



# KONNECTION

## Queering The Pitch

### Queering Mental Health:

Continuing our Queering Mental Health campaign, we conducted sessions in 3 different locations in the month of **March**: Guwahati, Imphal, and Bangalore, with the **support of BCG and our partnering organizations Xomonoy, Ya\_All, and MIST** respectively. The sessions were successful in creating a safe space for LGBTQIA+ individuals to share their struggles related to mental health as well as in spreading awareness and information regarding certain topics, including childhood trauma,



## Chandigarh Pride March

We partnered with **Mx. Dhananjay Chaudhary's Saksham Trust** to support the **Chandigarh Queer Pride: Garvotsav 2024**. It was an amalgamation of all hues and colors as people poured out into the streets of Chandigarh to celebrate the spirit of authenticity!



## Mehfil-e-Queer

We organized an outdoor potluck - **Mehfil-e-Queer** - on **16th March!** Sitting under the shade of a beautiful tree near the **"Bada Gumbad"** in Lodhi Garden, it was a sweet and mellow day. The session commenced with a calming breathing exercise led by Pranab Barui, our mental health counselor. This serene beginning paved the way for an art session where participants were encouraged to express themselves freely through drawing. Following this, a brief open mic segment provided a platform for individuals to share their thoughts or artistic creations in a supportive atmosphere. To conclude on a happy note, the participants took part in the potluck, further fostering connections and camaraderie among the group.



## Transgenday Day of Visibility

We celebrated the **International Transgender Day of Visibility 2024** at **The LaLiT Suri Hospitality Group**, hearing inspiring stories of resilience and authenticity.

In **New Delhi**, **Ms. Simran Arora** from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, and **Mr. Sarvagya Soni, Assistant Manager** of DEI at Varun Beverages, shared their journeys on **March 30th**. In **Mumbai**, **Vicky Shinde** and **Maks Makwana** discussed their experiences and challenges, emphasizing societal and organizational support for the trans community.

At **The LaLiT Great Eastern Kolkata**, **Aritra Chatterjee** and **Aarav Banerjee** shared their stories on the same day. Meanwhile, **Mr. Ranmeet** and **Ms. Vani**, who identifies as a Transman and Transwoman, engaged in a Human Library session at **The LaLiT Mangar** on **March 31st**.

On **April 1st**, our team members **Mohul, Anjali, and Aditi** shared their coming out stories virtually across our locations, **moderated by Ms. Nishtha Nishant**, with **closing remarks from Mr. Akshay Tyagi**. We extend our gratitude to our trans community members and team members for their openness and contributions.

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