

Myriad

Myriad - The Drama Club of JSS Medical College, was founded in September 2018 by a group of talented students passionate about drama and theatre. Myriad is perhaps the most apt name for the club as it consists of students hailing from different backgrounds and cultures who have a common keen interest in exploring a plethora of different forms of acting, like mime, street play, drama, mad ads etc. We spend our time coming up with ideas for scripts, writing dialogue and practicing what we are going to put up and we thoroughly enjoy every minute of it while working together as a team. For its first event, the club held an audition to gauge interest and serve as an entry point for all the budding actors and scriptwriters in our college. The event was a smashing success with nearly every participant being inducted into the club. Since then, the club has come a long way, as evidenced by the club's participation in the following events:

Silhouettes AFMC Pune

From assembling a team of enthusiastic first years, to finally standing in the nukkad Circle of AFMC Pune, what a journey it was for the members of Myriad! Silhouettes conducted by Armed Forces Medical College is one of the most prestigious inter college fests in India, and participating in it was a dream come true for the members of Myriad. We chose to do a play based on violence against doctors, a topic which we as medical students felt the need to draw attention to. The play depicted the difficulties that one faces and hurdles one has to cross to become a doctor, and showed the stark reality and pressure of dealing with people's lives and how doctors are now being treated in society. The Nukkad Natak included chants, songs, posters and even a human pyramid.



AIKYA (JSSDCH)

Members of Myriad took part in the Mime and Mad ads competitions held as a part of AIKYA fest organized by JSSD from 11th to 13th March 2020.

In the Mime event, teams had to put up a performance simply with their expressions and formations. The students of Myriad, representing JSSMC presented a powerful skit about the problems faced and the stigma surrounding the transgender community in our society. Emphasis was shown on the hardships faced at every stage of their lives simply because of who they are. It was a well appreciated performance for which we received a special mention.

In the Mad Ads event, teams were given a specific everyday product and asked to advertise it in a unique and comedic way. The students of Myriad and Biblichor representing JSSMC were given the humble razor and 15 minutes to come up with an entertaining ad. They put up a great performance laced with humor and wit and it was met with a great response from the audience.



Myriad Trivia:

Myriad conducted “Myriad Trivia” a Bollywood Quiz competition held over two stages, on 11th and 14th of May. The purpose of the event was to encourage our members to watch more movies and hone and improve their budding acting/scriptwriting talent. There was enthusiastic participation across all rounds of the competition and the participants were kept thoroughly engaged with rounds like identifying the movie from a picture, identifying double role characters etc.

TATVAM

Tatvam held in April 2022 by JSSMC put Myriad, the drama club, into the spotlight, with participants of the club taking part in street play, improv and mono acting.

Tatvam was also a wonderful opportunity for new faces to spring to the forefront, we saw an amazing street play put up by the 2nd year students, who for the first time had a platform to showcase their talents that touched upon a plethora of issues, 2 teams from 3rd year, a team from the pharmacy college as well as a team comprised of 1st years rounded off the street play event.



JIPMER (Spandan)

The most awaited fest after the long COVID lockdown, team of 10 students from the club went to JIPMER, Pondicherry August 29 - September 4 for Shillouhettes (skit performance) held in Spandan. We took a humorous note on a writer's block on scripting out a play. We had the the crowd engaged in the suprisingly dynamic process of script writing and secured the first place in the competition! The skit was lauded by the judge, Jill Navare, artistic director of the Auroville Theatre Company.



UFEST

1st and 2nd year students took active charge in partaking events held in UFEST by JSSDCH in September 2022. Mime and Mad ads events held during UFEST. The mime was based on a journey of emotions that one goes through in life, and how they all try to take over the mind. The topic for the mad ads was bread and the first years references to pop culture and the storyline they made to sell bread had the audience in splits.



WORKSHOP

A workshop on Improv which a form of acting in which participants must improvise their acting and dialogues in order to come up with witty and humorous short skits, was held at Sri Rajendra Auditorium on 26th of March 2023. It was organized by the core committee members of Myriad, the Drama Club of JSSMC. The workshop saw a good turnout of students with a mix of 1st 2nd and 3rd years. There were 32 participants in total and we expect to see even larger numbers in our future events.



The workshop was divided into 4 parts. It started off with a warmup round wherein each participant had to add on to a story with a line starting with subsequent letters of the alphabet, example the first person had to say a line starting with A followed by the next person continuing with a line starting with B.

The next round was another improv skill building game called 'and then' wherein participants had to enact a situation given to them for 1 minute with a partner, without contradicting them or repeating the sentences.

The next 2 rounds were fast paced and helped everyone think on their toes. The rounds were questions- wherein participants had to converse on the given topic only in the form of questions, and the other round was words- wherein everyone was divided into groups of 4 and given a set number of words that they were allowed to use to enact the scene. This round was very well received as a wide variety of situations, from foreigners at an Indian restaurant, coming up with a startup idea etc. were given.

The final round was a press conference round, where participants had to spontaneously come up with answers to a 'press conference' was held, this round was also very interactive and involved all the participants at once. At the end of the workshop the top 6 participants were recognized.



This workshop helped students improve their acting skills and helped them become more confident about enacting spontaneously. They were given feedback on ways to improve, and briefed about the various events that they could take part in as a part of Tatvam. Overall the event was a great success and we hope to have many more such events in the future. We thank our teachers and vice principal for giving us this opportunity.