

JAN-FEB-MAR 2023 |

NAGPUR PRIDE

KSF was a proud supporter of the Nagpur Pride that was held on 7th January, 2023! It was marked with excited faces, beautiful dances, and all shades of queer joy!



DELHI PRIDE

Delhi Pride took place on 8th January, 2023! It was a beautiful and colorful event with people from all walks of life coming together to celebrate the spirit of being one's own true self. It was concluded with an After-Party at The LaLiT New Delhi with an energetic drag show by our Queens.



NATIONAL TRANSGENDER AWARDS 2023

National Transgender Awards, organized by Kineer Pvt. Ltd., Gaurav CBO, and Laxmi Narayan Tripathi, were conducted at The LaLiT New Delhi on 24th January, 2023. The LaLiT was conferred the Trans Allyship Award, Dr. Jyotsna Suri, Chairperson and Managing Director of The Lalit Suri Hospitality Group and mother of Mr. Keshav Suri, founder of the Keshav Suri Foundation was conferred with the Vidya Award, and Mohul Sharma from our team was awarded with the Pathbreaker Award for his achievements.



JAIPUR PRIDE

The Pink City turned rainbow with the Pride March held on 29th January, 2023!



IGLTA SYMPOSIUM

The International LGBTQ+ Travel Association held its first ever symposium in India on 2nd February, and discussed expanding LGBTQ+ tourism in India. Mr. Keshav Suri was one of the prominent speakers at the event which was held at The Lalit New Delhi. Mr. Akshay Tyagi from our team was also part of a panel discussion about creating inclusive travel spaces in India.



MR. KESHAV SURI APPOINTED CHAIR OF INDIA INITIATIVE OF IGLTA FOUNDATION



CHANDIGARH PRIDE FESTIVAL - GARVOTSAV 2023

Chandigarh hosted Garvotsav 2023 from 7th to 12th February with several activities and events, including panel discussions, movie screening, and a cultural program. The festival concluded with a Pride march, in which KSF was a proud supporter and participant!



FAMILIARISATION VISIT BY ACTION FOR AUTISM

A familiarisation visit by Action for Autism was organized on 9th February at The Lalit New Delhi for assessment and job mapping as part of KSF's initiative to help people with autism in getting employment opportunities.



KSF PARTNERS WITH BCG INDIA FOR QUEERING MENTAL HEALTH!



BCG India extended its support to the Keshav Suri Foundation for the ongoing Queering Mental Health campaign with an aim to bring it to various cities across India and benefiting as many people as possible!

SAMWAAD: OUR MENTAL HEALTH HELPLINE

We launched our free mental health helpline on 17th February! With support from the Boston Consulting Group, this helpline aims to support the LGBTQIA+ community with their mental health related queries or simply lending them an ear whenever they need it.
Call on: +91 011 4444 7727



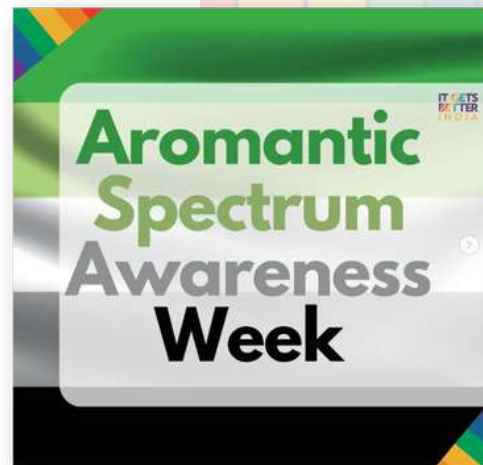
SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



SPREADING AWARENESS



AROMANTIC SPECTRUM AWARENESS WEEK



MAJOR NEWS

1. Tis Hazari Court, New Delhi, introduces inclusive washrooms in their premises for trans persons.



2. Janani Ramachandran, an Indian-American attorney, becomes first queer woman of color in the City Council of California, USA.



4. A court in South Korea recognized the legal status of same-sex couples for the first time.



3. The first dedicated ward for trans individuals was in Mumbai was established on 3rd February.



5. Vanessa Pappas, TikTok COO, comes out as non-binary announcing that they use both she/her and they/them pronouns.



6. Charles Silverstein, a psychologist who helped destigmatize homosexuality as a mental disorder, died at 87.



7. Spanish lawmakers voted on a transgender law, letting anyone aged 16 and over change their gender on their ID cards with ease.



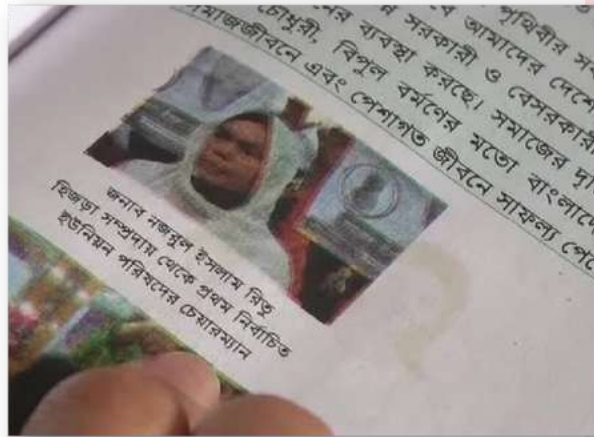
8. For the first time in the history of the Hyderabad University, two queer Dalit students were elected as members of the union.



