

Historical and Comprehend Social Discrimination against Transgender

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ABSTRACT

There are third gender people in the binary gender world known as transgender. The term transgender can refer to a range of people including transsexual people, transvestites, cross-dressers. But most transgender people have an aversion the term transsexual because which emphasizes sex. This binary sexual worldview is understood in India where subgroups exist such as hijras, described as *tritika laingik* (third sex). Some of the Buddhist and Jain chronicles of ancient India describe numerous male non-heteronormative genders such as *napunsaka*, *kliba*, *pandaka* and *ardhanareeshwara*. The hijra construct in India, better known in classical circles as *tritika laingik*. Hijras are transgender person and cross-dressers who are part of Indian ethno cultural clans called gharanas. In short, such male persons wish they could become biological females. In India, such men form highly visible communities called hijra gharanas. There is drastic increase of hijra gharanas population over the several years in the society. Many health experts believe that being transgender is not the result of any one single thing. They consider that it is result of a complex mixture of biology, psychology and environmental factors which is not the same for all transgender people. The people externally communicate their gender identity to others through behaviour, clothing, haircut, voice and emphasizing of change their bodies' characteristics. Transgender individuals face injustice and discrimination in every aspect of their lives for example at schools, in workplaces, in doctors' offices and emergency rooms, in public places like grocery stores, restaurants and hotels. They think to commit suicide by negative social encounters like abuse, violence and social isolation. In this connection an attempt is made in the present paper to throw some light on perceived discrimination against transgender individuals at both public and private places.

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