



**Marathwada Mitra Mandal's
Shankarrao Chavan Law College, Pune**

Affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune & Approved by Bar Council of India, New Delhi
(Accredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC)

CENTRE FOR ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING

Certificate Course

on

“Law and Alternative Sexualities”



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ABOUT MARATHWADA MITRA MANDAL

The trust 'Marathwada Mitra Mandal, Pune' was established in 1967 with the objective of providing hostel or similar accommodation in Pune to the students. This trust is established through the inspiration of socially and educationally charged personalities, with motto 'Yethe Bahutanche Hit' (Welfare of Masses). At its various educational campuses, the trust has created excellent facilities of education catering to Architecture, Management, Law, Commerce, Pharmacy, Engineering, etc, which provide excellent education to more than 12000 students. Recently, the Marathwada Mitra Mandal's four colleges are accredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC, Bengaluru.

ABOUT SHANKARRAO CHAVAN LAW COLLEGE

Established in 2003, with the objective to lay down a strong foundation for the future lawyers and nurture them with ideals and values which will enable them to play a positive role in creating a better world. Apart from imparting quality legal education, the college organizes wide range of co-curricular activities such as Justice P. B. Sawant National Moot Court Competition, Late Shri Shankarrao Chavan Elocution Competition etc. The college has also established Centre for Advance Legal Research & Training and Centre for Academic Research, Publication and E-content in Law (CARPEL) for training the students on various legal issues and to inculcate research skills among students. Shankarrao Chavan Law College has started Post- Graduate Department in July 2010. The 9th Batch of LL.M. has passed this year, 2019 from the College. The Department is involved in organizing conferences, seminars and workshops, certificate courses and other research activities to train students in research techniques and teaching pedagogy. The college has recently introduced BBA LL.B course as well as established its Ph.D. Research Centre.

ABOUT THE CERTIFICATE COURSE

Aims and Objectives

To introduce and acquaint students with the concept of alternative sexual identities, and history, law, politics, and literature of alternative sexualities in ancient, medieval and contemporary India.

Need and Importance of Course

Today, homosexuality and queer identities may be acceptable to more Indian youths than ever before, but within the boundaries of family, home, school and college, acceptance to their sexuality and freedom to openly express their gender choices still remain a constant struggle for LGBTQIA+ people. The fundamental problem is lack of awareness, lack of education, anxiety, acceptance, guilt, confusion, hesitation to ask questions related to gender identity and many more.

This particular course will sensitize students towards gender and sexual identities other than the universal male/female heterosexual and heteronormative identities prevalent in the world. It will enhance their employability, with an increasing number of NGOs and support groups now involved with lesbian, gay and transgender rights, and even government organizations acknowledging the need for this recognition.

How will the Course Help Law Students?

India happens to be only the 27th country in the world to legalize homosexuality. Law students need to know the history of Section 377 of the IPC since its inception in 1860, to its first reading down by the Delhi High Court in 2009, its subsequent reinstatement by the Supreme Court in 2013, and its final reading down by a constitutional bench of the Supreme Court in 2018. The changed law has ramifications for future legal issues such as same-sex marriage, adoption, etc. The course will also include discussions on the NALSA judgment and various

transgender rights bills. Several cases concerning the above are being fought in Indian courts at the present time by practicing lawyers. Acknowledgement of these laws and the social, political and cultural issues surrounding them is imperative for law students who are desirous of having a holistic knowledge of the law.

Also, such courses help not only in building awareness among our college students but also help in fostering the free exchange of ideas which would further help in building a college campus that welcomes diversity of opinion and people of all backgrounds.

COURSE CURRICULUM

Module I	
A.	Introduction and Terminology: LGBTQIA+
B.	Sexual Preferences vs. Identity: Politicizing Sexuality
C.	Heteronormativity, Heterosexism and Homosociality
D.	Homosexuality and Medicine, the Law, the Police.
Module II	
A.	Homosexuality in Ancient Greece, Rome, France, Germany, England and America: The Stonewall Riot.
B.	The History and Reading down of Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code: 2009, 2013 and 2018.
C.	Gay Marriage and Civil Unions
D.	Coalition, Intersection and Inclusiveness
Module III	
A.	The Representation of Alternative Sexuality in Ancient and Medieval India.
B.	The Representation of Alternative Sexuality in Modern Indian Literature.
C.	The Representation of Alternative Sexuality in Indian Cinema.
D.	The Practice of Alternative Sexuality in India: Gay pride parades, internet dating apps, gay bars, public parks and washrooms as networking spaces, hijras, rent boys and support groups.

COURSE DETAILS

- Special guest lectures, interactive session based workshop, videos, group discussion and films will be arranged/organized as a part of this certificate course.
- For each module students will be graded on the basis of internal and external evaluation through written assignments, participation in quiz programs and multiple choice question format.
- There will be street plays also so as to build awareness in the campus or among other groups of the society.

Eligibility:

Graduates or Undergraduates above 18 years of age

Fees:

Rs. 2,500/-

Duration:

3 months consisting of 27 sessions of 2 hours each

Mode of Teaching:

The course will commence in an online mode however shall resume physical classes as and when the COVID19 situation permits.

Days of conduct:

Every Tuesday and Wednesday starting from February 2022

Admission Procedure:

Interested students are requested to drop an email at courses@sclc.edu.in enquiring for seat availability. On receiving the email, the coordinators shall share the application form along with payment details for admission.

ABOUT INVITED RESOURCE PERSONS



Prof. (Dr.) R. Raj Rao

Academician, Activist, Author, Poet and Playwright



Zainab Patel

Inclusion Catalyst, Development Professional, Story Teller, Inspirational Speaker, Human Rights Practitioner and Change Agent



Parmesh Shahani

Author of Queeristan (2020); Gay Bombay (2008). Public speaker; Culture Curator, LGBTQIA+ inclusion advocate; Former Head - Godrej India Culture Lab + D&I; TED Senior Fellow; Yale World Fellow; World Economic Forum YGL



Mr. Bindumadhav Khire

LGBTQIA+ Rights Activist; Founder and President of Samapathik Trust



Ms. Dhanashree Ghare

Student Counselor, Maratha Mitra Mandal



Ms. Manasi Ranade

Consultant Psychologist - Institute for Psychological Health-(IPH) Pune



Sagar Barve

Activist and LGBTQIA+ Network Moderator



(Subject to availability)

Justice A.P. Shah

Former Chairman - 20th Law Commission of India & Former Chief Justice of Delhi High Court



(Subject to availability)

Saurabh Kirpal

Senior Advocate, LGBTQIA+ Activist and Author of 'Sex and the Supreme Court'



(Subject to availability)

Ashok Row Kavi

Indian Journalist and LGBTQIA+ rights Activist

CONTACT US



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