

Somaiya Vidyavihar University

Annual Report



RHAPSODY-KJSCE

2021-22



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Summary:

Rhapsody is the official drama team of K.J. Somaiya College of Engineering which intends to bring about a personal as well as a social change through mediums of theatre, street-play and film. Rhapsody has boldly taken up topics like rights for LGBTQ, plight of farmers, ever-changing role of media, women empowerment, state of education system in India and the need for informed voting. Rhapsody has bagged several accolades at several youth street-play competitions and national level short film festivals over the years.

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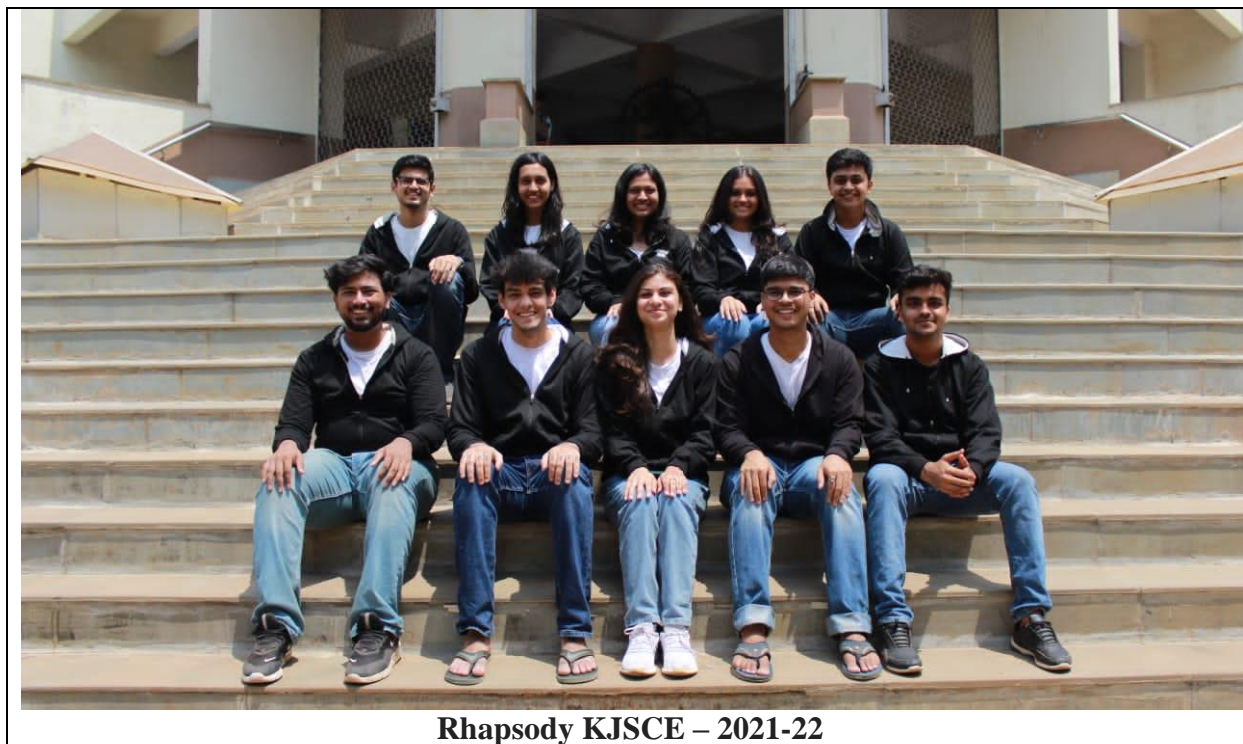
Structure of Council/Team/Members

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Photo of members/committee – 2021-2022



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Activity 1: Celebrating Our Olympians

