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Pride in Progress: 6 Years of Sec 377 Decriminalization (Jaipur)

We marked the 6th anniversary of the decriminalisation of Section 377 at The LaLiT Jaipur with an informative session titled "Beyond Decriminalization of Section 377: Advancing LGBTQIA+ Rights in India." During this event, our leaders shared their insights on LGBTQIA+ inclusion, emphasising the ongoing journey towards equality and acceptance. The session aimed to educate our team members on the importance of supporting and advocating for LGBTQIA+ rights, reinforcing our commitment to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all.



Pride in Progress: 6 Years of Sec 377 Decriminalization (Mumbai)

At The LaLiT Mumbai, we proudly celebrated the 6th anniversary of decriminalizing Sec 377 with a special screening of the film "Pine Cone", directed by national award-winning filmmaker Onir. The event featured an engaging panel discussion with Onir and the film's cast, moderated by Anish Gawande, spokesperson for NCP (SP). Community members and team members came together to enjoy the powerful film, which reflects the journey of love and acceptance. This celebration not only honors the progress made but also reinforces our commitment to fostering inclusivity and supporting the LGBTQ+ community.



Satranghi Jeet



Keshav Suri Foundation celebrated 6th Anniversary section 377 decriminalize with the event "Satranghi Jeet," a vibrant showcase of diversity and inclusion at The LaLiT New Delhi. Hosted by Anjali and Lisa, the event highlighted KSF's commitment to unity and empowerment through inspiring speeches, cultural performances, and interactive sessions. It was a celebration of triumph, symbolizing the strength found in embracing all colors of the spectrum. "Satranghi Jeet" was a memorable occasion, marking both a milestone and a continued journey toward fostering acceptance and empowerment.

We partnered with the Azadi Project to host seven queer individuals from Srinagar, Kashmir, who participated in the event. They had the opportunity to learn about our work in the area of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), gaining insights into our initiatives and efforts in fostering inclusivity.

We conducted a session on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) with the students at IHM Srinagar, focusing on the critical role that communities and individuals play in building an inclusive and effective workplace. The discussion highlighted the importance of embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion in hospitality, emphasizing how these principles can help create meaningful experiences for guests from diverse backgrounds and intersections.



Radisson Visit

We had the privilege of hosting Mr. K.B. Kachru, Chairman Emeritus and Principal Advisor of Radisson Hotel Group in South Asia; Ms. Inge Huijbrechts, CSO of Radisson Hotel Group; Ms. Akanksha, Global Sustainability Manager at Radisson; and Mr. Sanjay Kaushik, Senior Regional Director, Operations, South Asia. They visited to learn about the initiatives undertaken by the Keshav Suri Foundation to support and uplift marginalized communities across various intersections.

The team received a warm DEI-themed welcome and was introduced to our talented autistic pianist, along with other team members. Dr. Jyotsna Suri, CMD, Bharat Hotels and our Founder, Mr. Keshav Suri later met with the guests, sharing insights about our work, vision, and ongoing efforts in fostering inclusivity.

Breaking Barriers: Celebrating 6 Years of Queer Freedom

To celebrate the 6th anniversary of decriminalizing Section 377, a lively Freedom Friday event was held at Kitty Su, The LaLiT Mumbai, in support of the LGBTQIA+ community. The event honored Mr. Keshav Suri, Executive Director and a key petitioner in the landmark judgement. It also showcased the ongoing efforts of the Keshav Suri Foundation and The LaLiT Suri Hospitality Group in promoting equality and inclusion for the queer community in India.



Mental Health Workshops at The LaLiT Suri Hospitality School

Our Mental Health Counselor, Pranab B., held two sessions for faculty at The LaLiT Suri Hospitality School. The first focused on handling crises calmly, while the second improved communication through mindful interactions. A student session encouraged identifying strengths and building compassion to boost confidence.



Promoting Awareness: World Suicide Prevention Day at The LaLiT Mumbai

For World Suicide Prevention Day, we held an awareness session at The LaLiT Mumbai titled "Recognizing the Signs." The session aimed to educate our team on spotting early signs of mental health issues and providing support. By encouraging open conversations, we aim to create a supportive environment where everyone feels comfortable seeking help and offering support.



Live Session on Bisexual Awareness Week



We hosted an incredible Instagram Live for Bisexual Awareness Week with Krishal, a proud bisexual man. The session offered valuable insights into breaking stereotypes, embracing one's identity, and celebrating the bi+ community.

