



September Newsletter



‘मितीनी सग मना कुरा’ यस श्रद्धासलामा हामीले समापति, कानून न्याय तथा मानव अधिकार समिति, प्रतिनिधी सभा, कृष्ण भक्त पोख्रेल सग एलजीबीटीआई समुदायका ब्यक्तिहरूको हक-अधिकार, समुदायका व्यक्तिहरूले गर्नुपरेको संघर्ष, सम्बन्धीत निकायहरूले उनीहरूको मागको सम्बोधन नगर्दा खेरी आजको दिनसम्म भोग्नु परेको भोगाईहरूको बारेमा कुराकानी गरेका छौ । यस अन्तरवार्ता सुनेर सल्लाह सुझाव दिनु हुन यहाहरू समक्ष विन्नम अनुरोध गर्दछौ ।

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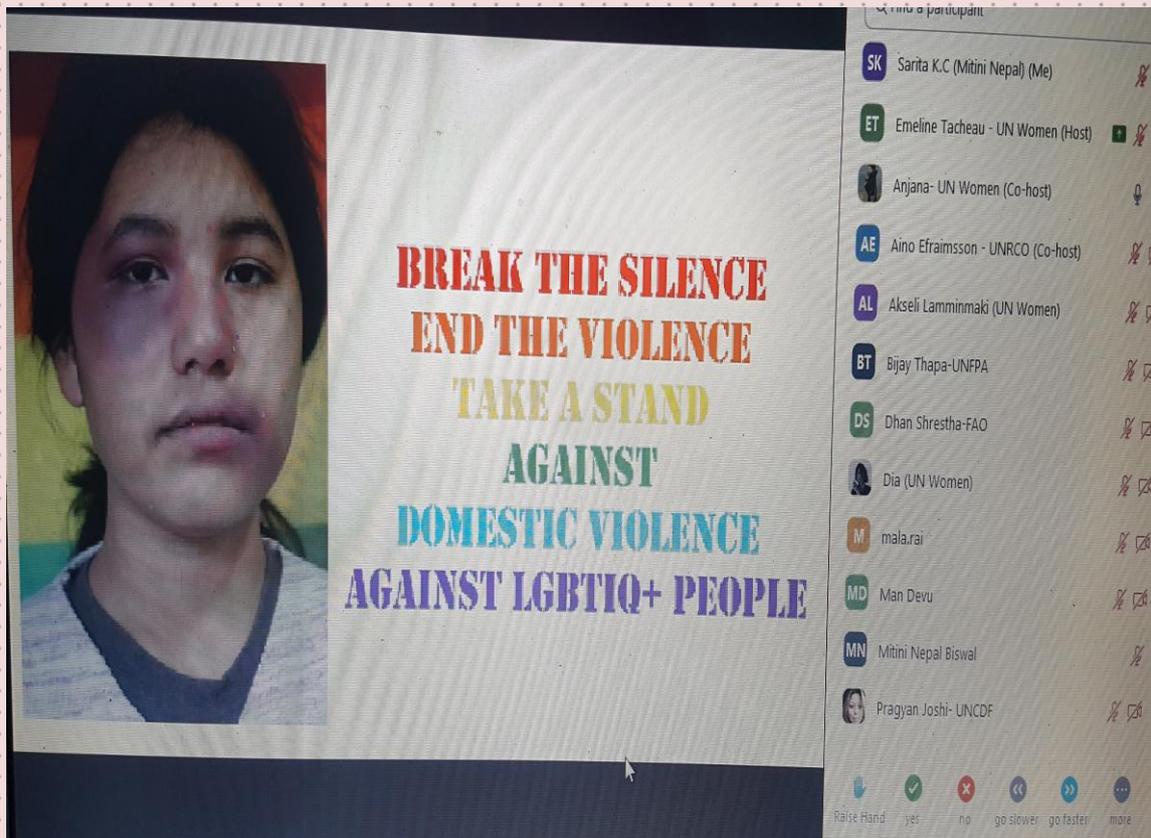
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Radio Program

MN's radio program "Mitini Sanga Mann Ka Kura" aired on 12th September, Deepak Raj Joshi was interviewed where he talked about the impacts of COVID-19 on LGBTI community and the status of rights and liberty of the community in the country. In the program, Joshi talked about his profession as an advocate and covered the issues of LGBTI during lockdown and problems faced by the community in quarantine centers in the country. He shared about the problems faced by the LGBTI and the escalation of issues because of the lack of implementation of rights provided to the gender and sexual minorities. Coming from a law background, he explained about his working areas, the lack of enforcement of laws guaranteed to the LGBTI and about the remarkable work done by MN and other organization for the LGBTI community.

On 27th September, Hon. Krishna Bhakta Pokharel was interviewed. Hon. Krishna Bhakta Pokharel is the Chairman of Law, Justice and Human Rights Committee. He talked about the contemporary situation of LGBTI community and their access to law and justice in the country. He shared that there are discussion being held with the government about the marginalized groups and communities and that the gender and sexual minorities will not have to be victims of injustice, discrimination and violence any longer. He said, "Although there are laws that guarantee the rights and freedom of the LGBTI community, they are not exercised in reality because of the weak implementation. The government hasn't provided marriage equality rights to the community and the lack of proper attention to issues of LGBTI has led them to suffer more." Pokharel insisted that wide and systematic research should be done to understand the root causes of violence and bigotry towards LGBTI community.

Virtual discussion on Domestic Violence on LGBTIQ+ persons and experiences



MN's Executive Director Sarita KC and social mobilizer Bishwal Neupane marked their presence in the virtual discussion on the topic of LGBTIQ+ person's experience of domestic violence organized by UN Women on 14th of September. There was a presence of representatives from UN Women, UNFPA, WFP, RCO, FAO, UNCDF, IOM, UN Habitat, UNOPS and other UN agencies. Varying topics such as general situation of LGBTIQ+ people violence are subjected to in Nepal, the status of study and research about it, the causes and mitigation measures of the violence inflicted on LGBTIQ+ people was covered during the discussion. MN's Bishwal Neupane shared his own personal experience of being a victim of domestic violence. It was discussed in the meeting that many LGBTIQ+ people fail to even realize that they are being victimized in their own household and tend to ignore the patterns of abuse which makes the victim unable to rise above the perpetual violence on them.

Monthly meeting in province 1 & 5

Monthly meeting have been conducted in Dang and Sunsari districts in September. The respective focal persons have moderated the meeting and discussions have been done with the presence of LBTQ+ members. The meetings focused on the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on LBTQ+ people in the respective districts and the lack of support from families as well as local bodies during this time of crisis. The meetings also emphasized on safety measures and guidelines to follow during the pandemic to keep oneself and others safe. The helpless state of LBTQ+ was discussed and concerns regarding the lack of aid and effort from the stakeholders and concerned authorities.



Relief distribution

In the month of September, LGBTI individuals received relief materials from MN from Kathmandu and Janakpur. The relief package that were provided to the LGBTI individuals contained rice, salt, oil, soap, sanitizer and masks each, mixed beans, lentils, soybean and blankets for the victims of flood. Relief packages were provided to the LGBTI individuals who had been affected by the pandemic and had been lacking financial support.

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