Sr. No. of Event / Activity	Day/Date	Year	Month	Time	Venue	Description of Activity
1.	22 nd July - 8 th August	2021	July-August	--	--	Activity: Celebrating Our Olympians, Tokyo Olympics. Created mosaic posters, short videos and animations during the entire duration of the Tokyo Olympics to celebrate our Olympic heroes who brought laurels to our country.
<p>Details of participation in the event/activity (Fill wherever is applicable or information is available. At least total need to fill)</p>						

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No of students / faculty	COMP	ETRX	EXTC	IT	MECH	Other SVU colleges / _____	Total no of participants
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Report of event/activity

Activity : Celebrating Our Olympians

Overview

Olympics is the biggest sporting spectacle in the world. The anticipation to watch our Indian contingent on such a big stage, representing our country fills our hearts with pride. So, when the final countdown began just before the opening ceremony of Tokyo 2020 olympics, we decided to maintain the buzz on our social media. We thought it as an opportunity to cheer for our nation by making posters and short 30sec videos on our Olympic medallists as a token of love and respect.

Preparations

Just before the 2020 Olympics opening ceremony, we posted a small animation video to wish luck to our entire Indian contingent that headed to Tokyo.

Link to the video :

https://www.instagram.com/p/CRohbg6DUY5/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

We later created mosaic posters, short videos for our winning Olympians as the event progressed and posted it on our Instagram stories.

Conclusion

This activity was a small contribution from our side to bring us all closer to one another and envision a common goal – To see our country do well at the Olympics and to instill a sense of massive pride for all those who represented our country at a global stage

Sample Photographs of the Event/Activity



Activity 2: Rakshabandhan Short Film – “The Interview”

Sr. No. of Event / Activity	Day/Date	Year	Month	Time	Venue	Description of Activity
1.	21-22 August	2021	August	--	--	<p>Activity: Rakshabandhan Short Film – “The Interview”</p> <p>On the occasion of Rakshabandhan, we brought one such story that celebrated the unparalleled bond of brothers and sisters.</p>

**Details of participation in the event/activity
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Report of event/activity

Activity : Rakshabandhan Short Film – “The Interview”

Overview

Rakshabandhan in 2021 was a virtual celebration in most Indian households. However, that did not affect this occasion one bit. We, at Rhapsody took this as an opportunity to make a short film that depicts the beautiful bond between brothers and sisters in a unique way

Preparations

It took us exactly a week to make the entire film right from scratch. We made the entire film staying at our respective homes adhering to the lockdown protocols. However, these restrictions did not hinder our process or the quest to touch everyone’s heart with the story that we set out to create.

We posted a teaser video just a day before the day of Rakshabandhan and the next day we released the short film on our social media handle that got a great response and was loved by all!

Link to the teaser video :

https://www.instagram.com/p/CS10EkilMPY/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

