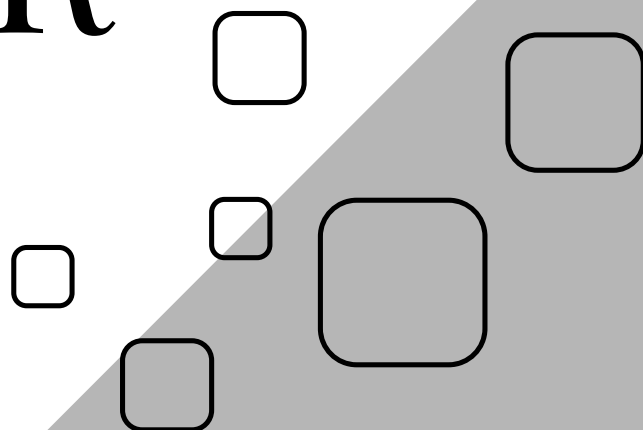




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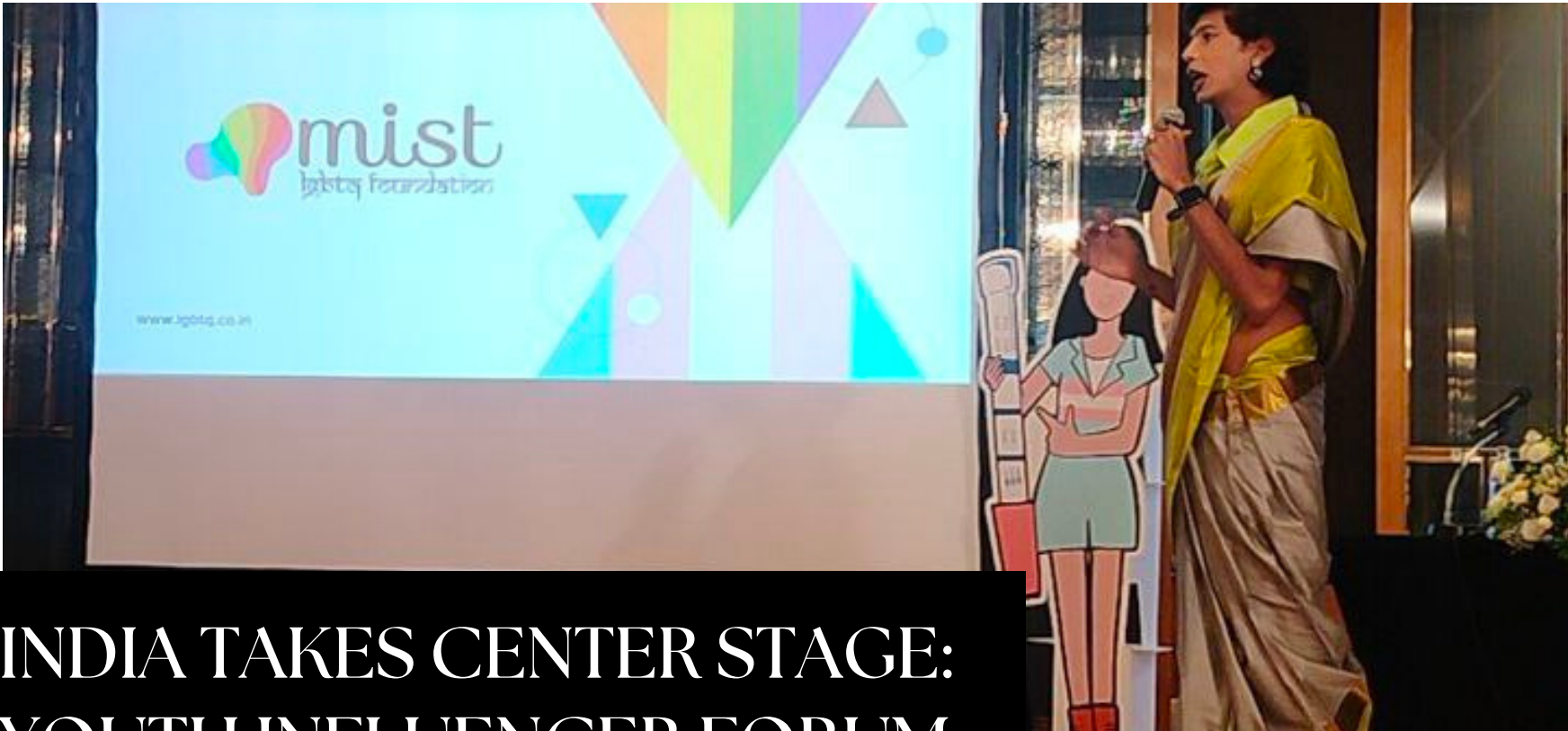
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RAINBOW ROUNDUP: JANUARY 2024 EDITION

This month's newsletter celebrates progress, highlights impactful initiatives, and amplifies voices within the LGBTQ+ community. Dive in for inspiring stories, exciting news, and opportunities to get involved!





