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## Challenges faced by Transgender of Vadodara, Ahmedabad and Surat, Gujrat

### (A study on 27 Transgender of Vadodara, Ahmedabad and Surat, 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 till date they are struggling for their identity, they are not getting acceptance by the society. The objectives of the study is to investigate the problem faces by transgender community in this globalised society 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 25<sup>th</sup> to March 7<sup>th</sup> for collecting facts, during these sessions case subject has discussed various life experiences and incidents of their life which reflects the problems faces by transgender in their day today life.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Introduction on Transgender:

The word transgender has its roots in Greek which means "keeper of the bed". It can be inferred that Vedic culture recognized three genders. The word Hijra is an Urdu word derived from the Semitic Arabic root; Hir in its sense of "leaving one's tribe" and has been borrowed into Hindi. Hijras live predominantly in the cities

of north India, where they find greatest opportunities to perform their traditional roles, but are found all over India.

First let us understand what transgender is and what our thinking, mentality, attitude towards them is. And why most of us consider them as if they are from another world and we cannot pay proper respect to them.

We all know that Transgender means those people whose gender identity is different from the gender they were thought to be at birth. Still we, the normal people, call the transgender as Chakka, Hijra, Gurmi etc and many more. Why we should utter this kind of disrespectful words about them and why we people forget that they are also human being? Sometimes it feels shameful as a citizen of a noble society.

During my Research Work Process, I had the opportunity to meet them face to face and to interact with them. When I decided to work on them, many people said that they are dangerous, I should not take risk, they may kidnap me and send me in prostitution, but without being scared, I laughed in my own what people think they are? It's not fair, we need to change our mentality otherwise our society cannot confer justice to that part of our so called developed society not only in India but the whole world. Rather when I met them and passed time with them, I found some uniqueness in every personality and thoughts.

With our questionnaire to some of the Transgender of Vadodara, more or less a data has come out. Maximum of them are school dropout, female in gender at birth and single in their current relationship status. Current living arrangements are with their Transgender friends. Many of them said to have received counseling therapy concerning their gender identity. In our research process, we could notice a good thing that most of the Transgender said no to the ever encountered segregation by a doctor or they have never been faced any denial of medical care. That's why rape, teasing, murder, beggary, taking drugs, prostitution in India is high. Rape, not only with girls but with boys is also happening so don't think only girls are suffering from this kind of attack, boys are also suffering, but girls are the victims in high rate. Child trafficking is also a crime due to this many individual society get affects and future of child is ruined. Due to this we may say that many girls or women from outside states been kidnapped and trapped for prostitution.

The word identity means 'how a person creates its unique image in the society so that they know for their work'. The proposed study tries to explain how a transgender creates a positive image in the society so that they will get respect by the social member. The transgender is known for ill-deeds in the society for they were illtreated by the society. The study emphasis on the issues that how a transgender gets a respect in the society so that they can create a unique identity in the society. Transgender should learn that respect should be earned by the contribution in the society. The under study exaggerate those facts that how transgender became a respectable citizen of the country by creating a healthy identity.

**Objectives of the study:**

To study the socio-economic and educational background of transgender.

To study the problem faced by transgender in their day to day life.

To study the welfare programs running by the government for the welfare of transgender and their weaknesses.

To study how transgender uplift their status and social acceptances in the society.

**Sample and Sampling Methods****UNIVERSE/POPULATION**

The first step in developing any sample design is to clearly define the objectives, technically called the universe. The universe for this study counts in the City of Vadodara, Ahmedabad and Surat of Gujarat

**SAMPLE**

Sample is the representative of the whole universe. Here the researcher used simple random sampling method and selected 27 respondents from various Vadodara city which are randomly selected.

**TOOLS OF DATA COLLECTION** PRIMARY DATA

Interview Schedule

 SECONDARAY DATA

Internet, Books, Journals, articles

## FINDINGS

1. Majority of the respondents 52% (14) belong to age group 25 years to 35 years.
2. Majority of the respondents 52% (14) are engaged in Service occupation.
3. Majority of the respondents 54% (14) belong to monthly income group of 5,000.00 to 10,000.00.
4. Majority of the respondents 41% (11) belong to Secondary Education level.
5. Majority of the respondents 56% (15) faced “Economic” problems in Education Sector.
6. Majority of the respondents 96% (26) are Female in Gender at Present.
7. Majority of the respondents 96% (26) accept their Gender Identity to be Transgender.
8. Majority of the respondents 78% (21) respondents are Single in their Current Relationship Status.
9. Majority of the respondents 45% (12) respondents are staying with their Friends in their Current Living Arrangement.
10. Majority of the parents of the respondents 78% (21) did not react rather they accepted when they found their children to be Transgender.
11. Majority of the respondents 82% (22) use nothing for protection against STD or Pregnancy.
12. Majority of the Respondents 63% (17) received Mental Health Diagnosis for Depression in last 12 months.
13. Majority of the respondents 70% (19) never had any Suicidal Thoughts in their mind.

14. Majority of the respondents 59% (16) never faced any Problem at Work Place.
15. Majority of the respondents 89% (24) have not faced any Physical, Emotional & Sexual Abuse.
16. Majority of the respondents 56% (15) are addicted to Cigarette.
17. Majority of the respondents 63% (17) respondents face the problem of Asking High Rent by the landowner while hunting home.
18. Majority of the respondents 74% (20) expects respect from the Society.

### Suggestion/Conclusion:

Family is the first institution for a child so the awareness of equality should be started from the family itself. Our society should learn or be aware of to accept one whatever its gender identity is. Every human being must have the right must be treated equally irrespective of its gender identity in terms of job, employment, house hunting, public utilities etc. There should be sufficient laws/rules to protect Transgender Community.

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