



CHALLENGES FACED BY TRANSGENDER (PRE AND POST SEC 377) OF VADODARA

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ABSTRACT

In the following pages is given report of a research dissertation. The basic objective behind this dissertation is to find out the challenges faced by the transgender and come out with possible social work interventions in this report I have also mentioned the skills, knowledge I gained and developed through the practical exposure to practice the professional methods of social work. The report also includes information got during data collection, learnings, observations and outcome of the survey. The transgender people are being discriminated, are living in isolation and are being denied their human rights. Some of the main challenges faced by the transgender include social problems, economic and health problems. The right of transgender person's bill has been passed on 12 December 2014. Over past many years they had been fighting and advocating for their legal rights. After so many years of battle eventually the judgment was given by the Supreme Court in September 2018 making Section 377 on the Indian Penal Code legal. Various policies and schemes have been put for the transgender community.

Key words transgender, challenges, and social work interventions

INTRODUCTION

This research dissertation reviews the problems faced by transgender and the expected outcomes to overcome challenges through social work intervention. Transgender are the most neglected and discriminated people in the Indian Society who are not accepted by their families including the government. It is therefore important to discuss about the problems faced by them. Transgender people have a gender identity or gender expression that differs from the sex that they were assigned at birth. One can opt to be a Tran's woman or a Tran's man. A transgender is part of the LGBT community.

BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

It is very important to study about the transgender because they are part of the community. The transgender community faces a lot of challenges for survival. Some of the challenges faced by them include socio-economic problems, health problems, and psychological problems etc

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Review is expected to give some ideas regarding the dimensions and it will provide some knowledge on the universe that can be taken for study- The transgender community Experiences a lot of challenges mistreatment and violence, economic hardship and instability, as Well as discrimination (**James & Herman, 2017**).

India has achieved significant growth and development on the human development such as the education, health and literacy. However, some groups have equally shared the benefits of the growth process while some groups could not. The most discriminated and vulnerable community is the transgender in the country which is being lagged behind on the education and human development. (**R. &Naved 2013**)

Dr Rajnikant 2016 Human rights are basic rights and freedom which are guaranteed to a human by virtues of him being a human which can neither be created nor can be abrogated by any government such as right to liberty, life, dignity, equality, expression and freedom of thought. The path to a life with dignity is where one chooses their own gender identity.

METHODOLOGY

DATA COLLECTION TOOLS

Data collection is one of the most important stage for conducting a research. The need for data collection is to get information for analysis, to get the idea about real time situation and for comparison between two situations.

This research includes primary data and secondary data methods.

This is first hand data meaning the data was collected by the researcher himself/herself. Data is gathered through questionnaires, observations etc. The researcher used the following primary data. Observation meaning identifying the transgender by appearance, how they are behaving, attitude and beliefs. By questionnaire methods meaning a lot of questions were prepared for the transgender for data collection. Though focus group discussions the researcher got to find out how the transgender feeling and emotions and how they are being treated, their challenges and how they want the government to intervene in their situation.

Is the data that is done by someone else and written by other researchers and this includes book, journals and newspapers.etc.The researcher has used the following methods for collecting secondary data which includes :Books,journals,articles, web pages, blogs ,information from government departments, research papers about the transgender community.

SAMPLE SIZE

This includes to the number of participants included in the study.

The sample size included 60 respondents from different areas in Vadodara City

SAMPLE UNIT

They are the members of the population from which the measurements are taken during sampling. A single transgender would be a sampling unit

SAMPLING

This includes probability sampling which means every element of the population has a chance of being included in the sample. On probability sampling includes no systematic way of selection, the selection depends with situation

SAMPLING TECHNIQUES

Probability sampling, pure random sampling was conducted by the researcher because every transgender has the right to be selected.

Statistical tools for analysis-The collected data were tabulated and analyzed using SPSS (Statistical Package for social sciences) it includes the following: percentage method, chi-square analysis, histogram, pie charts, bar graphs and tables.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

The research was about the challenges faced by the transgender. It includes the presentation, analysis and interpretation of data which was drawn from 60 transgenders. The results of the study are presented in tabulation and were interpreted by the researcher.

Age group

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	16-19	5	8.3	8.3	8.3
	20-30	39	65.0	65.0	73.3
	31-40	14	23.3	23.3	96.7
	41-50	2	3.3	3.3	100.0
	Total	60	100.0	100.0	

Type of Documentation Problems

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Adhaar Card	1	1.7	1.7	1.7
	Driver's License	1	1.7	1.7	3.3
	Passport	1	1.7	1.7	5.0
	No Problem	57	95.0	95.0	100.0
	Total	60	100.0	100.0	

The above table shows that most of the transgender people have no problem to access documents. Few of them had challenges in accessing them which include Aadhar card, driver's license and passport at 1.7%.

Faced any Marriage & Adoption Problems

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Marriage Problem	1	1.7	1.7	1.7
	Adoption Problem	4	6.7	6.7	8.3
	Gender Problem	1	1.7	1.7	10.0
	Not sure	1	1.7	1.7	11.7
	None	53	88.3	88.3	100.0
	Total	60	100.0	100.0	

Most of the transgender did not face problems with marriage and adoption. Those who faced marriage problem, gender problem and not sure are at 1.7% .Those who faced adoption problem make up 6.7%

Mental Health Problems

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Suicide	10	16.7	16.7	16.7
	Stress	4	6.7	6.7	23.3
Worry		1	1.7	1.7	25.0
Depression		2	3.3	3.3	28.3
Loneliness		2	3.3	3.3	31.7
Tension/Angry		1	1.7	1.7	33.3
None		40	66.7	66.7	100.0
Total		60	100.0	100.0	

The above table shows that most of the transgender people did not suffer from mental health problems. 16.7% of Trans thought about committing suicide in their life time. About 6.7% have felt stress. Depression and loneliness has the same percentage at 3.3% and 1.7% experienced tension/angry.

All the transgender have common problems. These problems include social problems, Psychological problems, marketing problems, bureaucratic problems, knowledge problems gender and other issues problems, financial constraint issues and entrepreneurship problems. To be specific the problems the researcher found out while doing dissertation work include bullying, family problems, money, poverty, marriage and adoption issues, the manhood very small for one transgender, beard coming out so it's to cover the face.

CONCLUSION

The transgender community is large across India. It started long time ago. Over the years transgender are facing a lot of challenges in the society. They should be treated with respect. The findings of this study show that the transgender people are facing a lot of challenges which include social problems, psychological problems, marketing problems, bureaucratic problems, knowledge problems, gender and other issues, financial constraints problems and entrepreneurship problems. The researcher has used social work intervention methods on how to deal with the challenges the transgender are facing.

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