9. Madhya Pradesh government decided to open direct recruitment for trans persons under the by-law 'Equal Opportunity in Employment' of Madhya Pradesh Transgender Person rule.



10. In Bangladesh, new school textbook features transgender people.



BOOK TO READ

In what is a searing and raw reflection on life, media, neoliberalism, politics and the inner self, Sharif D. Rangnekar, who identifies as a gay man, explores through lived experiences, the meanings of love, freedom, identity and dignity in a society where family, religion, caste and class dictate how we live our lives every day.

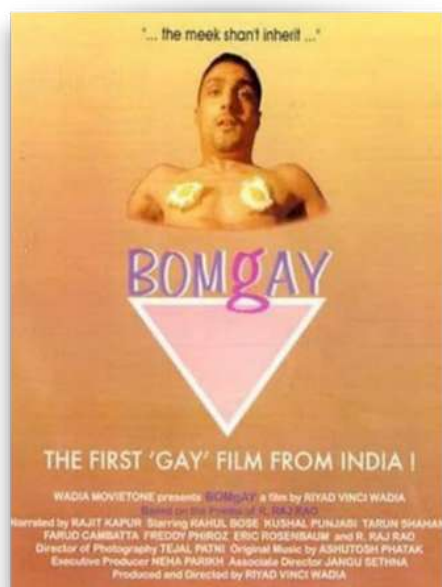


MOVIE TO WATCH

Bomgay (1996) is an anthology of short films based on poetry of famous queer writer R. Raj Rao, and is often regarded as India's first gay film.

Directed by: Riyad Vinci Wadia, Jangu Sethna

Starring: Rahul Bose, Kushal Punjabi



ARTIST TO FOLLOW

Amee Wilson covers the theme of sexual identities through comic illustrations featuring queer chameleons.

Amee Wilson:

@queeeerchameleon on Instagram.



KSF X MORNINGSTAR

MorningStar India invited us to be a part of their Volunteer Week where we brought together people from the trans community and had a discussion together.



ITB - BERLIN

Mr Keshav Suri was invited to be a speaker at ITB Berlin—World's Largest Travel Trade Show, on 8th March 2023. Mr. Suri spoke about the importance of DE&I in Tourism Marketing and about how important it is to have tough conversations to bring about a positive change.



TRANS EMPLOYMENT MELA



KSF was a proud community partner for the Trans Employment Mela hosted by the Tweet Foundation at The LaLiT New Delhi! The event saw a convergence of trans people from across India to become a part of this unique 'mela'. Apart from the job fair, it also saw panel discussions and beautiful performances by members from the trans community!

SENSITISING THE WORKFORCE AT LALIT

Dr. Shanti Auluck and Ms. Noyna from Muskaan PAEPID, an NGO that works for people with intellectual disabilities took a session with the team at The LaLiT New Delhi on 9th March, regarding people with intellectual disabilities and some misconceptions that people have about them. The session also included some informative activities in which people from various departments participated.



KSF AT THE IRISH AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE!

Ms. Apoorva Maheshwari from our team went to the Irish Ambassador in India's residence for an informal discussion on the Queer scenario in India. She discussed about the work that KSF has been doing and about our various initiatives.



LET'S TALK MENTAL HEALTH!



KSF hosted a 3-episode live mental health series on Instagram, where we invited a psychologist, a psychiatrist, and a certified happiness coach to have chat with us on mental health and some questions related to it.

LAUNCH OF KHAITAN & CO'S COMPENDIUM ON LGBTQIA+ RIGHTS

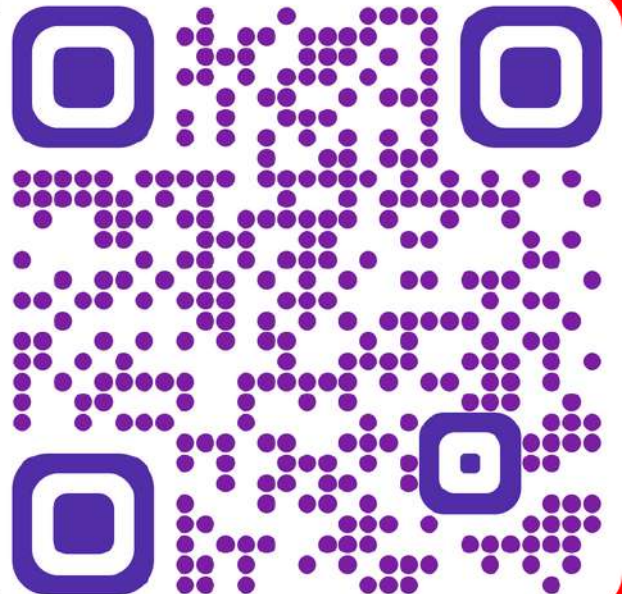


On 24th March, Khaitan & Co., one of the oldest law firms in India, launched their Compendium on LGBTQIA+ Rights, which is a document containing several terms, legal bills and case studies related to the queer community. Mr. Keshav Suri was invited to be a panelist at the launch, as he wrote the Preface for the Compendium, and discussed about what steps companies can take to be more inclusive, the importance of creating an anti-discriminatory law for the Queer community, and about how we should inform and educate people around us.

“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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