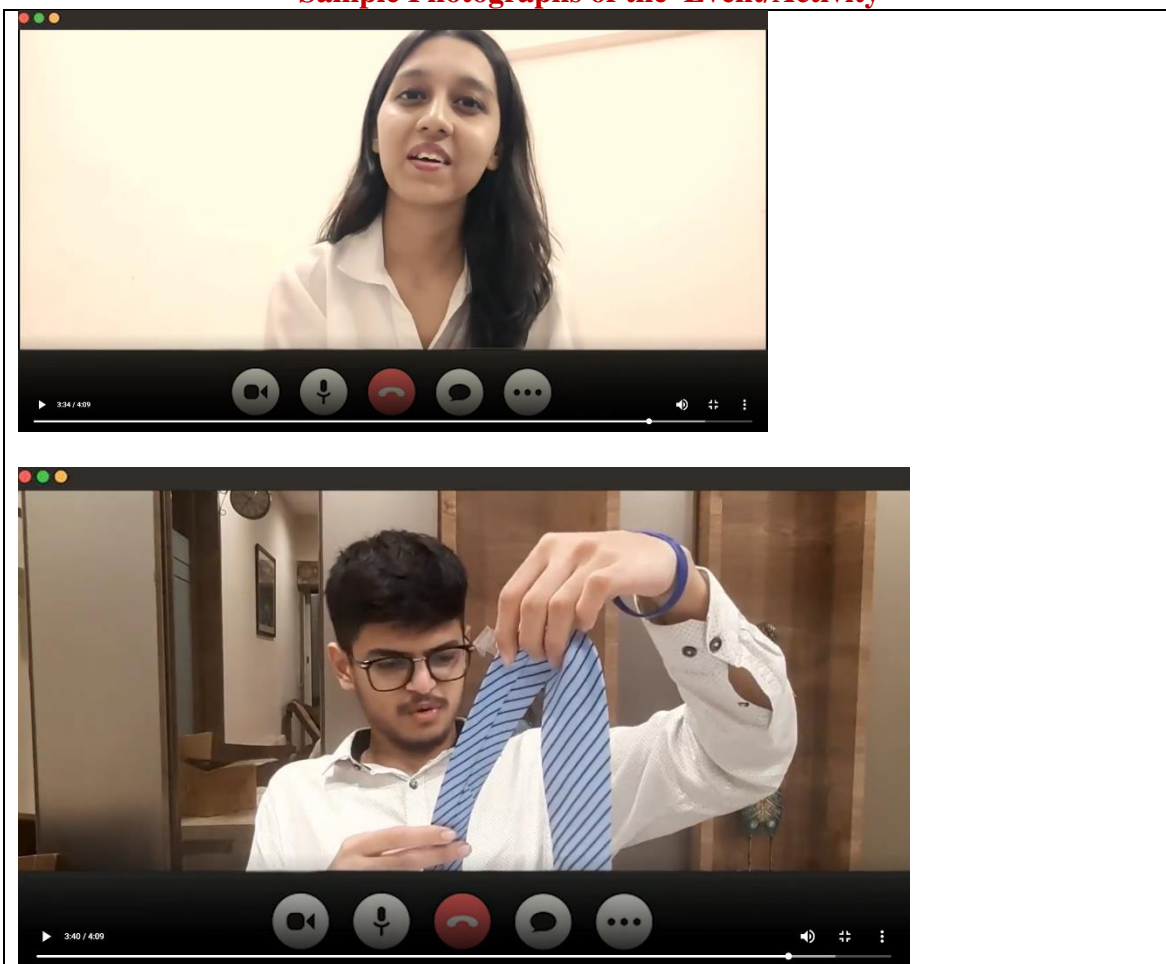
Link to the short film :

https://www.instagram.com/tv/CS4aop7oITV/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

Conclusion

Making this short film was an enriching process for us and the love and adulation that we got from the audience was just an icing on the cake

Sample Photographs of the Event/Activity



Activity 3: Foundation Day Short Film

Sr. No. of Event / Activity	Day/Date	Year	Month	Time	Venue	Description of Activity
1.	21-22 August	2021	August	--	--	Activity: Foundation Day - On the occasion of Somaiya's Foundation day 2021, we made a 2 minute film on the

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theme given as “Undaunting Spirit of Survival”

Details of participation in the event/activity
(Fill wherever is applicable or information is available. At least total need to fill)

No of students / faculty	COMP	ETRX	EXTC	IT	MECH	Other SVU colleges / ____	Total no of participants
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Report of event/activity

Activity : Foundation Day Short Film

Overview

On the special occasion of Somaiya’s Foundation Day 2021, we made a short 2-minute film on the theme given to us. We interpreted the theme in our own way and came up with a film that would relate to every college student.

Preparations

We shot for the film in our college campus and we made the film within a week and submitted it to the college authorities well before the deadline.

The film was about how college students face various challenges year in and year out but then its their undaunting spirit of survival that keeps them going. The film shows that it is very common for every student to come across low phases during their college life but when you support each other in these times, one gets the strength to fight it out and not give up.

