



Challenges Faced by Transgender of Vadodara and Anand, Gujarat. (A Study on 30 Transgender of Vadodara and Anand, Gujarat)

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ABSTRACT

India is a developing country with a rapid rate of increasing population. India's Trans-women or Transgender community has a long history as long as our civilization. Indian law recognizes trans-women as third gender but they are rejected by the society. This study is about challenges faced by Transgender in the society. A descriptive survey research design was adopted in this study. The sample for this study consisted of randomly selected 30 Transgender of vadodara and anand, Gujarat, India. The Objectives of the study is to investigate the problem faced by transgender community on the grounds of education, political pressure, social acceptance, employment and various other issues. A series of personal interview sessions has been organized between January 23rd to march 1st, 2021, to collecting the facts, during these sessions case subject has discussed various life experience and incidents of their life which reflects the problems faced by transgender in their day today life. Results from the study revealed that transgender people faced many problems in their life. I.e. for employment, Gender inequality, unacceptance, Rejection, Abuses, Education, etc. Every transgender has their own story to share.

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1. Introduction

Introduction on Transgender:

Transgender people are those who have a gender identity or gender expression that differs from their assigned sex. Transgender people are sometimes called transsexual if they desire medical assistance to transition from one gender to another. Infrequently, the term transgender is defined very broadly to include cross-dressers, regardless of their gender identity.

Despite of all the constitutional rights, they are denied to have their basic rights like right to personal liberty, freedom of expression, and right to education, empowerment and right against discrimination, exploitation and violence, etc.

Every day, transgender people are facing social and economic marginalization due to their gender identity and expression. They are excluded from effectively participation in all level than the other marginalized sects of civil society. A major reason of the exclusion is the lack of legal recognition of the gender identity.

They seek legitimacy and acceptance as women, but society does not accept them as women, neither does it look at them as men, causing confusion and resentment against them. They are people with a male body, but with non-male or female identity. They usually refer to themselves as female at the language level and become women by their own will and life threatening operation and taking several kinds of hormone tablets to change their physical appearance.

In contemporary usage, "transgender" is an umbrella term to describe a wide range of identities and experiences, including but not limited to pre-operative, post-operative and non-operative Trans sexual people (who strongly identify with the gender opposite to their biological sex).

Problems faced by transgender include:

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- Family and Social Exclusion
- Unacceptability and Difficulties in school
- Identity Crisis
- Lack of employment and occupation
- Sexual abuse and Physical harassment
- Abuse by the Police

2. Objective of the study

1. To know the reasons why they have chosen this life.
2. To examine the reason and effect after becoming a Transgender.
3. To explain various remedies available to victim of Transgender.
4. To know the perspective the responding regarding their satisfaction in their life.
5. To know the challenges and problems of their life.

3. Sample and Sampling Methods

- **Universe/population**

All the Transgender from vadodara and anand consist population of the study.

- **Sample**

Sample is the representative of the whole universe. Here, the researcher has used simple random sampling method, and selected 30 respondents.

4. Tools of the Data Collection

In the study, a structure interview schedule was used for the purpose of data collection in primary sources.

The secondary sources of data collection for this study were Internet, Journal, Books, and Website.

5. Findings

- Majority of respondents 22(73.33%) are under aged of 25-35 years.
- Majority of respondents belong to Hindu denomination and minority are other.
- Majority of respondents are unemployed, they don't get proper job because of their gender identity.
- Majority of respondents 13(53.33%) earn money by begging approx 5000-10000rs.
- Majority of respondents 13(43.33%) were completed their secondary and minority 1(3.33%) were graduate and post-graduate.
- Majority of respondents 20(66.66%) faced problems in educational sector. I.e. bully, discrimination, unacceptable, teasing and etc.
- Majority of respondents were born as a boy in time of birth.
- Majority of respondent's gender at present is girl.
- Majority of respondents liked to describe their gender as Transgender and minority of them liked to describe them as Female.
- Majority of the respondents 16(53.33%) of their current relationship status were dating.
- Majority of respondents were currently living with their friends (Transgender community).
- Majority of respondents chosen to open up their gender because they wanted to be themselves and wanted people to accept them to as they are.
- Majority of respondent parent's reaction 17(56.66%) were very disappointed because they have chosen to be themselves rather than the society's norms.
- Every respondent has their own story to choose to change their gender identity. They have chosen to change because they were not happy to live like others.
- Majority of respondents were not encountered any segregation by a Doctor or been denied medical care.
- Majority of the respondents were sought of surgical or medication overseas due to financial or others.
- Majority of respondents 16(53.33%) had used Oral contraception to prevent from HIV/Aids or any kind of diseas es.
- Majority of respondents 30(100%) were not disability.
- Majority of respondents were disturbed, mentally ill, hard to concentrate on their life. They were stressed, frustrated, anxiety, depression, post traumatic stress disorder.
- Majority of respondents 30(100%) were didn't know that any kind of resources provided by Government to Transgender community.
- Majority of respondents 30(100%) don't feel safe in society and they don't think that government has made enough laws to protect them.

- Majority of respondents 30(100%) don't think that Section 377 is not so success so far.
- Every Individual has faced a lot of problems in their life and everyone has their story.
- Majority of respondents 18(60%) has not faced challenges to change Identity documents. I.e. Birth certificate, driver's license, passport.
- Challenges faced by transgender community are countless in terms of job hunting, house hunting, inequality, discrimination, unacceptable, untouchable, etc.
- Majority of respondents 25(83.33%) had also faced sexual abuse, emotional abuse and physical abuse.
- Also majority of respondents has experienced challenges with social stigma and public awareness.
- Majority of respondents 21(70%) don't feel safe in their area.
- Also majority of respondents 17(56.66%) don't feel safe to use public utilities, e.g. toilets, malls, buses and security check.
- They have experience discriminated on the basis of their gender identity.
- Majority of respondents only expect from is that there should not be discrimination against any gender, provide equal opportunities, equal rights, respect, be humble towards them, accept them as they are and respect their choices.
- If disciple doesn't listen to their Guru then, Guru can beat them, torture and also he or she will be kicked out from their place.
- Majority of respondents 16(53.33%) had faced challenges while getting married or for the adoption of child.

6. Suggestion

- There should be proper rights/Law for transgender community.
- Every people should be aware of them and accept them as they are.
- Family is the first institution for a child so from family itself the awareness should be spread and teach them about equality.
- Every human being should be treated equally in society no matter what gender identity, skin tone, race, culture, religion.
- There should be not only FEMALE and MALE in any kind of forms or any official papers to fill up.
- Equal opportunity in terms of job, unemployment, house hunting, using public utilities.

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