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IIT Bombay Penalises Students Over Controversial Ramayana Play

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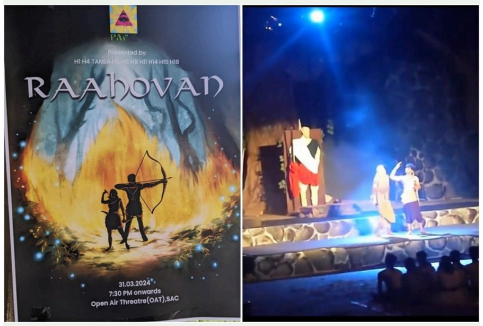
IIT Bombay imposed penalties after complaints that its March 2024 play Raahovan portrayed Ramayana characters derogatorily. The June report cites a notice demanding Rs 1.2 lakh and withholding Gymkhana recognition, while a complainant questioned the inquiry's transparency and absence of an apology.



The play titled 'Raahovan' was staged at IIT-Bombay on 31st March.

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- Raahovan was performed on 31 March during IIT Bombay's Performing Arts Festival and presented as an adaptation of the Ramayana.
- Complaints centred on what they described as derogatory portrayals of Ram and Lakshman, alongside double-meaning dialogue attributed to Sita.
- The notice inspected by the publication required one student to pay Rs 1.2 lakh by 30 July and barred Gymkhana award recognition.
- A complainant said the penalties remained unsatisfactory because the students involved had not been required to issue an apology for the play.

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