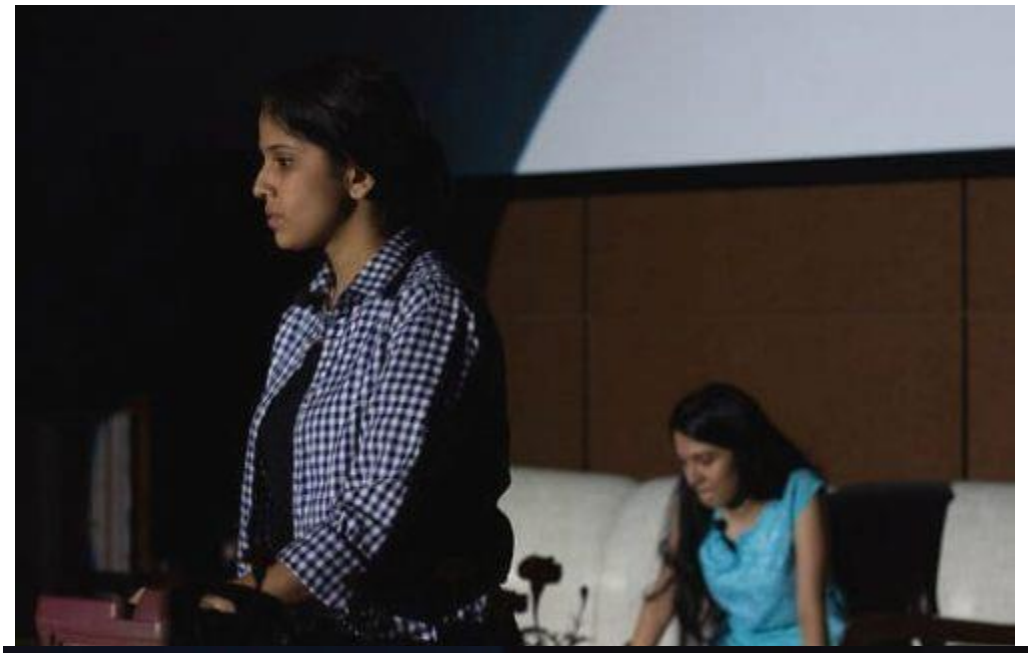
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Tara: A VSES Production, 2019

On 16th of October, 2019 the students of VSES performed a play on Gender Inequality and biases. The play was based on the playwright Mahesh Dattani's two act play "Tara." The story is of the two conjoined twins, separated at birth in an unequal manner intended to be in favour of the boy child. It enforces the idea upon the viewers that the life of females cannot be put on the same pedestal as males. The play also depicted how a family tries to keep up with modern and progressive western standards but fails in doing so. The anguish of separating the twins breaks an elemental bond of the twins who shared a single womb which makes the play tragic to its core.

The auditorium was full to its capacity and the swelling number of people eager to watch the play resulted in putting in extra chairs. Mr. Vineet Vats (Vice Chairman, VIPS), Prof. Siddharth Mishra (Chairperson, VSJMC & VSIT), Prof. Shilpa Khatri Babbar (Director, Academics), Prof. Anuradha Jain (Director, Statutory and Compliance and Dean VSE) and faculty members from other schools graced the occasion and boosted the morale of the performers. The play was directed by Prashasti Jakhmola with the brilliant cast of actors including Prerna as Tara, Tannavi as Chandan, Prapti as Dr. Thakkar, Harleen as Dan, Meghna as Bharti, Allen as Patel, Aanchal as Roopa. The Supporting crew comprised of Nishant in charge of photography, sound by Ayush and Ria, makeup and hair by Tanvi Dayal, Sanya, and Nandini Taluja as Production Manager. With the support of the entire faculty of VSES and the students, the play received impeccable applause and standing ovation from the crowd buzzing auditorium. With changing times, the topic of Gender bias has taken different proportions and with the complexities of modernization and through the character of Tara and Chandan or Dan, it reflects the ruins left

behind of an ill-chosen decision. Overall, the story in which every character had blurred lines of morality regretting his or her failure, helped the audience carve out an enshrining memory of Tara.







It was an all-students' effort and one was amazed at the reservoir of talent which the students of VSES displayed. The students were impeccable in their performances and excelled more than the professional actors. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Salonee Priya, Dean, VSES, applauded all the students of the department, and urged them to continue with their fervour for academics as well as extra-curricular and co-curricular activities. She emphasized the need of wholesome development of students, and assured them of all support from her and the faculty members.