## **GOVERNMENT COLLEGE KARIAVATTOM**

## **DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH**

THE FRENCH FOOD FESTIVAL

In connection with La Fête Nationale, a French food festival was organized by the Department of French on 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2018. The festival brought out a positive and vibrant vibe into the campus with a bustling crowd of happy faces standing in the queue waiting to taste the exclusive French delicacies like **les Croissants**, **la Crème Caramel**, **les crêpes**, **les éclairs** etc.

This fest was a success and had a huge reach among the students, teaching and non-teaching staff of the institution.







## A DAY WITH ANNETTE LEDAY

Choreographer, stage director and dancer, Annette Leday, came to India in the 80s to learn Kathakali. She has participated in several performances in India and abroad. She created a company in 1980 that has facilitated constant dialogue between Indian and French artists. Annette Leday/Keli company is a dance company with a unique journey between France and India. It has both Indian dancers and contemporary French dancers. In this diversity you can see a fusion of the aesthetics of this indian art and the dynamics of the contemporary dance.

Annette Leday and her group of dancers was in Trivandrum for the Kathakali adaptation of Shakespeare's "King Lear" and the students of Government College Kariavattom were invited to come, see and interact with the dancers on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018. The students were allowed to watch the preparation for I hour [11am to 12:30] followed by an interaction for 30 minutes .The preparation/rehearsal for the final performance was done at Bharat Bhavan . These sessions turned out to be a venue for very constructive exchange between the students and the performers.

The students did get a free pass to attend the main event organised by Alliance Française de Trivandrum.

