

KAHKASHA: The Dramatics Society

Kahkasha is the Dramatics Society of Jesus and Mary College which works towards conceptualisation, production, and direction of street-plays on various social issues to spread awareness as well as harness the voices of the youth. It also conducts street-theatre related workshops, seminars, and collaborative sessions with experienced artists from the field and other theatre societies of the Delhi Collegiate Theatre Circuit (DCTC). Keeping up the momentum of its previous years, Kahkasha reaped the most out of the academic session of 2021-22 too.

The beginning of the session was marked by the election of the President, Dhriti Arya (3rd Year) and Vice President, Venya Sharma (2nd Year). The first event of the session was a theatre workshop “Breath and Emotion” with Mr Vinay Kumar, the Artistic Director of Adishakti Theatre Group on 18 September 2021. The session was open for students of all colleges in the DCTC and was focused on the art of emotional and psychological expression through the process of breathing. This was followed by the release of “Take My Hand”, a short film on Emotional Abuse (the topic for the session of 2020-21) on 29 September 2021. This in-house production was written, produced, and directed completely during the online mode of the session, emphasising that the world may have been at halt but Kahkasha was not. Simultaneously, the research process for the selection of the topic for the current session was also underway with extensive discussions and debates over multiple online meetings. This thorough process led to the selection of “Censorship of Media” as the topic for the session 2021-22. After this, the team met offline (with complete care of precautionary measures for Covid-19), to begin working on the street-play for the current year, in anticipation of a transition into completely offline mode soon. The team performed an earlier version of the play at the Mood Indigo Prelims, the fest of IIT Bombay. This was the first offline performance of the session and sparked a lot of interest and enthusiasm among audiences and the team. Kahkasha also performed Daawat (a previous production) at the cultural programme presented for NAAC in the college.

With production still underway, the team welcomed the freshers and conducted Auditions for new team members from 1st Year in the end of December, beginning the new year with new faces joining the periphery. The first collaborative session of the year was with Kshitij, the Dramatics Society of Gargi College wherein all team members from both teams got together online on 8 February 2022 to do a myriad of theatre activities together. This was an introductory workshop for all the 1st Years into the various aspects of theatre and performance. The 1st Years were then introduced to the selected topic of this session on following meetings. They were then fully imbibed into the production process with regular online and offline meetings to finesse the aspects and scenes of the play. Apart from the annual production, Kahkasha also produced and performed a play on Sustainable Menstrual Hygiene upon the invitation by PeeSafe to perform at Jaipuria Institute of Management, Noida.

All the efforts to produce the Annual Street-play came to fruition when Kahkasha had its final play titled “Censored” ready to present in the DCTC fest season (April 2022). Kahkasha performed at 16 fests of various colleges including IIT Delhi, Sri Aurobindo College, Maharaja Agrasen College, College of Vocational Studies, Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, Satyawati College, Shyamlal College, Keshav Mahavidyalaya and many others. Apart from this, the team also performed at the Shelf Ebook Festival at Pacific Mall Pitampura,

Hobnob'22 the annual Sports event of NSO, JMC, and the college amphitheatre for the students.

Although the ultimate win for Kahkasha would be to make our voices heard and spread awareness on potent social issues, the team is proud to announce that our play on the breach of freedom of speech and democracy, challenges faced by journalists, lack of representation of minorities, viewership politics in relation to Censorship of Media did not just spark conversation but left an impact on people. The annual production "Censored" also received the following commendations:

- Jury Award at Baithak, the street-play event of Shades, the Dramatics Society of Keshav Mahavidyalay
- Second Position at Alfaaz, the street-play event of Aakrosh, the Dramatics Society of Shyam Lal College (M)
- Third Position at Parvaaz, the street-play event of The Third Act, the Dramatics Society of Satyawati College (Day)
- Special Mention at Thespian, the street-play event of College of Vocational Studies
- Special Mention at Jashn-E-Junoon, the street-play event of Junoon, the Dramatics Society of Dyal Singh Evening College

Kahkasha closed the production of the session with a final performance of the 3rd Years with the rest of the team at Baithak, the street-play event of Shades (KMV) which received the Jury Award for an excellent performance. This was the remarkable finale to an exuberant and successful session of 2021-22.

