



pandies' theatre
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MEDEA

Director: Anuradha Marwah

**'Medea': The first offering of project 'Samtal' (level ground) by
*pandies' theatre***

Creative Team/ Actors:

Akash, Arham, Janees, Nirbhay,
Payal, Priiya, Sameer, and Zeeshan

Project Mentors:

Michelle Hensley,
Kira Obolensky & Sanjay Kumar.

Our project '*Samtal*' is an attempt to take world classics, plays that have endured for centuries, to everyone in order to delight, instruct and humanise.

We are attempting to take Euripides' *Medea* out of expensive auditoriums where she only addresses elite audiences, back to theatre's Grecian origins when it spoke to all citizens equally.

Our '*Medea*' premiered at the Kushalta Vikas Kendra in Nehru Nagar on 21 April. The audiences included women from shelter homes and neighbouring communities. The second show at the Baratghar in Nithari Basti got almost 200 viewers. We have had amazingly insightful discussions and heartening responses from viewers who are not regular theatre goers. So we look forward greatly to your comments & feedback.

We also have an appeal. This project began in 2017 with a workshop organized by 'Ten Thousand Things', a Minneapolis-based theatre company, that I was fortunate to attend as a Fulbright Scholar. Michelle Hensley, the Founder of TTT, and Kira Obolensky, an award-winning playwright trained the *pandies'* creative team for '*Samtal*' in February 2019. The initial four shows of '*Medea*' are a result of this and of our longstanding relationship with communities in Nehru Nagar and Nithari Basti. Since *pandies'* work is voluntary, we have no funding or sponsorship for this project or otherwise.

We are planning to take '*Medea*' to more communities in Delhi and also to village and districts in Rajasthan during this year. For this we are attempting to raise Rs. 2,00,000/- in all through individual donations to meet our travel expenses.

Please do support our project in any of the following ways:

1. Cheque in favour of '*Pandies'* Theatre (PAN AAAAP9000C)
2. Direct bank transfer to Pandies Theatre AC 2848101006322; IFSC: CNRB0002848; Canara Bank, Hansraj College Branch
3. Cash donation to Pandies' Theatre (to be given to Nirbhay Bhogal: 9968176089 (Whatsapp); 9560768623 (Mob) after the performance)

All donations will be credited on pandiestheatre.blogspot.com and on the Studio 81 FB page along with the project's progress report.

-Anuradha Marwah

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