



Miranda House UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

Society Annual Report

Society Activities

Society: Miranda House Queer Collective

Year: 2021-2022

Student Office Bearers:

President: Ria Goel (B.A.(H) Economics III year)

Vice-president: Titas Goswami (B.A.(H) English II Year)

Treasurer: Vidisha Verma (B.A.(H) Economics II year)

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Part A.1

Events/Seminars/conferences/workshops/Extension Activities organized

The events for academic year 2021-22 were conducted online due to the corona virus outbreak. The union and members of the collective continued to strive to build a virtual space for members and our allies to learn in and to innovate. The MHQC continued to work towards creating a safe space for members of the community while trying to work on workshops, seminars, webinars and events that were insightful as well as fun to participate in. The MHQC also managed to provide queer people with financial aid and care and support.

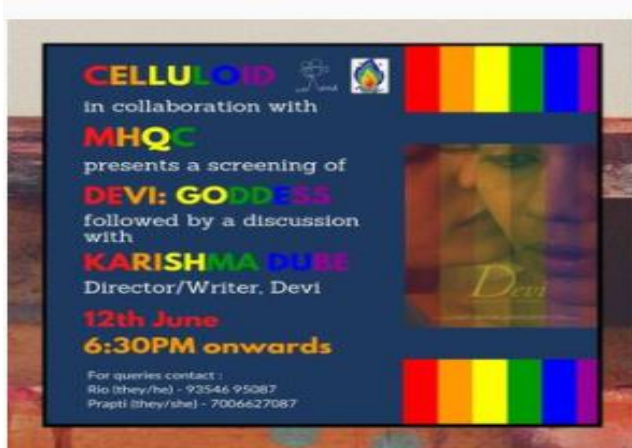
1. **MHQCforOXySOS-** In support of project Umeed, MHQC took a step forward on 15 May 2021 to help raise funds for oxy ventilators in Delhi during the peak of second wave of the corona virus outbreak. The fundraiser was coordinated via a platform named Milaap and MHQC made sure to publicise the fundraiser and its purpose to our 1.2k+ followers on Instagram and in other college circuits. We were able to raise 6,000+ on Milaap.



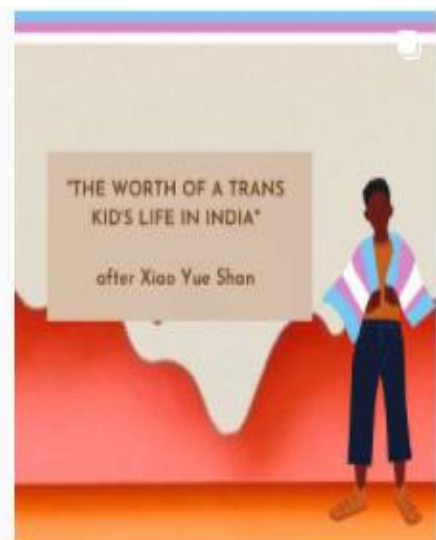


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2. **Screening of the movie, 'Devi: Goddess' by Karishma Dube:** MHQC in collaboration with Celluloid, the film society of Miranda House organised the screening of the movie, 'Devi: Goddess' on 12 June 2021, directed and written by Karishma Dube, followed by an insightful discussion with the director. The average footfall for the event was 150+



3. **Featuring queer artists on Instagram** to commemorate Pride Month 2021 for which the QC focused on the theme, 'Queer Art and Expression through a Queer Lens'. We also made sure to support small queer businesses with our platform.





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4. **Queernama-** A two day Pride Gathering in collaboration with HCQC (Hindu College), QFC-SBSC (Shaheed Bhagat Singh College), LGBTQIA+ affirmative of SGGSCC (Shri Guru Gobind Singh College) and The White Rose Club (Gargi College) was organized on 27 and 28 June 2021.



- **Day 1-Art Queering:** An informal session where everyone could make art, while listening to good music, relaxing and connecting with oneself and others in new and innovative ways. All the participants created artwork, be it painting, sketching, a photograph, a poem, a song, anything within a given time duration, while we all enjoyed some good music together, and then the stage was open to everyone to express their creativity. The average footfall for the same was around 50.