Link to the short film :

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HrxyInjcdgRbHvP3ZxkvoDH5NmZjoeHn/view?usp=sharing>

Conclusion

It was great to get an opportunity by the college to make a film that addresses an important student issue and be a voice to thousands and thousands of students not just from our college but across the world.

Sample Photographs of the Event/Activity



Activity 4: Participation in MIT Manipal Film festival, 2021

Sr. No. of Event / Activity	Day/Date	Year	Month	Time	Venue	Description of Activity
1.	10-11 September	2021	September	--	Virtual	Competition: MIT Manipal Short Film Festival.

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							We participated in the short film competition held by MIT Manipal as we sent across our film “Udaan” for the same
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Details of participation in the event/activity
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No of students / faculty	COMP	ETRX	EXTC	IT	MECH	Other SVU colleges / _____	Total no of participants
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Report of event/activity

Competition: MIT Manipal Short Film Festival.

Overview

MIT Manipal Short Film Festival is held every year where students/teams from across the country participate and send in their short films for the competition. We participated and represented our college in this competition in the year 2021 where we sent our film “Udaan”

Preparations

Our film “Udaan” that was premiered for the very first time on the occasion of Naari 2021 was chosen by us to send it across for the competition. It was a 5 minute film that we made that centered around women of today and how capable they are to manage both the worlds : their profession and their homes. It took around two weeks in the making of this film. Though we couldn’t win the competition, it was a great experience and exposure for us by participating at the national level.

Link to the short film:

<https://youtu.be/MbuvwkqyZ80>

Conclusion

This competition was a very good learning experience for us.

Sample Photographs of the Event/Activity



**Activity 5: #Kindness – A Rhapsody Award Winning Short Film
(Premiered on Fresher’s Eve, 2021)**

Sr. No. of Event / Activity	Day/Date	Year	Month	Time	Venue	Description of Activity
1.	8 th November – Fresher’s eve (And other competitions at later dates)	2021-22	November	--	Virtual	#Kindness – A Rhapsody Award Winning Short Film Our short film that premiered on Freshers’ eve went on to win multiple competitions at national level.

**Details of participation in the event/activity
(Fill wherever is applicable or information is available. At least total need to fill)**

No of students / faculty	COMP	ETRX	EXTC	IT	MECH	Other SVU colleges / _____	Total no of participants
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Report of event/activity

**Competition: Various short film competitions in and outside of Mumbai
Event : Short Film Premiered on Fresher’s Eve, 2021**

Overview

The Fresher’s 2021 was completely a virtual event and so we decided to make a fresh new short film that would officially premiere at the event along with an assortment of our finest work. This film “#kindness” went on to win multiple prizes at various short film competitions later on.

Preparations

It took us around 1.5 months to completely make the short film. After several virtual brainstorming and scripting meets, we shot the film finally at various locations in and outside of the campus. On 8th of November, 2021 it was premiered at Fresher's event where over 300 students watched it live.

Later on, we represented our college at various short film competitions and won multiple prizes for this very film.

Link to the short film:

