

Nagindas Khandwala College celebrates Pride Day

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The Department of Bachelors of Arts in Multimedia and Mass Communication (BAMMC) of Nagindas Khandwala College organised 'Walk with Pride' on June 21, 2021. The event was organized on the occasion of International Pride Day.

The tagline of the event was '#ChasingTheRainbow' that highlighted the significance of the month of June as Pride Month. The guest speakers Mr Vivek Raj Anand, CEO and Board member of The Humsafar Trust and Mr Arnab Nandy, TEDx speaker, lead the students and teachers through their struggles and victories they led to a change.

Mr Anand elaborated on the activities of his organization 'The Humsafar Trust', that he formed in 1994 and worked through helping people come out while following their main units; Advocacy, Research, Health and Crisis Management. Stressing upon the importance of being proud to be different and the need for the change in the mainstream society, Mr Anand said, "Each and every one of us are normal. We need to accept this normalcy as society."

Mr Nandy, who shared his coming out story on the day Supreme Court decriminalized the law under Section 377 in 2018, shared his struggles and experiences with students on the same. He emphasized on the importance of how the society is need to break the taboo on LGBTQ+ community and talk about them in the open in a positive manner. Mr Nandy also advised students to support their friends as they come out and how it is importance for them to boost their morale. "Support your friends who are coming out, because we don't need sympathy, we need support; we need equality and equal respect to everything." Mr Nandy also stressed upon teaching children "from the very beginning" to refrain from disrespecting "anyone who is different."

The highlight of the event was a beautiful poem based on the theme of the event presented by one of our students, Preksha Bhatt. The event concluded with a 'Question and Answer' session that led to a lively interaction between the speakers and the students.