



The Sterling Playback Theatre in mime mode.

Interactive theatre

YOU NAME the emotion and we mime it for you. This was the theme of Sterling Playback Theatre, which performed in city on Sunday evening.

The 10 players, lining up in khaki kurtas and black trousers, were out to find out if India was really shining.

Cyril Alexander was compering, asking the audience, "What feeling do you get when you see the India Shining advertisements?" Santhosh shot with an answer, "Anger,

irritation." The players came up with a mime, "India Shining, oh now, I can see it shining on paper!"

The other question and answer miming followed.

"What is your opinion about elections?" - "Totally Waste," replied Seshan.

The mime session switched over to conflicting situations in life and Saravanakumar said the conflict was whether to join B.Com. or Chartered Accountancy; Sukhil's conflict was whether to discontinue

his B.Sc. Chemistry after two years and join visual communication. Through this form of interactive theatre, players picked their subjects from the audience's perception of conflicts, confusion and reactions to everyday problems.

Sterling was, then, playing back to the audience dramatised expressions of their own experiences.

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