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Radio program "MITINI Sanga Maanka Kura"

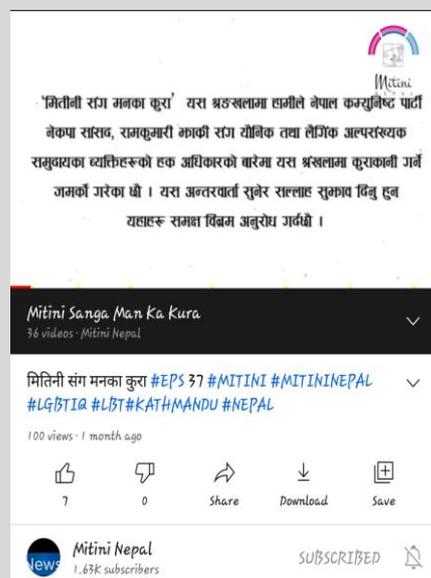
Mitini Nepal broadcasted the 37th episode of radio program "Mitini Sanga Mann Ka Kura" on 2nd of January. Ram Kumari Jhakri, a legislator at the lower assembly of the federal parliament, was interviewed in the episode. Jhakri addressed the lack of access of gender and sexual minorities in education and employment. During the conversation, she mentioned about the role of parliamentarians as well as the citizens in the reach of fundamental human rights of LGBTI community and insisted the importance of LGBTI awareness to attain the fundamental rights and to ensure basic human rights of the community.

On the 38th episode, principal Sitaram Nepal was featured. Nepal was asked questions regarding the situation of LGBTI in academic institutions. He shared his understanding about the problems and issues LGBTI students face in schools and colleges. He added about the importance of intervention from faculty and administration when a LGBTI individual is being bullied or harassed as even though bullying in itself is a very big problem, it can also escalate very easily. He stressed about the roles and unsaid responsibilities of teachers and educators in ensuring a safe and secure environment for the students who identify as gender and sexual minorities.

Similarly, discussion with Anuj 'Peter' Rai was done on the 39th episode of the program which aired on 31st of January. LGBTI rights activists Rai shared his opinion, anger and frustration towards Nepal Police for the arrest and manhandle of transgender women in the valley on 21st of January. He shed light on the recent events of police brutality on gender and sexual minorities in the country and said that it was just the tip of an iceberg of atrocities faced by LGBTI. He said, "The unfortunate event is a clear reflection of the hardships faced by LGBTI in the country for their sexual and gender diversity." He added that even today LGBTI are robbed of their basic rights and are put through scrutiny and humiliation. In the show, he talked about how LGBTI people can push government to implement the rights provided by the constitution.

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Television program "MITINI"



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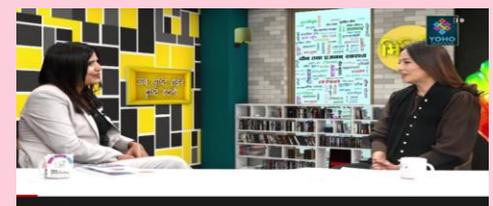
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Five episodes of MN's talk show 'Mitini' were telecasted in January. The eighth episode of 'Mitini' featured Bimala Gurung who is a journalist and a lecturer in Mass Communication. Gurung talked about the role of media outlets in diminishing the discrimination on the LGBTI community. "Gurung talked about the aspirations behind her pursuing a M. Phil degree and shared that she had done a research on the LGBTI community during her degree.

