

APRIL - MAY - JUNE 2023



PURE LOVE



DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

ACTION FOR AUTISM

As a part of Autism Acceptance Month, celebrated internationally, Action For Autism in partnership with The LaLiT and Keshav Suri Foundation organized a panel discussion with autistic self-advocates titled 'In My Words: Autistic Voices' on Sunday, 16 April 2023 at The LaLiT, New Delhi.



SUPPORTING ACID ATTACK WARRIORS

Brave Souls Foundation and Project Prahari came together in a heartwarming celebration of the courage exemplified by the survivors of acid attacks. It was an exercise in community engagement and an opportunity for the community to share their stories.



THE TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY

The Transgender Day of Visibility honours some of the strongest individuals who frequently risked their careers, personal connections, and even their lives in order to be who they truly are. Although we celebrate diversity every day, KSF, Tweet Foundation, and The LaLiT joined hands to mark this special day!



DISCUSSING DIVERSITY AT VIVIDHATAA'S DEI CONFERENCE AND JOB FAIR

KSF was a proud community partner at Vividhataa's DEI Conference and Job Fair, hosted at The LaLiT Ashok Bangalore! Mr. Keshav Suri was a keynote speaker at the event and he discussed how corporates can help in mainstreaming the diverse communities from all walks of life to thrive at workplaces.

Along with the conclave, the event also saw a 2-day Job Fair where inclusive companies came together to offer job opportunities to non-mainstream communities.



RAISING AWARENESS THROUGH CONVERSATIONS

Keshav Suri Foundation was honored to be a community partner for the "**Disability Positive Summit**" organized by Ask Insights and Business World, held at The LaLiT New Delhi on 17th April 2023. The event included some insightful panel discussions wherein Manisha Kumari from our DEI team was also a part.



QUEERING CRICKET!

Keshav Suri Foundation was a proud sponsor of the **National Trans* Cricket Tournament**, organized by the Transgender Athletes Federation, at Lovely Professional University, Punjab, from 1st-5th May. It was the 1st open cricket tournament for trans persons and saw the participation of teams from multiple states to show their talent on the field. Amongst all the 6 teams, Kerala emerged as the winner with Delhi as the 1st Runner-Up.



IDAHOBIT 2023

We celebrated the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia on 17th May with the staff at various locations of The LaLiT. We invited members of the Queer community for a staff interaction activity wherein they shared their stories with them.





WALKING WITH PRIDE!

Keshav Suri Foundation and The LaLiT were happy sponsors of the 3-day-long Pune Pride, spreading love and joy in the streets of Pune!

DISABILITY & INCLUSION

Keshav Suri Foundation partnered with the Rising Flame for the **International Conference on Disability, Equity & Justice** which was held at The LaLiT New Delhi on 29th May 2023. It had over 500 participants both in person and online from nine different nations. The event saw industry experts and leaders as panelists, wherein they discussed best practices and the way forward for disability inclusion.



NURTURING QUEER LEADERS

We got incredible queer folx from India and Nepal to learn and channelize their rights and power to bring significant change in queer lives across the world at the **Queer Youth Leadership Course**, organized by KSF in partnership with the Canadian Consulate and Lakshya Trust, moderated by Deepak Kashyap, and hosted at The LaLiT Mumbai. It was a 3-day intensive workshop that focused on the emotional, mental, physical, social, and political wellbeing of queer young adults.

AWARDING QUEER TALENT

KSF, in partnership with Kronokare, hosted an **online competition** for the queer community where we took in entries in 3 categories: make-up, poster making, and painting. One winner from each of these categories was selected and was gifted a Kronokare gift hamper with a handwritten note from the KSF team.



SPREADING SMILES

We hosted the **Yes We Can Trust** at The LaLiT New Delhi for a conversation with their team who also showcased some beautiful drama performances. Pia Marwah also talked about why she started the Apna Heera project for neurodivergents and people with intellectual disability and her motivation behind it. The afternoon ended with sharing of life experiences and a certificate distribution ceremony for all the participants.



CREATING SAFE SPACES

KSF, The LaLiT New Delhi, and Action For Autism hosted a one-of-its-kind **Karaoke Night** on 9th June, where the stage came alive with the incredible voices of our autistic friends. The evening focused just on autistic persons with the caregivers taking a backseat. Hosted with the aim to provide a safe environment for the people, the event saw a turnout of almost a hundred individuals, emanating nothing but happiness.

DISCUSSING QUEER CONCERNS

We were community partners for **BeUnic's** inaugural **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Conclave!** This was a space for everyone to come together, share their ideas and experiences, and further understand the importance of diversity and inclusivity.



ENCOURAGING QUEER VOICES

Open mics are for self-expression and at KSF we know its importance.

