

Pyar hua ikraar hua, GAY huye toh kya hua



Candles in the wind



Happy to be together



The faces say it all



Vikram Baidyanath watches on...



Aparna Behl



Dadi Padumji

(Contributed by Jyothi Prabhakar)



Participants break into a song and dance sequence



Adding colour

It was a hot, exceedingly humid Delhi evening. Would anyone brave the heat for a parade on the streets? Looked unlikely... even as the policemen took their place, to protect, what appeared to be a bunch of about 15 gay rights activists shouting slogans, and the photographers positioned themselves for the best shot. The traffic went about normally, and slowly, the policemen relaxed. This was the beginning of the first gay pride parade in Delhi. "We are expecting about 150 people to join us," said Gautam Bhan, gay rights activist. Fifteen minutes later, it was a completely different scenario. The parade had just about proceeded a few paces ahead, but over 200 people had joined it, some wearing rainbow coloured masks (something that has become asso-

ciated with gay movements world over), others waving flags, shouting slogans, singing songs... a few eunuchs had joined them too, and were dancing to *dholak* beats in the midst of it all. Those already a part of the parade were calling their friends over mobiles to join them, a few were hugging and kissing each other in sheer celebration "of having been given the freedom to be what I am in public," as Judy, a participant said. By the time the parade ended at Jantar Mantar, it had swelled to a crowd of about 700 people. Among them were journo, fashion designers - Manish Arora and Gaurav Gupta, choreographer Aparna Behl and activist Ashok Row Kavi. We heard a stunned policeman asking another, "Yeh kya ho raha hai? ACP saab kahan hai?" Candles were lit, some cried, others laughed... a couple of minutes' silence was observed, and then the crowd erupted into a wholesome cheer, but not before promising each other to be at the same place at the same time, and date next year. A point proved? Maybe...

LOUD AND CLEAR

- Heterosexual is not normal, it's only common
- Pyar hua ikraar hua, gay huye toh kya hua
- Hindu Muslim Sikh Isai, hetero homo bhai bhai
- Hey hey, ho ho, homophobia's gotta go
- I may look like a woman but I'm a man

These were some of the slogans that rang out...



Masked freedom?

NEW DELHI YMCA
Department of Sports
Swimming Training Programme
by a renowned Life Guard Trainer
ALEX CLEVELAND from LOUISVILLE, USA

***Life Guard Training and Water Safety Programme**
9th to 25th July 2008
Duration : 60 Hrs (Theory & Practical Classes)

Fee : Rs. 3500/-

***Swimming Instructors Course**
9th to 25th July 2008
Duration : 30 Hrs

Fee : Rs. 2500/-

***Competitive Swimming Course**
a) Age Group 05-12 Yrs. 09th - 11th July 08 (Wed. - Fri.) Time 19.30 - 20.30 Hrs.
b) Age Group 13-16 Yrs. 14th - 16th July 08 (Mon. - Wed.) Time 19.30 - 20.30 Hrs.
c) Age Group 16+ Yrs. 21st - 24th July 08 (Mon. - Thurs.) Time 19.30 - 21.30 Hrs.

(a) Rs. 600/-
Fee: (b) Rs. 600/-
(c) Rs. 750/-

***Pool Operation and Maintenance**
28th July to 7th August 2008
Duration : 20 Hrs Time 10.30 - 12.30 Hrs.

Fee : Rs. 1000/-

***Advance Refresher Course in Life Guarding**
28th July to 7th August 2008
Duration : 10 Hrs

Fee : Rs. 1500/-

*Certificates will be awarded to all the successful students.

Centrally Located near Jantar Mantar, Connaught Place, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi-110 001,
Tel.: 23361915, 23361847, 23746668 Extn.: 341, 180, Website: www.newdelhiymca.org

DUKE

Summer

Sale

27th June - 7th July

Fresh Stock Added

Lowest Ever Prices

Endless Range of:

T-SHIRTS • SHIRTS • DENIMS & TROUSERS • LOWERS
• BERMUDAS • TRACK SUITS • LOUNGE WEARS • VALUE PACKS
MEN • WOMEN • KIDS

Lajpat Nagar : Lajpat Bhawan, Part- IV Himachal Bhawan : Sikandra Road
Wazirpur : Mohan Leela Banquet, Industrial Area
Rajouri Garden : A-4, Vishal Enclave Tilak Nagar : Parichay, 11/8-B, Main Market
Thakkar Sadan : Near Jhandewalan Metro Station

Also at DUKE Exclusive Showrooms
Ghaziabad : EDM Mall, G-29, Kaushmbi
Faridabad : NIT, Opp. Bus Stand & 1st Floor, Crown Plaza
Dwarka : Vikas Surya Arcade, Sec. 11, Central Market, New Delhi
Palam : WZ-172, Sadh Nagar

Trade, Institutional & Showroom Enquiry : 093129-71000

SURRENDER TO THE MUSIC

presents

DANCE 101

with

FEATURING

PAUL JACKSON & PAUL DEIGHTON

Vh1 Dance 101 gives you a once-in-a-lifetime chance to groove to the world's greatest dance music brand, at their first ever official tour of India!

5th July @

Centre Stage Mall,
Sector 18, Noida

Presenting Sponsor

AXE

Associate Sponsors

BINGO!

SAMSUNG BEAT 450

Multiplex Partner

PVR

Radio Partner

Radio City

Ground Partner

Garitex

Hospitality Partner

Radisson

An Initiative by

Vh1