

From the Archives
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Queer History

With Warm Wishes

Dearest Counsel Club,
All the best for the year ahead!

You're someone who brings so much happiness to my life, that's why you were wished a year, that's perfect in every way

VERY VERY HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Thanks

Do let me know if I can be of any help to you
Regards Yours



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Greeting cards for every occasion? Not quite any more, but they were all the rage not too long ago. Come Durga Puja, Christmas or New Year, Counsel Club, among India's first queer support forums (1993-2002), would receive numerous hand-made and printed cards sent by members and well-wishers. Some were works of art, others replete with evocative messages. Glimpses from the cards on the reverse are from the Counsel Club archives (which apart from other material include nearly 3,000 letters and cards). Part of the archives is maintained by Varta Trust, Kolkata.

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