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**One of the big theatre learning hubs of the country**

**OVER 300 STUDENTS LEARNING THEATRE AT JKK**

Jaipur, 4 June: A whopping 300 plus students are learning theatre at the annual theatre workshop in the summer camp at Jawahar Kala Kendra (JKK).  Children between the ages of 8 to 20 years are participating under the guidance of more than 20 instructors, some of whom are National School of Drama (NSD) graduates. The students are divided into 10 batches on the basis of their age, with 30-40 students in each batch. Each batch has two instructors.

A workshop was conducted for the trainers as well before the summer camp started. Those selected are now providing theatre training to the students. The theatre workshop is being held ever since the inception of JKK in 1993 and has made JKK, perhaps, one of the big theatre learning hubs in the country. It has gained immense popularity among the youth of Jaipur. This can be seen with the increasing number of participants year after year.

Each morning the young theatre aspirants undergo warm up exercises like brisk walk and jumping. This is followed by training being provided relating to stage, props, timings and techniques of coordination and control.The students are painstakingly taught all nuances of theatre.

Throwing light on the importance of theatre for the young minds, the workshop coordinator Mr. Sandeep Madan said that workshops especially those for children influence their minds a lot. It is not necessary that all the students become actors , but the elements of theatre are always useful in their life. In addition to this, they also get knowledge about art which helps them in becoming a better audience and appreciate the art form.

A participant of the workshop, Heena Dua said that we don't know each other in the beginning of the workshop but eventually we become a family. My journey with theatre started at JKK three years ago and now I regularly participate in plays in JKK as well as in my college . It has helped greatly in the development of my personality and has also played a vital role in boosting my inner confidence and morale.

The month long workshop will conclude with plays being held for the general audience in the last three days.