Natsamrat’s 6th Mumbai Theatre Festival Won the Hearts of the Audience



The **“6th Mumbai Theatre Festival”** organized by Natsamrat at the Creative Adda Auditorium in Versova, Mumbai staged many wonderful plays on 3rd, 11th & 12th January. These plays not only entertained the audience but also presented deep social and emotional issues effectively.

3rd January: **‘Nithalla’** and **‘Napunsak’** staged

On the first day of the festival, the play ‘Nithalla’ based on the story of Harishankar Parsai was staged. It was adapted by Kuldeep Kunal and directed and solo acted by Nagendra Kumar Sharma. This play was the story of an ideal ‘Nithalla’ who selflessly devotes his life for the betterment of the society. The play deeply impressed the audience by highlighting the conflict between selfishness and selflessness.

Nipunsak was then staged, written and directed by Manjul Bhardwaj. This play presents the life struggle and agony of eunuchs. The director brought this complex subject to life with his acting and sensitive presentation. Shivani’s music made the presentation more effective.

January 11: Presentation of **‘Darogaji Chori Ho Gayi’**

On January 11, the play ‘Darogaji Chori Ho Gayi’ written by Jaivardhan and directed by Chandra Shekhar Sharma was staged. Presented by Mask Players Art Group, this play exposed the corruption prevailing in the government system and the deviant tendencies of the youth through humor and satire.

In this play, Nikhil Jha (Daroga and Detective), Ashish Sharma (Babu), Shipra Jain (Deepak), and Eva Dandona (Pooja) made the audience laugh with their impressive acting. The play tried to show how the youth running after a glamorous life take the path of crime. This presentation gave a social message along with humor.

12 January: **‘The Proposal’** and **‘Kuch Tum Kaho Kuch Hum Kahen’** staged

On the last day of the festival, Anton Chekhov’s famous play ‘The Proposal’ was staged. This comedy-satire play was based on family relations and property disputes. Vishwajeet, Munmun, Aman Kumar, and Raman Kumar made the audience laugh a lot with their excellent acting. The story showed funny arguments

during a marriage proposal by a young man, which the audience applauded.

The second play ‘Kuch Tum Kaho Kuch Hum Kahen’ presented an emotional story. Vishwajeet and Munmun played the roles of Dr. Anand and Mansi in this play directed by Shyam Kumar. The play beautifully presented the themes of life’s struggle, human emotions and inspiration. The chemistry of both the actors moved the audience.

The contribution of the technical team in all the plays was commendable. Stage manager Sunil Rathore, music coordinator Aman, makeup experts Payal and Chhobi Saha, and Shyam Kumar in lighting design played an important role in bringing the plays closer to reality.

The audience appreciated all the plays. Nithalla and Napunsak touched upon sensitive issues deeply, while Darogaji Chori Ho Gayi gave a social message with humour. The Proposal and Kuch Tum Kaho Kuch Hum Kahen presented complex topics of life in a light-hearted manner.

The festival proved that theatre is not only a medium of entertainment, but it is also an effective medium to show the mirror to the society and inspire it to think deeply.

Memorable Plays Staged at Natsamrat’s ‘5th Mumbai Theatre Festival’

The 5th Mumbai Theatre Festival organized by Natsamrat was successfully held from 21st to 23rd June at Creative Adda

Auditorium, Versova, Mumbai. The director of all the plays is Shyam Kumar.



On the first day of the Theatre Festival, 21st June at 7 pm, the play Satya Prakash's "Kambakht Ishq" was staged. This play explained deep themes while making the audience laugh. The story revolves around Jai's father Kishan and Leela's mother Radha, who face loneliness due to their children's busy schedules. They meet at a clinic and start spending time together, which alleviates their loneliness. However, their children misunderstand this relationship and prevent them from meeting, causing both to fall ill again. Eventually, the children realize their parents need each other's support.

Later that evening at 8:30 pm, the play "The Proposal" written by Anton Chekhov was staged. This play tells the story of a young man proposing marriage to his neighbor's unmarried daughter. The story becomes more complicated as they argue

over property and dogs.

On June 22, at 7 pm, “Haye Mera Dil” written by Ranbir Singh was staged. This play depicts the story of a hypochondriac husband who, due to a misunderstanding, believes he is going to die soon. He plans a wedding for his wife, but she mistakes his behavior for infidelity.

At 8:30 pm, the play “Kuchh Tum Kaho Kuchh Hum Kahen” written by Ashish Kotwal was staged. It tells the story of Anand and Mansi, who have different outlooks on life. Their poignant banter left the audience emotional.

The Natya Mahotsav concluded on June 23 with the play “Kallu Naai MBBS” written by Moliere. This play is about a barber who is always drunk and beats his wife. His wife devises a plan with the help of servants to teach him a lesson.



In all the plays, actors Sanjay Basliyal, Munmun, P.K. Khayal,

Aman Kumar, Shivangi, Raman Kumar, Sudhir Khanna, Naveen, Vishwajeet, and Saumya Yadav gave excellent performances. Backstage management was handled by Sunil Rathore and Naushad, stage management by Suraj Singh, makeup by Payal and Raj Rani, costumes by Chhobi Saha and Rohit Prasad, and lighting was designed by Shyam Kumar.

The audience greatly appreciated these plays and praised the messages contained within them.

Natsamrat Theatre Festival spreads its wings to Mumbai

By **Shraboni Saha**

After establishing itself in Delhi, Natsamrat is now steadily making a mark in Mumbai as well. It successfully organised the 3rd Mumbai Theater Festival for Maharashtra audience











Natsamrat brought the Kumbh of plays for Mumbaikars i.e. 3rd Mumbai Theater Festival where five different plays were staged on May 26, 27 and 28 at Creative Adda Auditorium, Versova, Andheri West, Mumbai.

On May 26, at 6:30 pm, the play Napunsak, written by Manjul Bhardwaj, was staged and at 8:00 pm, the play Teen Bandar, written by Prabuddha Joshi, directed by Nagendra Kumar Sharma, both plays were staged.

The play Aadhi Raat ke Baad which was written by Dr. Shankar Shesh was staged on 27th May at 6:30 pm and the play Chukayenge Nahi, written by Dario-Fo and adapted by Amitabh Srivastava was staged at 8:00 pm and both the plays are directed by Chandrashekhar Sharma.

On May 28, at 7:30 pm, the play Kambakkht Ishq written by Satya Prakash was staged and the play is directed by Shyam Kumar, director of Natsamrat.

Artists from Delhi, Ambala, Mumbai presented the five different plays at the theater in Mumbai. In these plays, there was humor, adventure as well as social messages for the audience. Seeing the audience of Mumbai, it seemed as if they had a lot of love for theatre, that’s why the entire auditorium was packed on all three days. Natsamrat director Shyam Kumar says that if anyone wants to give something to the society, it can be done through drama and the audience definitely pays attention to it because it does not give stress to the mind, instead it gives a beautiful message through entertainment.