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## Theatre treat

### ACT OF UNITY

## Jain University to host a National Theatre Competition



JAIN University - Center for Management Studies (CMS) will host a National Theatre Competition, Abhinaya, on February 7 at JSS Auditorium, Bangalore. It will be a unique theatre fest, harnessing the creative energy of vibrant India, across geographic and linguistic definitions.

Abhinaya, a theatre festival of short plays in Kannada, Hindi and English, is to harness the power of theatre as a transformational tool. The competing teams will be drawn from all over India. The festival, in addition to showcasing talent, stimulating creativity and provoking sensible debate, will provide young participants with crucial interpersonal and team skills, and be a therapeutic influence in these troubled times. This festival, designed to be an annual performance, will be a celebration of aesthetics and performance.

It will be a powerful platform not only to showcase thespian talent but also to promote a consciousness of unity in diversity — the feeling of being truly “Indian”.

#### Selection Procedure:

The preliminary screening of all plays from Bangalore will be held at Jain University - CMS from February 1-2 between 8 am and 8 pm for Kannada, Hindi, and English. Six plays in each language will be selected in this round of the competition.

The pre-final round will be held from February 3-5. Here, basic light and sound support will be provided. The performance will be at JSS auditorium, Bangalore. Three plays in each language will be selected in this round of the competition. The finals will be on February 7. One play from each language will be chosen as the winner of the competition.