks to his generous donation, we will be able to pay salaries and carry out health projects for many months to come.
- Thank you **Genesis** (jeweller, genesis.jewellery@gmail.com) for donating 3% of your turnover, coming from anyone who visits you from Main Tendue.
- Thank you **Egis India** for renewing your sponsorship of 1.25 lakhs and providing breakfast for Salaam Balak Trust's Aasra Center for the next 10 months.
- Thank you **Travlearn** (isha@travlearn.com) for donating a share of your turnover for every new registration you receive for your Hindi or English course from Main Tendue.



Thanks to your indispensable financial support, we are continuously looking to improve our work and help the impoverished in the Delhi region.

FRENCH CHARITY FETE: ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE

For children, we have play areas: inflatable castles, face painting, crafts, coconut shy and dexterity games.

For the adults, we are going to have a musical from 11 am and many events with a fine glass of wine in the gardens of the Institut Français in the afternoon: percussion concerts, French and Indian singers, Neemrana's children choir, dance by Tara Girls, and more!



And for your taste buds?

You can enjoy different food options serving the best of French and Mediterranean cuisine with the culinary support of the French Embassy., Amour Bistro, l'Opéra, PVR, Rara Avis, Coup de Food, and producer and traders of Hospitality Magic, Malteries Soufflet, Dabon and many others. On the menu: hot meals, fries, sandwiches, cheese platters, charcuterie, crepes, pastries, and wine!

100% in favour of Main Tendue

All the revenue from several stands will go to Main Tendue. At the Main Tendue presentation stand, you will be able to find out more about our work, become a member, or buy our products (painted boxes and glasses, key chains, creative chains and jewellery, books and pouches, and, our best-seller, a western cuisine cookbook in three languages). You will also find a small book store to stock up on French second-hand books, and for the foodie, a French candy stand (but be quick, they disappear in no time!).



WIN EXCITING LUCKY DRAW PRIZES !

6 tickets for a zip line tour with family or friends with FlyingFox, 2 nights stay in Rajasthan with RARE Travel, 2 nights stay in a Guesthouse in Kashmirat Farah's Homestay, 2 nights stay at Hotel Pullman Aerocity Delhi, 2 nights stay at Jaipur IBIS Hotel, a French Chef at home for a dinner for 2 with Coup de Food, a necklace from Samdaria Jewellers, a lot of vouchers for meals in a restaurant (Olive, Guppy, Amour, Rara Avis, Honk or Pluck at Pullman hotel...), vouchers for spa treatments (Three Graces, Woo Spa Pullman, Asian Roots Spa), gift boxes (L'Occitane, Kama Ayurveda, Anandini Himalaya Tea...), voucher for Hindi or English courses with Travlearn... and a lot more !

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