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Equal Opportunity Cell

organizes

National Coming Out Day Report

07/10/2023

Name of the activity: In the honor of National Coming Out Day. The event, aptly named "Radiant Revelations: A Celebration of Love, Identity, and Equality"

Object of the activity and beneficiaries : National Coming out Day is not just a day that has been designed to help people feel comfortable about coming out about their sexuality. It is also a day that is designed to applaud people for their bravery, as well as help create awareness of the struggles and difficulties those in the LGBTQIA+ community experience. The event was open for all the students from B.ALLB, BBALLB, LLB and LLM course.

Resource Persons: Sr. Adv. Anand Grover, Supreme Court of India and Prince Manvendra Singh Gohil, Co founder Lakshay Trust, Barodra.

Details of the program: On October 7, 2023, Marathwada Mitra Mandal Shankarrao Chavan Law College's Equal Opportunity Cell orchestrated a vibrant celebration in honor of National Coming Out Day. The event, aptly named "Radiant Revelations: A Celebration of Love, Identity, and Equality," gathered a distinguished audience, including notable figures like Supreme Court Advocate Anand Grover and India's first openly gay Prince, Manvendra Singh Gohil. The purpose was to commemorate and advocate for love, individuality, and equal rights.

The event commenced at 11:00 AM with a warm welcome and felicitation of guest speakers by the event coordinators and college faculty. Principal Kranti Deshmukh introduced the rich history of Marathwada Mitra Mandal Shankarrao Chavan Law College to the esteemed chief guests. Assistant Professor Dr. Renu Naidu then introduced the Equal Opportunity Cell, unveiling the ongoing "Law and Alternate Sexualities" course, now in its 3rd edition. Assistant Professor Pooja Baghel hosted the event, guiding the proceedings.

Prince Manvendra Singh Gohil's journey of acceptance was a highlight, introduced by Professor Sangapriya Shere. Gohil shared his powerful narrative of courage and resilience, recounting a 30-year struggle with self-acceptance and the challenges of coming out to unsupportive parents. Eventually, his parents evolved from initial resistance to become supportive allies. Gohil concluded his speech by emphasizing the power of truth and honesty in overcoming adversity.



Advocate Anand Grover, introduced by Professor Dr. Nalini Ambad, spoke about his legal activism for equality, especially concerning issues of homosexuality and HIV. He emphasized the importance of serving humanity in the pursuit of justice and recounted his pivotal role in the MX Vs ZY case. Grover highlighted the dynamic nature of equality, focusing on dignity as the foundation of all rights. He encouraged young lawyers to uphold justice in all actions.

The event included a question-and-answer session, with Advocate Anand Grover and Prince Manvendra Singh Gohil engaging in discussions about love, handling hatred, privacy in discovering one's sexuality, and the power of harmonious discussions in shaping progressive legislation. Diligent allies were felicitated for their contributions to the LGBTQIA+ community.

The event concluded with a fusion performance of Kathak and Bharatnatyam by student volunteers, depicting the poignant story of a daughter's coming out to her mother. Researchers contributing to the book 'Alternative Sexualities In India: History, Law, and Literature' were also honored. The memorable moments were captured in a photo session, marking the successful culmination of the "Radiant Revelations" event—a powerful testament to the importance of love, identity, and equality, acknowledging those dedicated to advancing LGBTQ+ rights in India.





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