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SOCIETY ACTIVITY REPORT 2018-19

The Shakespeare Society

• An orientation for the first year junior members was held on 30th June, 2018 to introduce them to the society's activities.





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• Acting Workshop with focus on body, conducted by Adrian Peter D'Cruz (ex-Stephanian) on 20th August, 2018. Nearly 25 students participated.



• Lights Workshop led by Abhinav Khetarpal (one of the founders of Tech Quartet and an extremely experienced tech professional) on 29th August, 2018 in the College Hall. Open to non-Stephanians as well, the event saw a turnover of 15 students.



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"Cherry Wine", an original script was staged as the Launch Production on 14th
September, 2018 in the College Hall. Around 30 students were part of this major event in ShakeSoc's calendar.





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THE SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY'S CHERRY WINE

Directed by Aiyana Abraham & Mehuli Das

> Assisted by Sanyukta Giri

14th September | College Hall



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- **Projection and Voice Workshop by Sunit Tandon** (well-known theatre personality and radio broadcaster) on **22nd September, 2018**. This workshop was open to students from other colleges as well, and an overall of 30 students took part.
- Mini-Theatre Workshop conducted in collaboration with the Vidyajyoti wing of the Social Service League on 22nd September, 2018. 10 students participated in the various activities.
- One of the three colleges selected for the "Of Stage Theatre Festival" organised by Third Space Collective and Instituto Cervantes, the Shakespeare Society received funding, mentorship, and a chance to perform at the Cultural Centre of the Spanish Embassy. 'The Other Side', a semi-musical directed by Rohan Jose, Steve Kunnath, and Tarini Mehta, was performed on 22nd October, 2018. This project brought together the Shakespeare Society, the Sound Machine (the Western Acapella group of the Music Society), and the Choreography Society, and nearly 40 students were involved in various capacities.



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 A Directorial Workshop by Sameer Gardner (ex-Stephanian and former Inter Rajpal winner with the experience of having worked with the likes of Atul Kumar) was held on 13th October, 2018 and proved to be useful for the Rajpal plays' directors. 10 students attended the workshop.



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The Shakespeare Society presents DIRECTORIAL WORKSHOP WITH SAMEER GARDNER



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Intra-Rajpal 2018 took place on the 29th, 30th and 31st of October. Of the thirteen plays which were put up, more than half were original scripts. 'Ded', directed by Rahul Roy, was adjudged the Best Play by the judging panel that consisted of Shena Gamat, Tanya Sharma, and Jaideep Pandey. This huge event saw the participation of over 60 students and 2 teachers, and was sponsored by Amit Aggarwal and Madhvi Divan (Batch of 1992).



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The annual inter-college theatre fest, Inter Rajpal 2019, was conducted on the 28th, 29th and 30th of January, 2019. This event saw the participation of more than 20 colleges in the preliminary stage, after which 12 plays were selected to be performed at the fest. The Shakespeare Society was represented by 'Ded' (competitive) and 'Deviance' directed by Vipin Sabu (non-competitive), the winner and runner-up at Intra Rajpal 2018 respectively. The judging panel consisted of Harriet Raghunathan, Saatvic and Ravi Raj Sagar. 'Art' by Shunya, Ramjas College was declared the Best Play. The sponsors for this event were Sandeep Prasad Swadeen and Praveen Thomas (Batch of 1992). 3 teachers and 30 students were part of the fest.



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THE SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY ST. STEPHEN'S COLLECE					
28 th	January, 2019	29	th January, 2019	3	O th January, 2019
2:00	Sri Venkateshwera College: Simurgh	2:00	St. Stephen's College: Deviance	2:00	Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies: Dragonflies
3:00	Lady Sri Ram College for Women: <i>Avalanche</i>	2:45	Vivekananda Institue of Professional Studies: Centrifugal	3:00	Ramjas College: Art
4:05	College of Vocational Studies: Meer Manas	3:50	Miranda House: Three Tall Women	4:15	Jesus and Mary College: Blithe Spirit
5:05	Hindu College: Shaayad	4:50	St. Stephen's College: Ded	5:05	Indraprastha College for Women: 27/11

• The Intra Rajpal winner, 'Ded', directed by Rahul Roy and assisted by Maani Samson and Joel R John, was selected as the External Production for the year. Since then, the team participated at IIT Bombay's Mood Indigo, Lady Shri Ram College and Miranda House, amongst others. This effort culminated in a performance of the play at Arya Auditorium on 14th March 2019, as part of the Hansraj Dramatics Society's annual fest, Rangmanchiyata. 'Ded' was one of the four plays selected for the same. A team of 15 students were involved in this event.



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- The Society took part in the National Drama Competition organized by the Shakespeare Society of India, and 'Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)', directed by Kashish Komal, Nikitha Loraine, and Nikhil Paul, bagged the following awards: Best Production, Best Comic Actor (Special Jury Prize): Nikie Bareja, and Best Actor (Second Runner Up): Arnav Michael. The competition was held on 2nd February, 2019, and 2 teachers and 15 students participated.
- The Annual Padley Memorial Discussion, a panel discussion that brings together theatre professionals and students to deliberate over issues of relevance in the world of (collegiate) theatre, was held on 8th March, 2019. The panel for the same consisted of Arjun Ghosh, Benil Biswas, Mallika Taneja, Dhwani Vij, with NP Ashley from the English Department as the moderator. The topic for the session was 'Identity and Culture in Theatre' and the discussions brought up interesting observations on campus theatre. 1 teacher and 15 students took part in the discussion.



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External Workshop on Acting and Scripting by Avijit Dutt (filmmaker, actor, and theatre director who has acted in films such as 'Piku', 'Peepli Live', and 'Madras Café') saw the participation of 15 students. This event was held on 12th March, 2019 and brought together students from different colleges for a day of improvs and acting exercises.



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- External Workshop by Saatvic (ex-Stephanian and extremely experienced theatre professional on body language) was conducted on 29th March, 2019 with 10 students.
- Leading up to the annual production, we celebrated a Hamlet Carnival which will consist of a number of smaller events like scavenger hunt, doodle competition, Cardlet and screening of the Lion King. Sponsored by Vishal Bakshi (Batch of 1992). 30 students participated.



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 The activities of the academic year were ended with the Shakespeare Society's 90th Annual Production, performed on 8th April, 2019 in the College Hall. Tom Stoppard's 'Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead', directed by Jaspreet Kalra and Nikhil Paul, and assisted by Radhika Tulsian, was selected for the same. 1 teacher and 30 students were involved in the whole process.



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THE SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE Presents Our 90th Annual Production

ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD

3 & 5 PM 8 April College Hall