<https://youtu.be/MKASTRTzbI8>

Conclusion

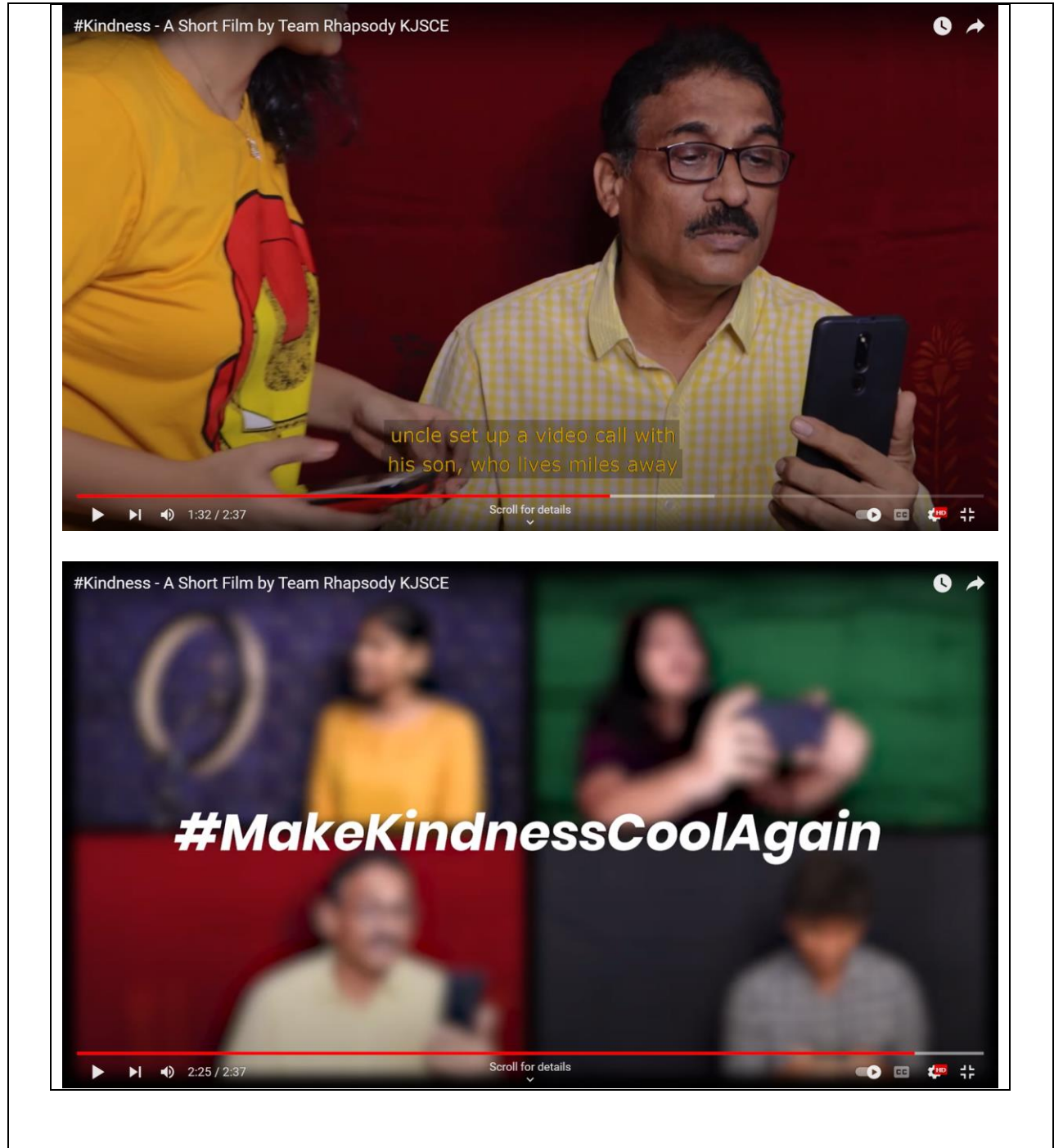
It was a moment of pride for us representing our college and winning multiple national level competitions. It taught us to experiment and going out of our comfort zone to make something very special.

Details of prizes (wherever applicable fill all the entries)

Sr. No.	Name of the student	Department	Details of prize won	Remarks
1	Rhapsody KJSCE-2021-22	COMP ETRX EXTC IT MECH (ALL)	1.)1 st position at Bits Goa Short film competition 2)1 st position at Nagindas Khandwala college Short film competition, Malad 3.) 2 nd Position at IIT Goa Short film competition	

Sample Photographs of the Event/Activity

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Activity 6: “Once Upon A Mime” – Online Workshop

Sr. No. of Event / Activity	Day/Date	Year	Month	Time	Venue	Description of Activity
1.	22 nd November	2021	Novemeber	--	Virtual	“Once Upon A Mime” – Online Workshop Conducted an Online Workshop for the newly inducted FY and SY students of our college.

