VIPS Gender Champions Club

As per the directives of the Ministry of Women and Child Development and UGC, VIPS productively engages students as Gender Champions. Under this club, students are envisaged as responsible leaders who will facilitate an enabling environment where members of all genders are treated with dignity and respect. Gender Champions strengthen the potential of youth to advocate for gender equality and monitor progress towards gender justice. The broad mandate of Gender Champions is to provide an integrated and interdisciplinary approach to understanding the social and cultural constructs of gender that shape the experiences of people of all genders in society. The aim is to make the youth gender sensitive and create positive social norms that value humanity.

Let's Uncomplicate Insta Live Session

Event Report

1. Name of the Organization: **Gender Champions Club**
3. Title of Activity/Event: **Let's Uncomplicate (session 1)**
5. Venue: **Instagram page of Gender Champions Club**
7. Faculty Coordinator(s): **Dr. Anshu Gagal and Ms. Tahzeeb Fatma**
2. Type of Activity/Event: **Centralized**
4. Date & Time: From: **5th May 2020, 7 PM- 8 PM**
6. **Poster of the announcement of Activity / Event:**
8. Student Co-ordinator(s): **Shambhavi Sharma and Amardeep Singh**

Core Team Members

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IN PURSUIT OF PERFECTION

GENDER CHAMPIONS CLUB
presents

Let's Uncomplicate

INSTAGRAM LIVE INTERACTION SPEAKER



Mr. Darvesh Singh Yadavendra

FOUNDER OF PAHAL FOUNDATION

5 May 2020

Tuesday, 7PM

"Sexuality on the Spectrum"

Student coordinators:
Shambhavi Sharma
Amardeep Singh

Teacher Coordinators:
Dr. Anshu Gagal
Ms. Tahzeeb Fatma

@genderchampion_vips

The Gender Champion Club of VIPS organized an online live session through its Instagram handle (@genderchampion_vips) on 5th May 2020 at 7 PM. Mr. Darvesh Singh Yadavendra, founder of Pahal Foundation was the speaker of this insightful session titled "Sexuality on the Spectrum". Shambhavi Sharma, student co-ordinator Gender Champions Club, VIPS, moderated the session. The session received 292 views in total wherein people joined in to watch the session and also communicated their observations through remarks.

The Session commenced with the moderator introducing Gender Champions Club and the motivation behind conducting these sessions, she further introduced the guest and expert for the session Darvesh Singh Yadavendra and welcomed him on behalf of the club. The session was an interaction where Mr. Yadavendra answered and clarified common misconceptions related to gender and sexuality. At the onset addressed the concept of what LGBTQI+ stands for and the similarity and differences among them. He also elaborated on the idea of what means to be 'trans' and how the "hijra" community differs from it, he went on to elaborate on the fact that the 'hijra' community is a cultural community and is found only in the Indian sub-continent. He also cleared various myths that are prevalent in our society for example how people believe that sexual abuses faced in childhood can be held responsible for one's sexuality and how therapy can be used to alter a person's sexuality, he debunked both these misconceptions with sensitive examples and shared that the phobia regarding homosexuality and subsequent rights violations are especially common in small towns and rural areas where information and awareness are required to fight a regressive mindset. Mr. Yadavendra also clarified on the query regarding what is the best way to address a transgender person to which he replied that it is best to ask the person in question for the pronouns they prefer using rather than assume their identity, using they/ them/ their pronouns can also help.

Mr. Yadavendra reflected on the idea of the stigma associated with conversations regarding sexuality and mental health and said that the best way to be of help to those struggling is to begin conversations around such subjects so as to raise awareness, he stressed that schools and colleges can do a lot to take this cause further. He shared that decriminalization of section 377 has brought a change in society but we still have a long battle to fight for. He also appreciated the Club for the steps it is taking to raise awareness through such sessions. The session ended with a vote of thanks to the guest for clarifying the idea of gender and sexuality. The moderator also thanked the management of VIPS for proving the Club with the opportunity to hold these sessions to raise awareness and address significant these issues, she thanked Prof. Shilpa Khatri Babbar and teacher co-ordinators Dr. Anshu Gagal and Ms. Tahzeeb Fatma for their guidance and support.

The session was well received by the audiences who kept responding through comments while the session was on. The live session was able to generate a discourse

around sexuality on the spectrum and uncomplicated the idea of gender and sexuality while educating on the need for sensitivity.