**NDTV SPOTLIGHT with the cast and**

**Crew of the movie Manto**

6th September, 2018:

NDTV SPOTLIGHT interview was conducted with the cast - Rasika Duggal, Tahir and Nawazuddin Siddiqui and director - Nandita Das of the movie Manto on 6th September at 3.30 pm in Blanco, Linking Road, Bandra West. The students of FYBMM were present. The dialogue revolved around the author Sadat Hasan Manto and how his progressive writings were considered radical at that time. Free speech in India then and now and how there wasn't much of a difference in the overall landscape was brought up. The actors and the director enlightened the audience more about the author’s personal life and how Manto was ahead of his time and is very much relevant in today's society.

 The students had the opportunity to ask questions like the take of the Manto team on the quick, sporadic arrests of people made across the country for having opposing political views, the research that went with directing a film set in past, etc. The students were absorbed in the discourse which revolved around the courage to speak the truth and the consequences that follow.

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