INDIA TAKES CENTER STAGE: YOUTH INFLUENCER FORUM IN BANGKOK



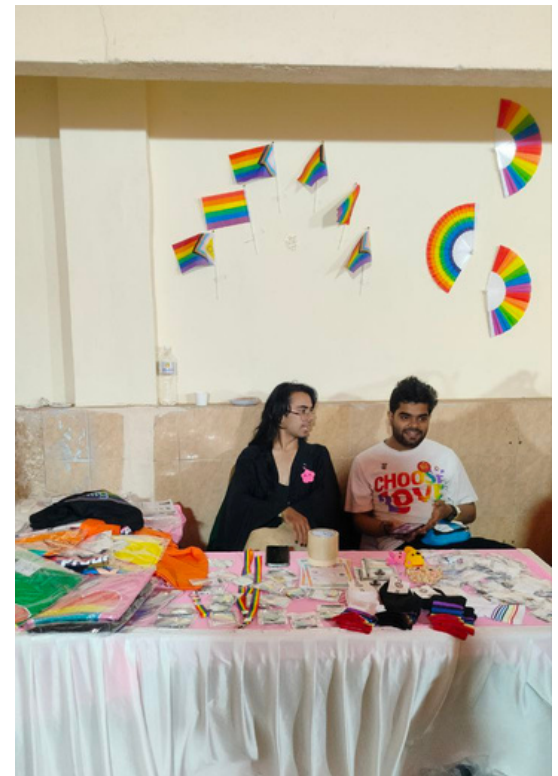
Siddhant, Project Manager of QueerBazaar, represented India with pride at the Youth Influencer Forum in Bangkok. He showcased our innovative approach to providing self-test kits through social media outreach, sparking meaningful conversations about accessibility and awareness. Read more about his impactful presentation and the forum's significance for the LGBTQ+ community in India.

Siddhant's presentation not only highlighted the effectiveness of our methods but also emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts in addressing the healthcare needs of marginalized communities. The Youth Influencer Forum served as a platform for exchanging ideas and forging connections, paving the way for continued progress and empowerment within the LGBTQ+ community."



SASOON HOSPITAL UNVEILS TRANSGENDER WARD

A landmark moment! Mist Foundation representatives were honored to attend the inauguration of Sasoon Hospital's Transgender Ward, a crucial step towards equitable healthcare access. We commend their commitment to inclusivity and celebrate this milestone for the community.



GULABI MELA 2024

QueerBazaar made a vibrant presence at the Gulabi Mela in Mumbai on January 28th, engaging with the local community and receiving enthusiastic feedback on our stall's offerings. Our participation fostered meaningful connections and furthered our mission of inclusivity and support within the vibrant LGBTQ+ community of Mumbai.



GATHERING AT THE PUNE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT: ADVOCATING FOR TRANSGENDER RIGHTS AND WELFARE"

On January 31, 2024, at 10 AM, the Pune Social Welfare Department convened an advocacy meeting to explore available schemes for the transgender community, fostering connections and addressing accessibility gaps. Representatives from Mist Foundation were honored to attend, underscoring our commitment to collaborative advocacy for the rights and welfare of the transgender community.

The meeting saw productive discussions on various government schemes available for the transgender community, including skill development programs, healthcare initiatives, and scholarship opportunities. Both the Pune Social Welfare Department and Mist Foundation representatives expressed their commitment to working together to ensure seamless access to these schemes for the community members.

GET INVOLVED

- **Support our initiatives:** Visit our website to learn more about how you can contribute to our mission of advancing LGBTQ+ rights and well-being.
- **Share your story:** Inspire others by sharing your experiences and perspectives. Send us your story ideas!
- **Stay connected:** Follow us on social media for updates, events, and opportunities to engage with the community.

Together, we rise!



Advancing Health Equity: Our Recent Initiatives

Free trans-affirmative health insurance coverage extended to 23 individuals.

HIV self-testing kits distributed to 25 individuals, promoting convenient access to testing.

Over 99 individuals received PrEP services through our outreach efforts, empowering them with HIV prevention methods.

Empowering LGBTQ Lives: Impacting 4,217 Individuals and Counting

P.S. SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO EXPAND OUR VIBRANT COMMUNITY!