Details of participation in the event/activity
(Fill wherever is applicable or information is available. At least total need to fill)

No of students / faculty	COMP	ETRX	EXTC	IT	MECH	Other SVU colleges / ____	Total no of participants
FY							15 team members + 40+ attendees (FY & SY)
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No of Faculty							

Report of event/activity

Event: “Once Upon A Mime” – Online Workshop

Overview

We, at Rhapsody have always conducted fun, learning based workshop for the newly inducted students of our college. These workshops do not only break the ice and make them feel at home but it also gives them an insight into the world of theatre and acting by engaging them in fun activities and games. Well, offline workshop was not possible so we planned our first virtual workshop.

Preparations

We planned to touch the topic of “Mime” through a fun based group activity. Mime is typically a form of acting where you express and act without speaking a word. So, we brainstormed and planned one such activity where the art of Miming would be explored.

We divided the participants into groups of 3 and they were moved to separate breakout rooms. Here, they thought of one liners that could be enacted through mime. They were instructed to think of atleast 5-7 such sentences along with their desired emotion to be enacted in. Once this is done by all the groups, randomly one of the one liner sentence by one group is given to some other group and one person from that group is picked to act it out in mime within a stipulated time. The other members of the group then have to guess the situation as well as the emotion. This is then repeated with other combination of groups and the loop goes on.

The workshop lasted for about 2 hours and around 40+ participants were in attendance

Conclusion

Conducting our first virtual workshop was a great experience for us and it indeed turned out to be a successful one. The participants enjoyed the activity and got their hands on Mime Acting a bit.

Sample Photographs of the Event/Activity





Activity 7: Symposium on Awareness to Action : Single Use Plastics

Sr. No. of Event / Activity	Day/Date	Year	Month	Time	Venue	Description of Activity
1.	22 nd February	2022	February	1.15- 3.15pm	Seminar Hall, KJSCE	<p>“Symposium on Awareness to Action : Single Use Plastics” –</p> <p>On the occasion of one day symposium organized by the Mechanical Department, we made and presented a 1- minute short film. highlighting SUPs and their alternatives.</p>

**Details of participation in the event/activity
(Fill wherever is applicable or information is available. At least total need to fill)**

No of students / faculty	COMP	ETRX	EXTC	IT	MECH	Other SVU colleges / _____	Total no of participants
FY							12
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No of Faculty							

Report of event/activity

Event: Symposium on Awareness to Action : Single Use Plastics

Overview

Single Use Plastics are harmful to our environment and our Government had put a ban on using it from mid 2022. So, to address the harmful effects of SUP's and to come up with alternatives was the need of the hour. The Mechanical department of our college came up with the initiative to organize a one day symposium on the same and we, at Rhapsody, got the opportunity to make our small contribution by making a 1-minute film highlighting the various single use plastics that we use in our day to day life and what are the alternatives to it through a novel and engaging portrayal.

Preparations

We made the film in exactly a week and presented it on the day of the symposium event. The film was well appreciated by the faculty present there as well as the students who attended the event.

We tried putting more stress as to how we as mature citizens can stop using SUP's in our daily lives and replace it with its alternatives and try make this world a better place to live in.

Link to the short film:

https://www.instagram.com/tv/CaZsqPOqqBK/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

Conclusion

Using this symposium event as a platform, we were fortunate enough to get an opportunity from the college authorities to make a short film on Single Use plastics and educate our college students in a fun and interesting way.

