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Report on Street Play by Asmita Theatre Group

Asmita theatre group from Delhi was invited to perform a street play in the campus of **Poornima University** on **5th Oct 2015** by the **School of Design**. The play was witnessed by around 250 students. The play was directed by resident director **Arvind Gaur** of Asmita group. The group is one of the leading Hindi theatre groups in India since its inception in 1993.

The group performs on contemporary social issues which are casually ignored and not confronted by the society as whole. It was meant to bring awareness to the audience regarding the contemporary issues faced by women in the society. They performed "**Dastak**" which was based on the atrocities on women which are still present in Indian society. The street play started with a very common sight and experience for every women in India, harassed by catcalls and eve teasing by men. And the play proceeded with issues like female foeticide, acid attacks and such. The play was intertwined with very heart wrenching and ironic moments infused with entertainment. The group looked much disciplined towards their art and their performance succeeded in sending their message across powerfully as every face in the audience was drougt with emotions.

Such groups should be invited to perform powerful plays with a social message which has the potential to awake the audience to existing social issues. And since the audience in schools and colleges is youth, it can usher the change in the mindset of the coming generation and the present one.