- **Day 2- Queer Artists' Line-up-** A safe space to welcome all queer artists who are either experimenting with their art or looking for a platform to perform, encouraging them to meet and interact with each other and to take the story forward. The average footfall for the event was around 20 queer artists performing and 50+ participants in the audience.



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5. **Donate for the Queer cause** - MHQC was successfully able to raise funds for the therapy of a queer non binary person, who is also a member of the QC. The target of 6,000 was met in 3 days.



6. **Engayge**- MHQC officially started a book and movie club to cater to people with interest in queer literature and cinema and to provide them a safe space to discuss their common interests. The club conducts weekly meet ups to have fun and thoughtful discussions about various books and movies with queer representation and reports and analysis for the same are put up on our blog.





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7. **Donate for the Queer cause (2):** MHQC has successfully supported a queer woman with mental health issues like Schizophrenia, BPD and ED with their financial expenses for the months of August and September 2021.



8. **WDC X MHQC:** MHQC in collaboration with Women's Development Cell, Miranda House came up with well researched content and articles on the theme, 'Dispatches from Queer Feminism' which dived deeper into queer feminism and its various nuances.





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9. **Rant It Out-** An informal rant session for all bisexual individuals to express themselves and talk about their identities in a safe space was conducted by MHQC for Bisexual Awareness Week, 2021 on 21 September, 2021. We witnessed an amazing participation of 80+ people talking about bi-erasure and Bimisia and other aspects of Bisexuality.



10. **Creative Dialogue Workshop-** Miranda House Queer Collective in association with The English Literary Society, Blue Quill, the Creative Writing Club of Miranda House and Women's Development Cell conducted a two day creative writing workshop on 25 and 26 September 2021, to raise funds for a queer person. The workshop focused on the inner workings of the publishing industry and provided insight about how to navigate the industry as future authors and editors. We were able to raise 7,000+ during the event.





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11. **Donate for the queer cause (3)**- MHQC successfully completed a fundraiser for a queer woman's psychometric tests. The target was Rs 3500 and was met very quickly.

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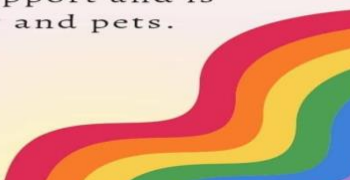
Donate for the Queer Cause!

Help a Queer Woman Raise Funds for Her Psychometry Tests

A queer woman needs to urgently raise ₹3,500 for her psychometry tests. She is suicidal and suffers from anxiety disorder. The tests will help her get proper treatment and medication. She does not have a lot of financial support and is supporting her partner and pets.

Payment details:
9971705984@paytm - UPI
9971705984 - Paytm/GPay

Bank details:
Account holder name: Srishti Uppal
Account number: 50100389517295
IFSC Code: HDFC00000709



12. **Allies Meet**- An orientation program for allies and queer members of the team was conducted by MHQC in January 2022. Among the topics covered were how to be good allies and the future plan of action for MHQC. An allies team was established with the faculty members as well, focusing on issues faced by queer and trans students within the college and how a safe space can be made for them. The meet showed participation of almost 100 people.

 **ALLIES MEET**
with Miranda House Queer Collective

What is MHQC

- Miranda House Queer Collective, MHQC, was established with the aim of providing a safe space for queer students in Miranda House to express their sexual orientation and gender identities.
- It works to sensitize students and staff alike on the issues and struggles of the LGBTQIA+ Community in India in general and especially in educational institutions.
- It educates people on matters of gender and sexuality through seminars, workshops, film screenings, etc.
- MHQC also works on the socio-legal aspect of the Queer Movement, such as on the now abolished Section 377 and the Transgender Act 2020.
- Among other things, the collective is making efforts to provide 'psychological first-aid' (crisis intervention), and lay counseling to the students before they can be referred to a professional. The instances of mental health issues in the queer community are statistically higher than outside it, which becomes a cause of concern and something that the MHQC is working on closely.

