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# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023

PREP SERVICES PROVIDED TO 63 INDIVIDUALS
HIV SELF TESTING KITS HELPED 490 INDIVIDUALS
SERVING LGBTQ LIVES 3291 TILL NOW

#### QUEER TALKS AND MEETINGS

An interesting conversation was witnessed by the people on Changes made by Section 377 .People from diverse background said out their views about how alteration in Section 377 has made change in their lives and they make certain changes to make their workplace a safe space as well.



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### A SESSION BY SHYAM KONNUR AT BHARATI VIDYAPEETH LAW COLLEGE

Shyam, founder & Director of Mist LGBTQ Foundation was invited to Bharati Vidyapith Law College by the faculty to make the students aware and educate about Section 377 and Create an awareness amongst them.



## CELEBRATION OF DECRIMINALIZATION OF SECTION 377 BY HOISTING FLAG AT STORIES CAFE.

The 5th Anniversary Celebration of IPC 377 was a significant event that marked half a decade of progress and awareness in the realm of LGBTQ+ rights and decriminalization of homosexuality in India. This event was organized to commemorate the historic judgment of September 2018 by the Supreme Court of India, which declared Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code unconstitutional. Around 30 individuals came to the event.

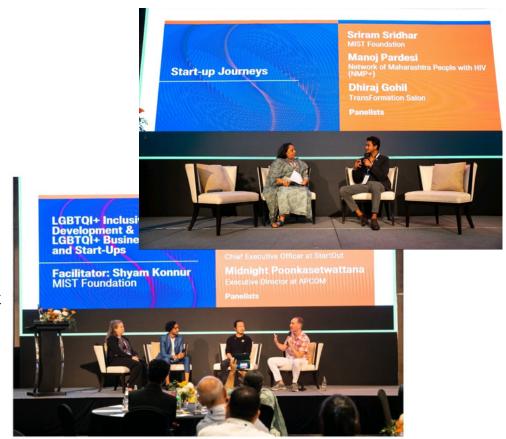


MIST LGBTQ FOUNDATION WAS INVITED FOR "INCUBATING SOCIAL ENTERPRISES BY HIV SERVICE PROVIDERS: LESSONS FROM

THE START-UP"

Mist LGBTQ Foundation got an opportunity to showcase the work at International Platform and recognising our Efforts in making the world a better place for the LGBTQ Community.

Both Ram and Shyam were part of various panel discussions and got an amazing chance to interact with various organizations across the globe.



#### **QUEERBAZAAR STALL IN BANGKOK**

Along with the Incubation of Social Enterprises by HIV Service Providers, a small flea market was arranged in Bangkok by the Service Providers and we are glad to announce that QueerBazaar, a project by Mist LGBTQ Foundation had put up their first International Stall.



# INQLUSIVE NEWSROOMS - PROJECT BY NEWS MINUTE & QUEER CHENNAI CHRONICLES (MUMBAI)

This event aims to bring together journalists, media professionals, and industry leaders to explore and promote diversity, inclusivity, and equality within newsrooms. It is essential to create newsrooms that reflect the diverse communities they serve and encourage the participation of underrepresented groups. This event is the done is collaboration with The News Minute and Queer Chennai Chronicles.



### LOKMAT NEWS COVERED LGBTQ COMMUNITY IN THEIR NEW SUPPLEMENT NAMED YUVA

Lokmat news covered LGBTQ+ community in their new supplement named Yuva at Lokmat news office Pune Maharashtra. In a significant step towards greater LGBTQ+ inclusivity, Lokmat News recently covered various aspects of the LGBTQ+ community's journey. The coverage highlighted the strides made in legal recognition, representation, and acceptance. Meeting with LGBTQ+ individuals, activists, and allies shed light on the ongoing challenges and the importance of continued advocacy for equal rights.



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GANPATI CELEBRATION AT STORIES CAFE

We celebrated the Ganpati festival along with our team and allies at Stories Cafe.



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#### **QUEER & ALLIES ART FESTIVAL - JAIPUR**

After the long gap for Queer & Allies Art Festival for few years, we have now kickstarted the QAAF in 7 cities and Kick started it from Jaipur. We associated with Nai Bhor, Q Social and few other organizations from Jaipur for the event, at Lalit Jaipur. Around 50 - 60 people came for the event which had flea market, film screenings and performances.



#### QUEERBAZAAR ORDER FOR GANESH VISARJAN

As we recently started the shop, the same society where the shop is running they found our t-shirt quality good and affordable so they ordered around 30 t-shirts for Ganpati Visarjan, with designs on the back.

