

- **Theatre Workshop with Mr Amitabh Srivastava (4-5<sup>th</sup> September 2018)**

A theatre workshop was organized spanning two days, 4-5 September, 2018 by the Dept of English with renowned theatre personality **Mr. Amitabh Srivastava**. After being welcomed by Dr. Suprita Jha and Dr. Kiranjeet Sethi, the event proceeded with Mr. Srivastava enlightening his audience about the history of Indian theatre. He screened a documentary film for this purpose which chronicled the history right from the times of the decline of Sanskrit theatre to its revival amongst the folk traditions. He also talked about the establishment of modern Indian theatre under the influence of British colonialism and Parsi theatre. After the screening, Mr Srivastava interacted with the students where he answered various questions concerning the craft of theatre as well as the difficulties of taking up theatre as a profession. He talked about folk cultures that continue to revive the Indian theatrical traditions even in this age of cinema and various digital platforms.

On the second day, students performed various scenes on stage and Mr Srivastava gave his valuable feedback so they could further enhance their performance. From *Draupadi*, to modern day *Romeo and Juliet*, to *Dr Faustus* and Brutus, the students put up commendable performances. The event ended with the prize distribution ceremony for the quiz winners.