



Press Release

Mumbai, Wednesday, 03rd January 2024

Join us for the annual **Mumbai Queer Pride March**, scheduled to take place on Saturday, 03 February 2024, organised by Mumbai Queer Pride (MQP), a collective of Queer (LGBTQIA+) individuals and organisations. The march will begin at 3 PM, next to August Kranti Maidan, the historic site of the Quit India movement.

We are in the process of obtaining the necessary legal permissions from the relevant authorities for the march, and will update the media and the public accordingly.

The Mumbai Queer Pride March is:

- A celebration of the LGBTQIA+ community's diversity and resilience,
- A call for action on the issues and challenges we face,
- A demand for rights like marriage equality and adoption for queer persons,
- A demand for strong anti-discrimination and anti-violence laws,
- A demand to set up functional Welfare Boards and Councils for protecting & furthering the rights of Transgender persons,
- A demand to end stigma & discrimination against people living with HIV and provide them with access to health care, education, employment, housing, etc.
- A call to immediately end discrimination, abuse and violence of all sorts.

The march will feature volunteers, activists, artists, thinkers, movie makers, actors, and allies from various other social movements, as well as parents, teachers, students, and corporate goers supporting the above causes and beyond.

We invite Journalists and Media Persons to cover the event with sensitivity and respect, using correct and ethical language and reporting. To know more about the march and allied activities, please contact the following persons:

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The march is preceded by a month-long calendar of events, including workshops for advocacy & education, panel discussions, film screenings, book readings, performances and many more. The calendar of Mumbai pride month events can be found on our official website: mumbaiqueerpride.in

We appeal to all the participants and supporters of the march to respect and abide by the Law and maintain peace & harmony during the event. We are committed to make the march a safe and inclusive space for everyone.

We welcome the participation and solidarity of intersectional movements in the march. We remind all the participants and supporters that this Pride March is for LGBTQIA+ Pride and Causes that intersect with it, and that the posters and messages of the attendees need to reflect that. We do not endorse or tolerate any messages or actions that are hateful, discriminatory, derogatory or divisive towards any group or individual.

Mumbai Queer Pride looks forward to seeing you at the march and thanks you for your support and cooperation.

With Warm Regards,
Mumbai Queer Pride.