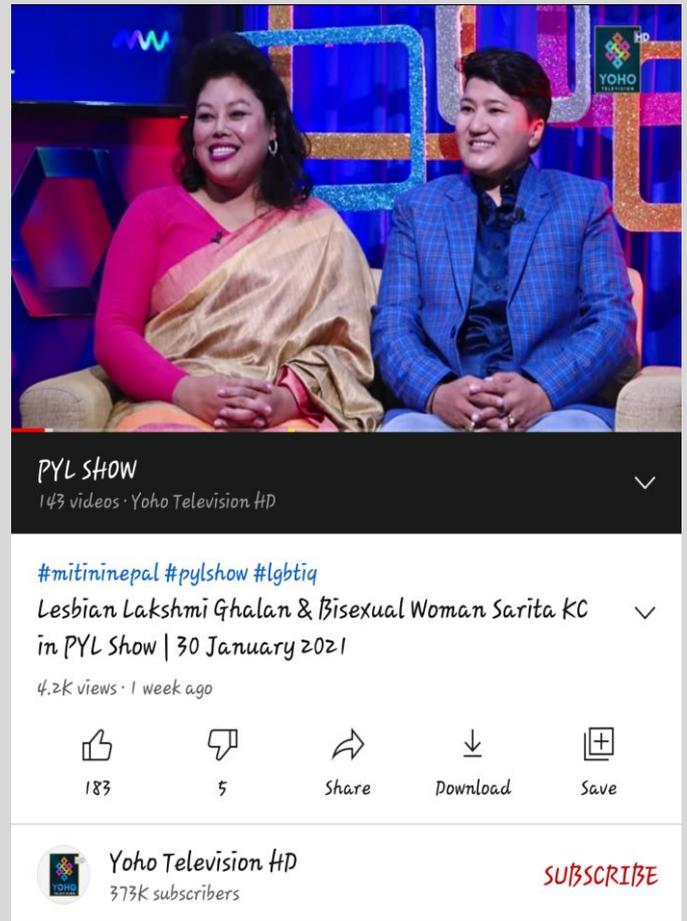
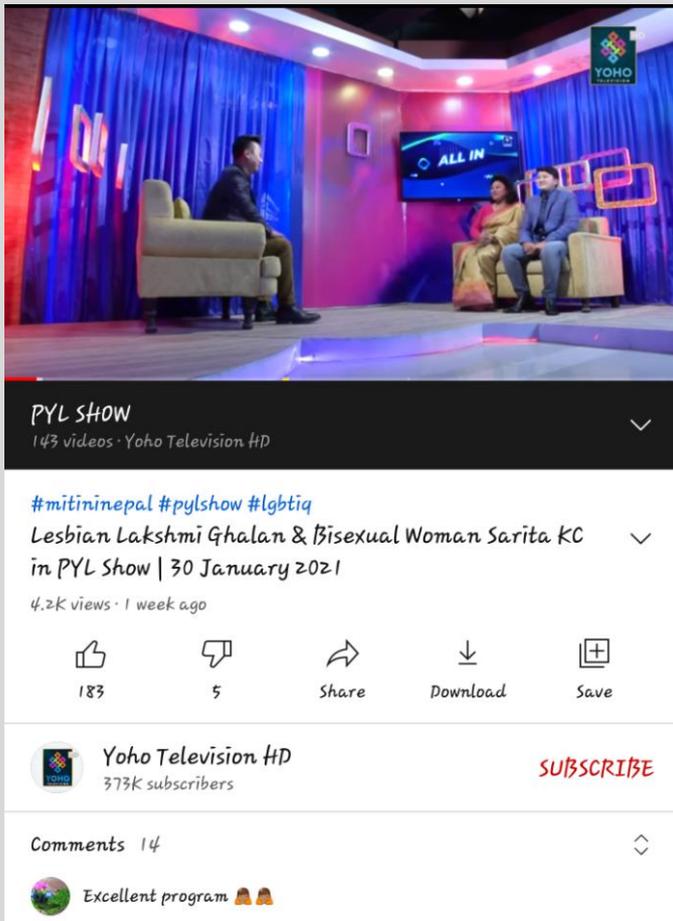
The ninth episode was aired on 9th of January. Shristi Tamang, who identifies as a transgender man, was invited to the show for this episode. During the conversation, he let the viewers and audiences in on the difficulties faced by LGBTI people because of their gender identity and sexual orientation. He mentioned the struggles transgender people face because of lack of unisex bathrooms. "Any time I go anywhere I face problems as I cannot go inside either bathrooms designed for men and for women. Unfortunately, it is not just I who face this problem as all transgender people I am acquainted with talk about the hardships caused by lack of LGBTI friendly bathrooms", said Tamang.

Senior psychologist Dr Karuna Kunwar was interviewed for the 10th episode of "Mitini". The episode aired on 18th of January. In the episode, Kunwar talked about the mental health status and prominent psychological issues of LGBTI individuals. She shared that LGBTI fall victims of stress, anxiety, depression and other disorders because of the discrimination and lack of acceptance they have to face. Kunwar said, "LGBTI are perceived as different and strange by the society.

Similarly, 11th episode featuring Dr. Biana Bhattarai was telecasted on 24th of January. Bhattarai is a consultant endocrinologist. In the program, he shared his expertise regarding hormones in human body. He talked about the unavailability of hormonal medication for transgenders and the multiple folds of problems it creates. Transgender men use it to appear masculine whereas transgender women consume it for femininity." He shared that one should be very cautious about the surgery because once it the sex change surgery is performed, there is no way to undo that.

For the 12th episode of the show, deputy secretary of National Human Rights Commission was interviewed. The episode aired on 21st of January. She said that the NHRC also gives recommendation to the state to work on specific areas. She addressed the incident of police brutality faced by transgender in the capital in the end of January and said that it was a breach of human rights of the LGBTI community. She said, "Violence such as this is prevalent in the society which affects the life condition of the gender and sexual minorities. Breach such as these should be diligently investigated and the guilty party should be punished according to the law."

Mitini's Feature



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