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· **Jyoti Dogra’s ‘Notes on Chai’ staged today at JKK**

· **A solo play exploring the verbal exchanges in everyday life**

**EVERYDAY CONVERSATIONS OVER TEA REVEAL THE UNSAID**

**Jaipur, 13 August:** The Jaipurites were greatly entertained by the play ‘Notes on Chai’ staged today at Jawahar Kala Kendra (JKK). Devised, directed and performed by Ms. Jyoti Dogra, the solo play explored verbal exchanges in everyday life.

The experimental theatrical piece attempted to relocate one’s relationship with the mundane by bringing into light the desires, fears and insecurities of the everyday that remain unsaid. A series of portrayals strived to create a collective sense of the everyday which resonates with a universal sense of the ordinary across cultures as well as different socio economic strata.

Thoughtful and entertaining excerpts of routine conversation one has over tea were interwoven with abstract sound explorations in the play. Ms. Dogra infused the chants of the Buddhist monks with the overtone music she learnt from a sound artiste, Dana Stratil in Zurich leaving the audience spell-bound.

Through the 100-minute experimental piece, Ms. Dogra showed how the common and abstract elements of life are intertwined in one another. The play highlighted the existential struggle one faces to find oneself in the everyday. The artiste dons interesting characters from day to day life and cites examples where people keep the real self away from the eyes of the judgemental society.

It is to be recalled that the event was a part of the weekend theatre and cultural activities at JKK.

**Photo caption:** A view of the performance of the sole actress, Ms. Jyoti Dogra at the play 'Notes on Chai' today at JKK.

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