

EVENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020

COMMITTEE: PEHCHAAN

1. Movie Night: Screening of the movie ‘Aligarh’

- Event no.: 02
- Event Date: 27 September, 2020
- Event Venue/Platform: Zoom
- Event Attendees: 40
- Event theme/Core Idea: Commemoration of the historic Navtej Singh Johar verdict and promotion of an idea of safe space within colleges for LGBTQ+

The screening of the movie ‘Aligarh’ was the second official event of Pehchaan, and was a success. The objective behind the screening was to commemorate the Navtej Singh Johar judgement and decriminalization of homosexuality under section 377 of Indian Penal Code. The movie ‘Aligarh’ is a critically acclaimed movie that has received its fair share of recognition nationally and internationally. It is a heart-wrenching commentary on the plight of a university professor who is brutally put to shame for his sexual orientation by an intrusive and insensitive society. The event received a fair amount of attention as our promotional posts were viewed by Ritviz, an Indian singer, musician and youtuber and Prime, an American pop musician and LGBTQ+ activist. Pehchaan was successful in bringing on board Arya Senapati, a famous queer activist, social worker and MUNer of Odisha.

And Arya's better half, called and told us that it was a great initiative and he would probably start something on similar lines as Pehchaan. He is also looking forward to open mics since he writes poems. Arya also told that he did not mind Pehchaan interviewing him someday.

The event succeeded in bringing up a smile on the faces of the 40 attendees who were kind enough to be a part of our very first event, and was held on 27 September at 8.00 pm.

The screening was completed without any hassles or technical glitches. The screening was followed by a short vote of thanks to the people who attended the event and we arranged for the audience, a general session for exchange of ideas, views and comments on the movie. Pehchaan, since its inception as a committee, has had the vision of creating a safe and inclusive place for all. It aims to tackle the issue of intentional and unintentional discrimination through sensitisation and dialogue between people in the college. The event was aimed to create awareness on the forms of discrimination faced by the LGBTQ+ community due to ignorance and non-acceptance by the society.

2. Celebration: Hindi Diwas

- Event no.: 01
- Event Date: 14 September, 2020
- Event Venue/Platform: Instagram Live
- Event Attendees: 30-35
- Speaker- Mr. Shubham Dwivedi

Event theme/Core Idea: To discuss about the golden history of Hindi and the diminishing importance of the same

On the occasion of Hindi Diwas i.e. 14th September 2020, Pehchaan held a talk show which was the very first event of the committee. Mr Shubham Dwivedi, who is an educator, mentor and Hindi poet agreed to join us for this live session on Instagram. The event went on for an hour which started at 6p.m and went on till 7 p.m. The conversation was on the topic 'Hindi literature and its importance'. He addressed queries regarding Hindi and its significance. The event was hosted by Prashant Mishra of Second Year BA LLB. Around 30-35 people from college as well as outside college witnessed the event. The entire episode was recorded and uploaded on the official Instagram account of Pehchaan. The link of the recording is attached below.

<https://www.instagram.com/tv/CFHlpDul8hc/?igshid=nap31t9uw1p3>



3. Celebrating Constitution Day with Pehchaan

- Date: 26 November, 2020
- Event venue/platform: Instagram (live)
- Event attendees: 60
- Theme of event: to celebrate the 'Constitution Day' and discuss about Indian constitution & safeguarding identities
- Event link: <https://www.instagram.com/tv/CIDgZyklNhc/?igshid=1cd5eu3czswhc>

NMIMS Pehchaan successfully organised an event to celebrate the 'Constitution Day' and adoption of Indian Constitution on 26th November, 1949. This day is also known as 'National Law Day.' The aim of this event was to remember the Indian Constitution and to promote its values among the people. The event followed series of discussion and conversation with guest speaker and attendees. A conversation was held with Mr. Ravi Saxena, Assistant professor, NMIMS Kirit P. Mehta School of Law. He discussed the importance of Indian Constitution and safeguarding identities. The discussion was very important as well as enlightening as it made us remember the values and the essence of our constitution. Followed up next was the discussion with students in which participants came forward to express their opinion. Students from first year of college also joined the live event and presented their opinions and poems. A poem was also recited by Vrinda Tiwari, Vice-chairperson, Pehchaan. The event concluded with reading of the preamble to the Constitution of India. This event was a part of Pehchaan's initiative to celebrate the identities of people and was successful in commemorating this special day.

