

Pehchaan- Event report for the Academic year 2022-2023

Seminar on Public Policy

Event Date: 26th Feb 2023

Event Venue: MS Teams

Event timings: 3pm to 6pm

Event attendees: 50-60

Speakers: Mr. Pravir Shrivastava and Mr. Yash Agarwal

Theme: *Public Policy and Gender Inclusivity*

The seminar on "Public Policy and Gender Inclusivity" unfolded as a significant and insightful event, aiming to address the critical challenges surrounding gender equality in policy formulation. The distinguished speakers, Mr. Pravir Shrivastava and Mr. Yash Agarwal, brought their extensive expertise to the forefront, creating a platform for fruitful discussions.

Mr. Pravir Shrivastava's role as a legislative and policy advisor to members of parliament, spanning party lines, provided a unique insight into the intricacies of parliamentary affairs and policy formulation. Meanwhile, Mr. Yash Agarwal, as the co-founder of Public Policy India, offered valuable perspectives as a consultant in the development sector. He urged the youth to be more participative in policy making.

The audience, comprising esteemed guests and participants, actively engaged in the discourse. The event facilitated a meaningful exchange of ideas and solutions, creating a thought-provoking forum for addressing the pervasive problem of gender inequality in society. The speakers' insights provided a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and potential pathways to promote gender inclusivity in policy frameworks.



Jashn – e – Pehchaan: Seminar Series

Event Date: March 30 - April 2nd, 2023

Event Venue: Mithibai Seminar Hall and MS Teams

Event attendees: 100+

Speakers: Anand Grover, Suraj Sanap, Ashok Row Kavi, Phalgunan Kumaran, Zainab Javid Patel, Vidushi Manoraj

Theme: Legal aspects of LGBTQIA+ community and Gender Inclusivity

Jashn E Pehechaan 2023 was an effort to bring together several intellectuals either a part of the LGBTQ community or those who were working towards the community and give the attendees an opportunity to understand the ever-changing dynamics of gender and sexuality in our society, and more importantly the legal issues relating to the same. It was a seminar series with over 7 speakers join us and share their valuable insights into several enriching topics. The event began on March 30th, with a carnival of stalls put up in the OC area of Mithibai college, ranging from food and beverages to handmade bags and scarves. We aimed to give opportunities to women and queer people to promote their small businesses through this carnival. The carnival was inaugurated by His Royal Highness, the Prince of Rajpipla, Shri Manvinder Singh Gohil. The workshop was inaugurated on April 1st by Ms. Priyanka Shetty, Partner at AZB Partners and Ms. Dnyaneshwari Sonawane, director MDACS.

DAY -1 of the workshop

On the First day of the event the event was graced by the following speakers –

1. **Sr Adv. Anand Grover** joined online and graced the event with his presence, he is a senior advocate of the Supreme court known for legal activism relating to homosexuality and its decriminalization.

2. **Adv. Suraj Sanap** who is a part of the lawyers collective, spoke about the recent marriage equality case and its legal implications. He also discussed in detail the legal situation surrounding same-sex marriages and live-in relationships.
3. **Mr. Ashok Row Kavi**, the founder of the Humsafar Trust discussed in-depth the the pre and post judgement implications of the decriminalization of same-sex relationships. He, along with adv. Suraj Sanap engaged in an interaction on how much is yet to be achieved in the field of LGBTQ rights.
4. **Mr. Phalgunan Kumaran**, general manager in Ultratech cements addressed the current situation regarding homophobia in workplaces, and discussed viable alternatives and initiatives required to tackle the same and foster a healthy and inclusive workplace environment in the Indian corporate sector.

The Speakers shared their brilliant views on their respective topics after which **Sridhar Rangayan** who is the director of **Kashish Mumbai International Queer Film Film Festival**, an annual LGBTQIA+ festival which has been held in Mumbai since 2010 showcased several short films made by queer people.

DAY- 2 of the workshop

The Second day of the event was an online event consisting of speakers –

1. **Zainab Javid Patel** who was a petitioner in the case of National Legal service authority vs Union of India spoke about the importance of including reservation for transgenders and the positive impact it can have in the society.
2. **Vidushi Manoraj** talked about the importance of DEI professionals in educational and corporate organizations, as well as on how to integrate LGBTQ inclusive schooling and education in Indian classrooms.

These sessions helped in giving various perspectives from the various expertise which helped make this seminar an elating academic and insightful experience. The ending of the event was followed by a valedictory ceremony which was presided over by **Ms. Shivangi Prasad**.

SOME PICTURES OF THE EVENT:



