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# Spaces, Negotiations and Indian Campus Theatre: A Century of Shakespeare Society of St. Stephen's College

#### Abstract:

Shakespeare's lives and afterlives in Indian imagination have been various: film adaptations, stage productions in Indian languages, translations and abridged versions, curriculum and classroom teaching, and folk, classical and popular art form renderings. In all this, campus theatre occupies an interim space: one that enables collective student expression while being a tributary and a training ground for later artistic endeavours. This presentation attempts look at the negotiations of the 1924-established Shakespeare Society of St. Stephen's College as an urban, English and Indian student and faculty space through posters, playbills, trailers, reviews and anecdotes to argue that a study campus theatre both extends, challenges and modifies our notions of Shakespeare, higher education and India.



#### Dr. NP Ashley **SPEAKER**

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Dramaturge and socio-political commentator, N P Ashley teaches English at St Stephen's College, Delhi. Formerly President of the Shakespeare Society, he has supervised the staging of half a dozen Shakspeare plays. His Malayalam rendering of "The Comedy of Errors", "Abadhangalude Ayyarukali" (2024) has been staged in Kerala

School of Drama and Abu Dhabi Shakthi Theatre Festival. The plays he has worked as dramaturge have been performed at Edinburgh Festival Fringe-UK, Brisbane World Theatre Fest-Australia and Delhi Ibsen Festival. He is the conceptualizer of Keralan Shakespeares project and has published on cinematic adaptations and campus theatre. He writes in both Malayalam and English on social and academic issues.



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