PureLove Resource Group at The LaLiT Mumbai

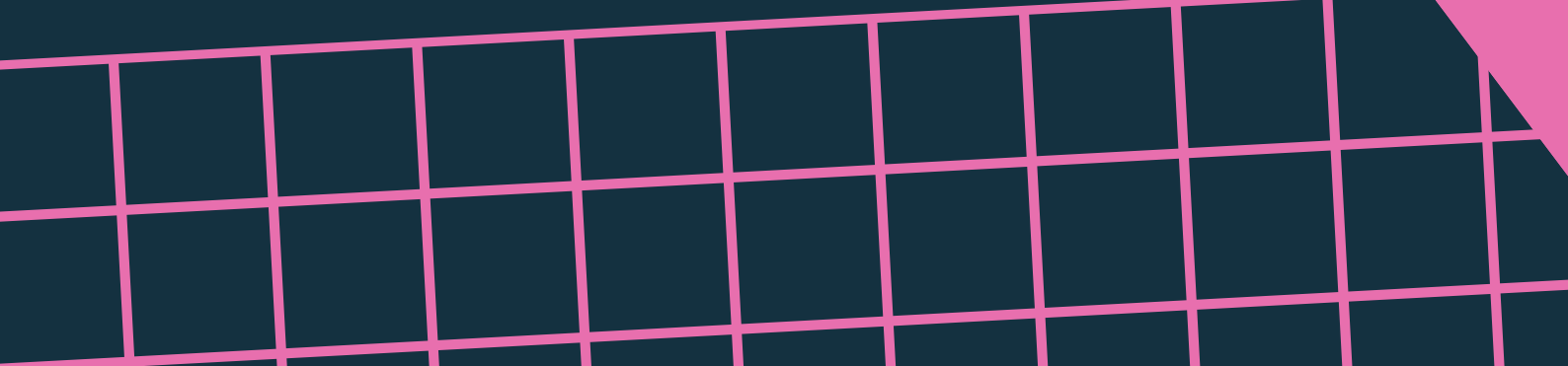


Team members from the PureLove resource group met at The LaLiT Mumbai to connect and share experiences. The meeting focused on discussing initiatives that promote love, acceptance, and inclusivity. By fostering collaboration, the team aims to strengthen efforts toward building a more inclusive environment for all.

Gender Sensitization at Tagore International School



A comprehensive gender sensitisation session was conducted for the faculty at Tagore International School, New Delhi. The session began with Nada Yoga, fostering a calm and open atmosphere for reflective discussions on gender, sex, and sexuality. Faculty members engaged in an interactive activity, mapping their own identities on tracing paper, which encouraged personal reflection and understanding. With a total of 80 faculty members present, the session aimed to promote awareness, acceptance, and inclusivity within the school community, ultimately enhancing the educational environment for all students.



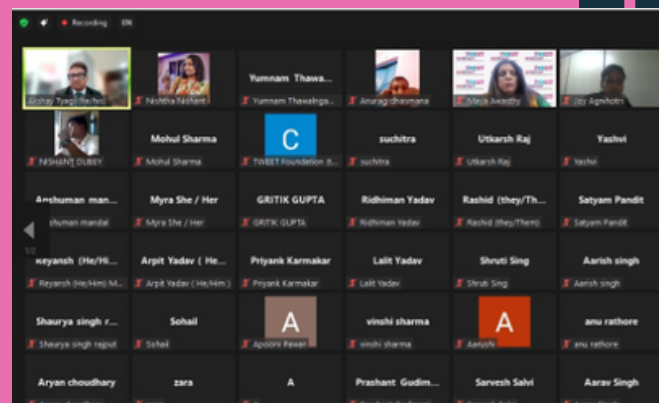
Empowerment Through Culinary Inspiration: An Evening with Chef Sabrina



As part of the SheLeads initiative at The LaLiT, we hosted a remarkable session with Chef Sabrina, who shared her journey of running Sabrina's Kitchen and catering to celebrities like Aamir Khan, despite her health challenges. She discussed the obstacles she has faced as a Muslim woman in the culinary field and actively listened to the experiences of our women-identifying team members, fostering an inclusive dialogue. Chef Sabrina expressed interest in future collaborations with us. The session concluded with a song performance inspiring all to pursue their career aspirations at The LaLiT.

Internship and Training Opportunities for the Transgender Community

A Zoom session on internship and training opportunities for the transgender community, organized by TWEET and Keshav Suri Foundations, featured DEI Head Akshay Tyagi sharing insights into inclusive career programs.



DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) sensitization sessions in Diva Restaurant

The Keshav Suri Foundation held DEI training for 120 team members at Diva Restaurant in two phases. The sessions covered important topics like preventing sexual harassment (POSH), LGBTQ+ inclusion, and raising awareness about people with disabilities (PWD).

Akshay Tyagi and Anjali Rao led training at the GK outlet, where participants appreciated the inclusive and informative sessions, sharing positive feedback.



Monthly PureLove ERG (Employee Resource Group) Meeting

The Monthly PureLove Meeting for LGBTQAI+ individuals was recently organized, creating a safe and inclusive space for open dialogue and community building. This gathering offered a platform for members to share their experiences, celebrate diversity, and support one another. The event focused on fostering connections, promoting well-being, and empowering LGBTQAI+ voices.



SheLeads X Empowered Mentoring Program

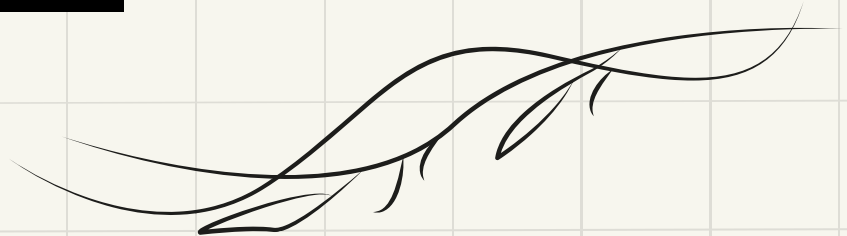
Excited to announce the launch of the first-ever 'SheLeads X Empowered Mentoring Program,' in partnership with Amrita Tripathi, founder of Tap In Tribe. This initiative brought together 30 women-identifying participants from diverse fields, mentored by 9 incredible leaders who shared valuable insights.

Hosted by Tap In Tribe X The Lalit Suri Hospitality Group, the event was a remarkable opportunity for learning, connection, and growth. Grateful to all mentors, participants, and the team for making this a success!



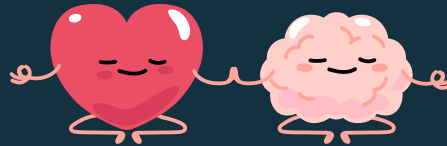
Mehfil-E-Queer: A Celebration of Wellness and Creativity

We hosted Mehfil-E-Queer at Lodhi Garden, bringing together over 25 individuals for an uplifting day of mental health activities, an open mic, and art-based therapy. This joyful gathering fostered connection and community through creativity, self-expression, and wellness, offering a safe space for everyone to come together and celebrate their unique journeys.



MENTAL HEALTH SESSIONS OF SEPTEMBER

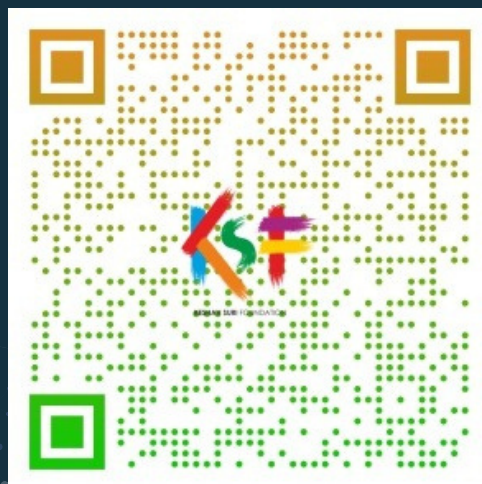
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Total number of
mental health sessions → **10**

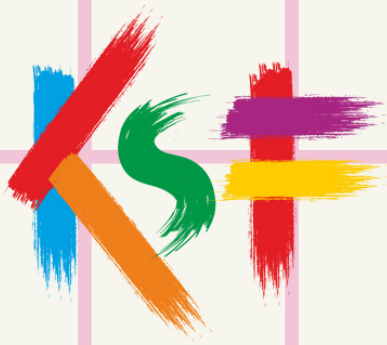
The goal is to promote respect, equality, empathy, and inclusion while encouraging self-love, healthy lifestyle, relaxation, and open communication. Emphasizing time management, seeking help, maintaining control, and being aware of strengths fosters self-efficacy and boosts self-esteem in diploma students. Prioritizing these values helps in overall personal and academic growth.

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