

Significance of India's LGBT Rights Movement on Its Society

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Abstract

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) rights have emphasized and recognized as a significant issue in contemporary world. This is a controversial phenomenon; one of the most fundamental LGBT rights, for example, same sex marriage has been legalized in locales within North and South America, Netherlands, Canada, Spain, Europe, and Africa. These developments have further helped spread the globalization of discourse on LGBT rights into many parts of the world, including the South Asian region. This study attempts to discuss the evolution and the Significance of India's LGBT rights movement and to analyze its trends and implication on the diverse and highly cultural Indian society. The study is a qualitative case study research based on secondary data, and the main sources of data collection includes e-books, research articles, reports, journals, e-journals and scholarly articles. As far as India is concerned, it is diverse and based heavily on social and cultural norms. Due to the lack of sexual literacy, contemporary Indian culture has been discriminating the LGBT rights for a long period of time. However today as a new trend India has taken huge step forward to adopt LGBT rights without discriminating it. This progressive approach in India, with regards to human rights in general and LGBT rights in particular has a direct and positive impact on other Asian countries. The immediate effect of globalization factor and the Other LGBT movements around the world has also made a huge impact to mold the Indian LGBT rights movement. The rise of the educated middle-class society which has a broad mind about modern world is also a fundamental reason for these new trends. As per the new statistics about Indian literacy rate shows that it is increasing gradually.

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