

20<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## Memorandum of Understanding

Memorandum of Understanding between The QKnit and Prahladrai Dalmia Lions College

### The QKnit

The QKnit is a LGBTQIA+ collaborative, aimed at facilitating conversations about Queer life in India through social media, youth leadership, and advocacy. The QKnit believes in working towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in an attempt to leave no one behind. To achieve progress, The QKnit aims at building leadership through advocacy, providing access to health facilities, engaging with young people in educational institutions through support groups, and by creating meaningful partnerships in order to provide safe and inclusive spaces for LGBTQIA+ persons.

### Prahladrai Dalmia Lions College

The Lions Club of Malad-Borivali, an international social organisation realized the necessity of establishing a Commerce College in the western suburb of Mumbai-Malad in 1972 to cater to the needs of the society. The vision envisaged by the stalwarts of the Club was finally converted into reality and the foundation stone of the college was laid in April, 1972, with a handsome donation from the Dalmia family of Prahladrai Dalmia Charity Trust. Within a record period of 100 days the college building was completed. The college was inaugurated by Mr.T.K.Tope, the then Vice Chancellor of Bombay University. The Institution that started with 450 students has today become one of the premier institutes in the western suburbs. The College endeavors for academic excellence and promotion of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities that promote resilience, creativity and leadership qualities among the students.

The QKnit will conduct sessions for the teaching faculty, non-teaching staff and students of Prahladrai Dalmia Lions College regarding "**Gender and Sexuality**". In which they will be covering following topics like

- **Difference between Sex and Gender**
- **Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation**
- **What is LGBTQAI+**
- **Section 377 in brief**
- **Gender Sensitization**
- **Feelings, Relationship and Mental Health**

## Format of the session:

The format of the session for teaching faculty and non-teaching staff will be a traditional lecture method where our team members will explain the above mentioned topics in detail followed by a Question and Answer round.

Whereas for the students The QKnit would like to put forth an innovative idea of conducting session in an open environment outside the classroom. They would prefer to conduct a session of Queer Katta with the students. Queer Katta is a monthly flagship event of The QKnit, wherein they go to public spaces and talks about various issues which affects the day to day life. The idea behind Queer Katta is to provide a safe space to the individuals to come and talk about their feelings, emotions, experiences, etc. Hence they would like to conduct one Queer Katta at Prahladrai Dalmia Lions College for the students. It can take place anywhere like canteen, library, ground, etc. apart from traditional classroom setup. If due to certain logistical or technical constraints the space for Queer Katta won't be available then it can happen in a classroom as well.


## Duration of the session:

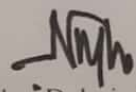
The QKnit would like to conduct three different sessions for Teaching Faculty, Non-teaching staff and students. Ideal duration for the same will be 3hrs to 4hrs.

## Languages:

Sessions can be conducted in Marathi, Hindi, English and Gujarati.

For The QKnit

  
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For Prahladrai Dalmia Lions College

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