**Proforma for the Compulsory and Cultural Societies/Sports Department/Student Council Report
Year 2021-22**

(Information should be compiled for the period starting from 1 st July 2021 to 30 th June 2022)

1.Name of the Society - Kahkasha - Hindi Dramatics Society

2.Name of the Teacher Convenor and other members -

Convenor - MS KASHNIE SINGH (Commerce)

Co-Convenor - Reshma Raichel Jose (Psychology)

Details of members:

Roll no	Name	Department/Programme(drop-down)	Semester
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3.No. of students enrolled in the Society - 2

4.Names of Student President/Vice-President and other Office Bearers

Vice President - Venya Sharma

President - Dhriti Arya

5.Events /Talks by eminent personnel/ organized/ attended in the academic year (in the chronological order with date, time, reports, number of participants with signatures)

Name of the Event/Talk/Seminar	Date of the Event (DD-MM-YYYY)	Number of students participated	Number of Faculty Members participated	Short report containing details of names of students/staff, resource persons, geotagged photos, attendance sheets, etc.
Shelf Ebook Festival	15/04/2022 12:00 PM-15/04/2022 01:00 PM	30		
Baithak, the street-play event of Keshav Mahavidyalay	28/04/2022 02:00 PM-28/04/2022 02:30 PM	30		
Alfaaz, the street-play event of Shyam Lal College (M)	23/04/2022 12:00 PM-23/04/2022 01:00 PM	30		
Parvaaz- the street-play event of Satyawati College (Day)	21/04/2022 02:00 PM-21/04/2022 02:30 PM	30		
Thespian- Streetplay Event of College of Vocational Studies	18/04/2022 12:00 PM-18/04/2022 01:00 PM	30		

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Jashn-e-Junoon- the street-play event of Dyal Singh Evening College	13/04/2022 04:00 PM-13/04/2022 04:30 PM	30		
Hobnob 2022	13/04/2022 02:00 PM-13/04/2022 02:30 PM	30		
PeeSafe Event	08/03/2022 12:00 PM-08/03/2022 01:00 PM	30		
Theatre workshop for First years	08/02/2022 04:00 PM-08/02/2022 06:00 PM	60	Gargi College, DU	
Breath and Emotion with Vinay Kumar	18/09/2022 05:00 PM-18/09/2022 08:00 PM	200		

*** Attendance Register with student's signature to be maintained.**

6. Attach Minutes of the meetings held during the year

7. Record of attendance of participation by students during the year:- 500

8.

Extension and outreach Programmes conducted by the society, (including the programmes such as Swachh Bharat, AIDS awareness, Gender issues etc. and/or those organised in collaboration with industry, community and NGOs (if applicable))				
Name of the activity	Organising unit/ agency/collaborating agency	Name of the scheme	Year of the activity	Number of students participated in such activities
Shelf Ebook Festival	Shelf Ebook			30
Hobnob 2022	Sports Department, JMC			30
PeeSafe Event	PeeSafe			30

9.

Awards and recognitions received for extension activities from government /government recognised bodies (if applicable)

Name of the activity	Name of the Award/ recognition for Institution	Name of the Awarding government/ government recognised bodies	Year of award
Shelf Ebook Festival			
Hobnob 2022			
PeeSafe Event			

10.

Capacity building and skills enhancement initiatives taken by the society including the following: 1. Soft skills, 2. Language and communication skills, 3. Life skills (Yoga, physical fitness, health and hygiene), 4. ICT/computing skills

Name of the capacity development and skills enhancement program	Date of implementation (DD-MM-YYYY)	Number of students enrolled	Name of the agencies/consultants involved with contact details (if any)
Theatre workshop for First years	08/02/2022 04:00 PM-08/02/2022 06:00 PM	60	Gargi College, DU

11.

Year	Name of the Activity conducted by the society to offer guidance for competitive examinations		Short report containing details of names of students/staff, resource persons, geotagged photos, attendance sheets, etc.
	Name of the Activity	Number of students attended /participated	
No records found.			

12.

Awards/medals for outstanding performance in sports/cultural activities at university/state/national / international level (award for a team event should be counted as one)

Year	Name of the award/ medal	Team / Individual	University/State/National/International	Sports/Cultural	Name of the Student	Certificate/Geo-Tagged Photographs

13.

Sports and cultural activities/events in which students of the society participated organised by the institution/other institutions

Date of event/activity(DD-MM-YYYY)	Name of the event/activity	Name of the Student participated	Name of the Student participated
28/04/2022 02:00 PM-28/04/2022 02:30 PM	Sports and Cultural	Baithak, the street-play event of Keshav Mahavidyalay	Baithak, the street-play event of Keshav Mahavidyalay
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