Meet the team

 Rishi(His/Him): President	 Titash(She/They): Vice President	 Sneha(She/They): Secretary
 V(They/Them): Treasurer	 S. Prakash(He/Him): PG and Accessibility Head	 Akansha(Any Pronoun): Creative Head






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13. **Donate for the queer cause (4)** - MHQC organised a fundraiser with a target amount of Rs 7000 which was achieved. The fundraiser was for a queer person from the QC with anxiety and trauma to help meet their therapy expenses.

FUNDRAISER FOR DAISY

[The name is a pseudo name so that we can protect the identity of the person.]

DONATE FOR THE  CAUSE.

TARGET: ₹7000


Help us collect funds for Daisy's therapy , who is suffering from Anxiety and trauma and comes from an abusive household.

For queries contact :
Titas (she/they) - 9163729143
Prapti(they/she) - 7006627087

To donate
Gpay: 9163729143
Paytm: 9810870598

14. **Donate for the queer cause (5)**- Another fundraiser was organised for a 23 year old queer individual who escaped their abusive household and came to Delhi. The target for the fundraiser was Rs. 25,000 and around 20,000 was met.

 **FUNDRAISER**

Donate for the  Cause

TARGET: 25,000

A 23 year old queer individual recently escaped from their abusive household to Delhi. Not only were they emotionally and mentally manipulated but they are also a victim of physical assault. The toxicity had a huge toll on their mental health and they had no other option but to run away, leaving all their important documents and access to their bank account with their family. Please donate to help them sustain themselves.

DONATE

For queries,contact:
Rio(He/him): 9354695087

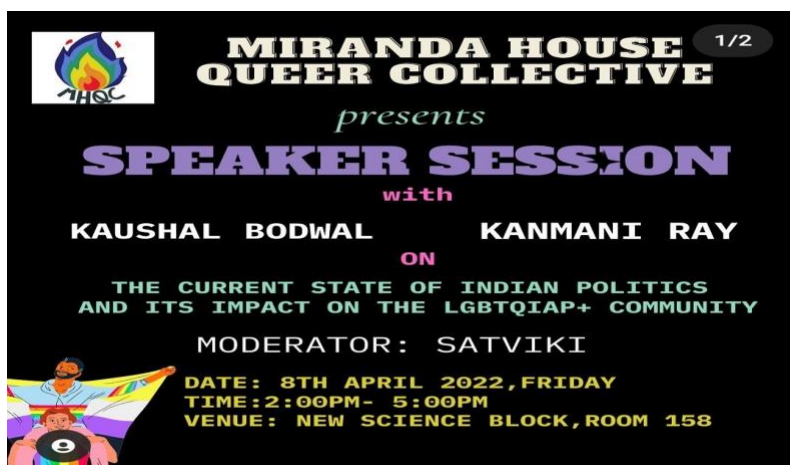
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15. **Iridescence** - Iridescence, the annual fest of MHQC was organised in April 2022 and spanned over two days. All Covid guidelines were observed.

- On the first day, a speaker session was conducted with Kaushal Bodwal and Kanmani Ray on the topic The current state of Indian politics and its impact on the LGBTQIA+ community, and was moderated by MHQC member Satviki. We witnessed the audience of around 70+ people.



- On the second day, Rainbow Connection was organised. It provided a safe space to queer and trans individuals to interact and express themselves. It was followed by a memorial of Sam, a queer trans autistic student who recently lost his life. We witnessed the footfall of 60+ queer folks.





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16. **Donate for the queer cause (6)**- This was the second fundraiser by MHQC for Daisy, with a target of Rs 8000. This fundraiser was organised to help them with continuing their therapy sessions. 3/4th of the target was met and will help Daisy continue her therapy for next 3-4 months.



17. MHQC in Collaboration with Blue Banyan is currently working on The Raahat Project. The Raahat Project aims to provide relief to LGBTQIA++ youth by improving their well-being and addressing their mental health concerns. The Raahat Project involves workshops and activities as well as is developing a learning module on mental health and self-care, that will be co-created with the participants of MHQC. The MHQC President, Rio's articles were published on scroll.in, one of the leading digital media platforms with more that 120k+ subscribers.