Sample Photographs of the Event/Activity



Activity 8: “Aaina” – Stage Play at Naari, 2022”

Sr. No. of Event / Activity	Day/Date	Year	Month	Time	Venue	Description of Activity
1.	17 th March	2022	March	4.30 - 6.30pm	KJSCE Auditorium	<p>“Aaina” – Stage Play at Naari, 2022”</p> <p>Naari is an event organized by the college to celebrate women’s day. On this event, we performed a 10 minute stage play named “Aaina”</p>

**Details of participation in the event/activity
(Fill wherever is applicable or information is available. At least total need to fill)**

No of students / faculty	COMP	ETRX	EXTC	IT	MECH	Other SVU colleges / ____	Total no of participants
FY							12 team members + 300+ attendees
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No of Faculty							

Report of event/activity

Event: “Aaina” – Stage Play at Naari, 2022”

Overview

On the occasion of Naari 2022 – Women’s day celebration at our college, we performed a 10 minute stage play in front of a full capacity auditorium and sent across a deep, meaningful message through our play

Preparations

It took us around 2-2.5 weeks to make this play right from ideation, scripting to the final rehearsals on stage. This play was written, directed and performed completely by us.

Link to the play video:

<https://youtu.be/BBnXGK1zzDs>

Conclusion

To portray stories that touches peoples' hearts is what we strive for and our performance at Naari,2022 was just that.

Sample Photographs of the Event/Activity



Activity 9: “Rhapsody Jamboree” – Offline Workshop

Sr. No. of Event / Activity	Day/Date	Year	Month	Time	Venue	Description of Activity
1.	23 rd March	2022	March	5.30-7.30pm	Seminar Hall, KJSCE	<p>“Rhapsody Jamboree” – First Offline workshop post pandemic.</p> <p>We conducted our first offline workshop post the college reopening in 2022.</p>

Details of participation in the event/activity
(Fill wherever is applicable or information is available. At least total need to fill)

No of students / faculty	COMP	ETRX	EXTC	IT	MECH	Other SVU colleges /_____	Total no of participants
FY							18 team members + 30+ attendees
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No of Faculty							

Report of event/activity

Event: “Rhapsody Jamboree” – First Offline workshop post pandemic.

Overview

The college reopened in 2022 and that was the perfect opportunity for us to conduct an offline workshop for the freshies of our college.

Preparations

We brainstormed and prepared a set of fun activities for the workshop. The main purpose of this workshop was just not having fun but also to touch various aspects of acting be it expressions, spontaneity, improvisation, miming, voice and group performance. Towards the end of the workshop, we showcased our finest work on a projector screen and talked a bit more about the team and what we do here at Rhapsody.

Conclusion

Activity based learning is an effective way to grasp things especially when it comes to acting and by keeping an offline workshop for students, they were able to learn quite a few things about the same.

Sample Photographs of the Event/Activity



Activity 10: Rhapsody Auditions

Sr. No. of Event / Activity	Day/Date	Year	Month	Time	Venue	Description of Activity
1.	11 th -25 th April	2022	April	--	Classroom, Octavium room	<p>“Rhapsody Auditions”</p> <p>We conducted auditions to select new members into the team</p>

Details of participation in the event/activity
(Fill wherever is applicable or information is available. At least total need to fill)

No of students / faculty	COMP	ETRX	EXTC	IT	MECH	Other SVU colleges / ____	Total no of participants
FY							12 team members + 70+ attendees
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No of Faculty							

Report of event/activity

Event: Rhapsody Auditions

Overview

We conducted Auditions to select new students into the team. Auditions at Rhapsody is a rigorous 3 round process and from the 70+ registrations that we got this time around, 12 students were selected at the end.

Preparations

We prepared google forms and circulated across through mails to all students to register for the Rhapsody round 1 auditions. We created social media posts around auditions so that it reaches to a wider audience of our college. We even created short videos and sketches just before the beginning of the auditions to create necessary hype and to charge up all those who would be auditioning to be a part of the team. During the process of auditioning, we even helped and guided the students so that they could give their best performance. After round 1 got over, we selected potential candidates that eventually moved to the

2nd round and finally the Interview round. The entire process lasted for about 15 days and we finally selected 12 students to be officially the part of the team out of over 70+ registrations.

Conclusion

After a rigorous audition process that lasted for almost 15 days, we selected 12 students into the team.

Sample Photographs of the Event/Activity