Partnering with Kronokare we organised an Open Mic at The LaLiT New Delhi on 17th June. It was a day filled with heartwarming stories and soulful poetry by LGBTQIA+ individuals.

EDUCATING STUDENTS AT DME

Our team went to the Delhi Metropolitan Education Institute at Noida on 19th June! It was an interesting conversation for the students as members from our team shared their story and experiences at school.



CROSSING BOUNDARIES DIGITALLY

Mr. Keshav Suri was invited by Withers London for an online talk with their team!



CELEBRATING LOVE, CELEBRATING PRIDE!

The LaLiT New Delhi celebrated Pride Month on the 16th of June, with a vibrant and colorful pride walk followed by a fashion walk and a Queer quiz.

We also recognized Pure Love Ambassadors who have been keen on supporting the community throughout. We stand for equality and inclusivity, and we're proud to have hosted this event that brought together people from all walks of life to celebrate love in its purest form.

TALKING DIVERSITY AT JLL, GURUGRAM

Mr. Keshav Suri and the team at KSF was invited at JLL, Gurgaon to discuss his journey of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at The LaLiT and the work done the Keshav Suri Foundation. It was a private discussion with an exclusive audience.



HOSTING A MELODIUS EVENING!

KSF was honored to collaborate with Alliance Française for “Fête De La Musique” at Hauz Khas Village, which is the annual celebration for World Music Day observed on 21st June of every year. The street of Hauz Khas Village was filled with music and enchantment of beautiful melodies.



TALKING PRIDE

Throughout the month of June, we conducted awareness sessions at all the properties of The LaLiT across India about Pride Month and why it is celebrated internationally every year. We also discussed other topics such as 'What Not to Say to an LGBTQIA+ Individual', 'How to Address an LGBTQIA+ individual', and the 'Importance of Allies and How to Be One'.





QUEERING CONTENT CREATION

KSF and Yash Sharma from Official Humans of Queer conducted a workshop on the 'Basics of Content Creation' for Queer individuals on 24th June! It was an interesting and interactive workshop where we discussed what content meant to the participants, the type of content they would like to create, and content creation with respect to each social media platform. Mx. Sharma also gave the participants some insider tips!



DISCUSSION AT THE AMERICAN CENTRE

Mr. Keshav Suri was one of the 3 brilliant panellists at the American Centre on 27th June, where we discussed why Queer visibility matters. The panel, which also included Dr. Laxmi Narayan Tripathi and Tejeshwar Sandhoo, had an interesting conversation with the audience where they relived their coming out stories, experiences growing up, and suggestions as to how things can be changed for the better for the queer community.



EDUCATING THE YOUNGER GENERATION

Mr. Keshav Suri was invited by the faculty at the Indian School of Hospitality on 28th June! He shared his life experiences and journey in an engaging discussion with ISH's Founder, Mr. Dilip Puri. He also spoke about the challenges of the LGBTQ+ community and his social initiatives to promote diversity, equity and inclusion for all in the hospitality industry.

MENTAL HEALTH MONDAYS

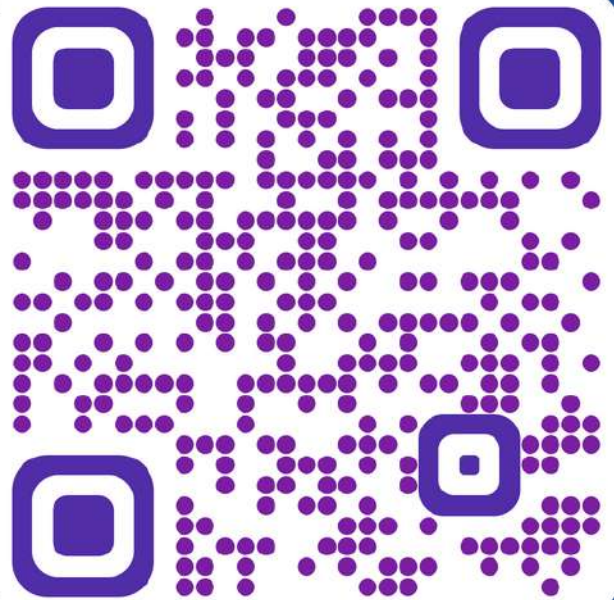
KSF partnered with Dr. Bhaskar Das, a queer psychiatrist from Kolkata, to discuss some important topics related to mental health. We aimed to educate the public about types of mental illnesses, some myths and facts related to mental health, and answered some frequently asked questions related to it.



“We believe in power of PureLove. Pure Love is not specific to any community, race and gender—it is for everybody, not just the marginalized sections.”

-KESHAV SURI

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