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# AMBA

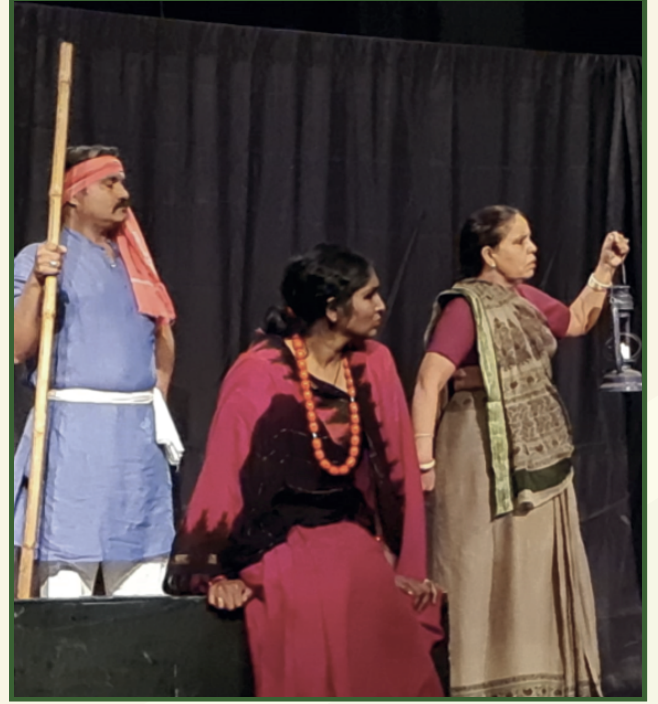
Adapted & Directed by **Saurabh Shrivastava**

Sahi Memorial Trust, Jaipur  
Hindi adaptation of Federico Garcia Lorca's Yerma

## Synopsis:

Hindi play "AMBA" is an adaptation of Federico Garcia Lorca's world-famous Spanish play "YERMA". Lorca is a renowned poet, playwright and Theatre Director of Spain and this Hindi adaptation of "Yerma" as "Amba" is done by Saurabh Shrivastava. In its original form the play "Yerma" is poetical and Lorca himself describes it as "A tragic poem in three Acts and six Scenes". However, in its Hindi version "Amba" is written in prose and its social backdrop and milieu is entirely Indian. The protagonist of the play, Amba, is a childless woman living in rural India who is tormented by the social stigma of being in a childless marriage. Her desperate desire for motherhood gradually becomes an obsession. And she is so frustrated by her husband's attitude towards the issue and his lack of empathy, that she is driven to take an extreme step. Though Amba's obsessive desire for a child and her yearning for getting love from her

husband's attitude towards the issue and his lack of empathy, that she is driven to take an extreme step. Though Amba's obsessive desire for a child and her yearning for getting love from her husband is the main theme of the plot, yet in its Hindi adaptation the play keeps questioningly pointing out towards many of the social evils that haunt women in rural Indian society – all those prejudices and pressures that have an adverse effect on women's psyche and lives. The play also underlines the fact that in a male dominated traditional Indian rural society how women are not only considered a possession but are also treated like second rate citizens. The duration of the play is about one hundred minutes and this production of Gandharv Theatre is directed by the Hindi adaptor Saurabh Shrivastava himself.



## Cast & Credits:

### On-stage:

Mridweeka Tripathi, Saurabh Shrivastava, Nidhi Sharma, Sanchit Jain, Ms. Kiran Rathore, Rinky Thakur, Renu Sanadhya, Preeti Gupta, Preeti Dubey, Devyani, Saraswati, Himanshu

### Off Stage-

Costumes- Susmita Shrivastava  
Sound- Shiv Pradeep Singh Rathore  
Lights- Rajendra Sharma 'Raju'