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FREE TRANS AFFIRMATIVE HEALTH INSURANCE IS PROVIDED TO 20 INDIVIDUALS
PREP SERVICES PROVIDED TO 65 INDIVIDUALS
HIV SELF TESTING KITS HELPED 510 INDIVIDUALS
SERVING LGBTQ LIVES 3491 TILL NOW

MR GAY WORLD INDIA 2023

Mist LGBTQ Foundation held its first Mr Gay World India 2023 in Pune, the finale of which was held on 5th October. The two finalists who made it to the top were Vishal Pinjani from Kolhapur and Abhishek Jayadeep from Kerala.

They both went through the grilling rounds of a written test, personal interview, panel discussion and photoshoot.

And finally the talent round and the last round of q&a at the time of the finale further sealed the fate of the winner.

The winner was Vishal Pinjabi, aged 39, an activist who is heading a community based organization called Abhimaan in Kolhapur.



AN AWARENESS SESSION AT PRACTICE LEAGUE, BANER.

Practice League, a legal tech company, organized a meaningful event dedicated to the LGBTQI community. During this gathering, few members from our team like Aakruti, Chani aka Saggherr & Siddhant shared their experiences and insights, focusing on the improvement of workplace and public spaces for their community. Additionally, the Mist LGBTQ Foundation team actively participated in this event, contributing their valuable experiences and thoughts to the discussion. This event served as a platform for fostering understanding and inclusivity.



NAMMA MAYABAZAAR 2023

Mayabaazar in Bangalore is where the LGBTQ+ community and allies converge to celebrate their identities and nurture a safe, inclusive atmosphere. In this vibrant space, LGBTQ+ artists showcase their talents, queer entrepreneurs thrive, and the Mist LGBTQ Foundation actively participates, even hosting flea market stalls. It's a testament to Bangalore's commitment to diversity and the LGBTQ+ community's significant role in the city's cultural mosaic.



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Discussion On the upcoming
Same-sex Marriage Judgement

15th Oct 2023
04:00 PM

#MarriageEquality
www.lgbtq.co.in

Stories Cafe
South Main Road
Koregaon Park

around 20 people came and had in opinionated conversation with each other and discussed both the Judgement and also discussed how the youth life has been changing due to social changes in the society.

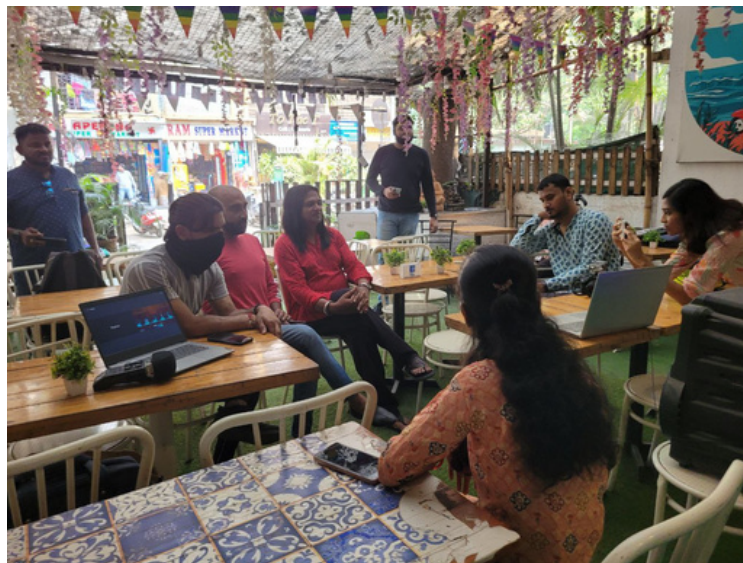
THE JUDGEMENT HEARING OF SAME SEX MARRIAGE

The long awaited verdict on marriage equality, which came on October 17th, where Supreme Court apart from ampathising on the basic needs & societal tolerance towards the community, it had outrightly had said NO to marriage equality, NO to civil unions, NO to adoptions .

The Supreme Court only confirmed Trans rights which they already had of Trans men legally marrying transwomen or cisgender women. Similarly, transwomen can legally marry transgender or cisgender men.

On the other hand, Trans non- binary persons cannot legally marry or have a legal civil union. Similarly, lesbian, gay, bi- sexual, pansexual, asexual, queer , cannot legally register a marriage or civil union.

Finally it was stated by the court that it was only for the parliament & state legislatures to create such institutions and grant legal validation for the same sex marriage.



THE FUTURE FOR THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY

Advocate Vivek Divan on 29th Oct , to have a discussion on same sex marriage judgement which was held on 18th October.

The discussion of crashing of ones dreams and the aftermath which was felt deep within by the community members, the sense of being betrayed again by our system and the reminder of constant battle.

It felt as if everybody was pouring their hearts out and sharing their own disappointments.



On the other hand Advocate Divan very rightly pointed out that it was a writing on the wall that the marriage equality would have never got granted, firstly the fight for this equality and wanting a judgement for the same happened too soon after decriminalization of 2018, according to him the petitioners should have waited for few years more before demanding for marriage equality.