

Report 2015

LAKSHYA: The Theatre Society

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Created in 2002 with a vision to bring about change and question the existing stereotypes of our society through the quintessential medium of theatre, Lakshya- The Theatre Society of Kamala Nehru College has stood up to its motto of generating awareness and continues to do so. It is over this span of last thirteen-years that the society has built a reputation within the Delhi University Theatre Circuit for its attempt for quality and for addressing major societal concerns of today.

The 2014 annual street-production of the society, titled, '*Bandishein*' was based on human trafficking and through the elements of satire and mockery it highlighted the inhuman treatment that millions of people in India go through and the conditions they live in. It questioned the humanity of the audience and forced them into thinking about their own ignorance of the trafficked people who might be living amongst them. It made them aware of the background of these people and how they came into the occupations that they are engaged in. The aspect of women being trafficked in the country and forced into marriage and prostitution was highlighted initially in the play; the other-half of the play, focused on child trafficking and the judicial ignorance of the issue. The main message of the whole production was that life is invaluable and commercialisation of human life is a grave crime. In the entire academic year, the play was performed over 25 times all over Delhi and also at prestigious institutions like IIM Bombay and IIM Ahmedabad. To serve the main purpose for its creation, Lakshya gave over 6 public performances at places like Cyber-Hub, Global Business Park, Gurgaon and Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. The most spectacular achievement of the society this year was to perform at the world's second biggest red-light area which is based in the Delhi region i.e. GB Road. Fulfilling the core purpose of our topic, the performance gave us the opportunity to interact with people involved in prostitution and spread awareness among them.