

A Delightful Presentation of Chekhov's "The Proposal" at the 23rd Natsamrat Natya Utsav



New Delhi, 4 March – On the second day of the **23rd Natsamrat Natya Utsav** dedicated to eminent theatre personality **Daya Prakash Sinha**, held at **LTG Auditorium, Mandi House**, audiences were treated to two lively performances of the famous one-act

play "*The Proposal*" by the celebrated Russian playwright **Anton Chekhov**. The play was directed by **Shyam Kumar**.

The play revolves around a young man who visits his neighbor's house to propose marriage to their daughter. However, what begins as a sincere matrimonial proposal soon turns into a series of comical arguments. Instead of discussing love and marriage, the characters become entangled in heated disputes over trivial matters such as the ownership of a piece of land and the superiority of their respective pet dogs. Chekhov's sharp wit and keen observation of human behavior transform these petty disagreements into an engaging and humorous dramatic conflict.

One of the most striking aspects of the production was its **excellent comic timing and fast-paced dialogue delivery**, which kept the audience thoroughly entertained throughout the performance. The actors brought remarkable energy and authenticity to their roles, making Chekhov's text come alive on stage.

The cast featured **Munmun, Rajan K. Batheja, Naveen Kumar and Shivangi**, who impressed the audience with their expressive performances and lively stage presence.

Behind the scenes, the technical team played an important role in shaping the production. **Sunil Rathor, Suraj Singh, Amit, Nisha, Payal, Poonam, and Rohit Prasad** contributed significantly to the smooth execution of the performance. **Vansh Rathore** handled the **music and lighting**, enhancing the overall theatrical atmosphere.

Overall, *The Proposal* proved to be an engaging and entertaining presentation. With its sharp humor, lively performances, and crisp direction, the play offered audiences a memorable theatrical experience.