

# Social Acceptance of Homosexuality

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# Introduction

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LGBT ( Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender ).Indian supreme court scrapped section 377 of Indian penal code recently on 6th of September 2018 which was earlier a criminal offense to have private consensual sex between two adults of the same sex. Even though it got legalized now, still people are reluctant to talk about it, people are not open about their sexual orientation, people live in fear, people are also not treated well when the society comes to know their sexual orientation. The reason behind all of this is that society has not completely accepted them. The society should understand that homosexual people also want to be loved. They also dream of having a life partner and kids. The society should understand Love sees no gender, it just happens. The love between 2 men or 2 women is as equal as love between one man and one woman.

# Research

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## Primary Research

Interviews

## Secondary Research

1. Articles

2. News

3. Films

4. Research paper

# Analysis

1. They secretly date
2. They find difficulties to find a right partner.
3. They end up by one night stand.
4. Even if they want a friend like them, they can't a friend for themselves
5. They openly can't have any small intimacy between themselves.
6. Even if they find a partner, one of them wouldn't like to take it further.
7. They depend on online dating sites to find a partner.
8. They can't dress the way they want if they are going for a date.
9. Distance is the problem, even they find someone.

# Insights

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## **The suffering of homosexual people in rural area is almost similar to Urban.**

—While going through the coming out stories from a few Rural residents, I figured many common things between them and Urban LGBT people. The List follows below :

1. They are forced for marriage.
2. They grew up with a lot of internal confusions as a kid
3. They were mistreated in schools and public places if people come to know about their sexuality.
4. They go through depressions and anxieties
5. If they forcefully got married, they regret not telling their families about their sexual orientation
6. In case the person doesn't know about their sexuality and gets married then they go through marital rapes and tends to have marital affairs as well.
7. They seek LGBT friendly workplace.
8. They find difficulties to find a partner for themselves
9. People are not scared of the law, they are more scared of society.
10. They live with the physiological burden

# Homosexuality is Not a Western culture

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## 2. Homosexuality has been mentioned in Indian Mythology

LGBT Themes Indian Mythology

-In the Valmiki Ramayana, Hanuman is said to have seen Rakshasa women kissing and embracing those women who have been kissed and embraced by Ravana.

- In the Padma Purana is the story of a king who dies before he can give his two queens the magic potion that will make them pregnant. Desperate to bear his child, the widows drink the potion, make love to each other (one behaving as a man, the other as a woman) and conceive a child.

-In the Mahabharata, Drupada raises his daughter Shikhandini as a man and even gets 'him' a wife. When the wife discovers the truth on the wedding night, all hell breaks loose; her father threatens to destroy Drupada's kingdom.

### **3. Homosexuality is called as abnormal and disease by Indian society as well as by the political leaders.**

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Disease, dangerous and curable are the keywords what public figures think of homosexuality. Our PM of India himself says Homosexuality can be curable. Yoga guru Ramdev baba invites homosexuals to his ashram and he also guarantees that he can cure a homosexual person into heterosexual.

**Yogi Adityanath**, Now the chief minister of Uttar Pradesh.

**In December 2013**, When he was a member of parliaments of BJP he said

**“Homosexuality is dangerous to social morality. If social norms and boundaries are done away with, then there is not much difference between man and animal...**

**I feel that to associate this kind of cheap sophistry with religious texts is gross immorality... There should be no social sanction if someone wants to do at a traffic junction what one does at home. It shouldn't receive any constitutional status either.”**

## **Ghulam Nabi Azad, leader of the opposition in the Rajya Sabha**

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In July 2011, when he was union minister of health and family welfare, Azad, a Congress party member, was speaking at a convention on HIV/AIDS. There he said:

“Unfortunately, this disease has come to the world and to our country where a man has sex with another man. This is completely unnatural and should not happen, but it’s happening. In our country, too, the number of men having sex with men is high...

The disease of men having sex with men (MSM) is unnatural and not good for India. We are not able to identify where it is happening as it is less reported... It is a challenge because in cases of female sex workers we can identify the community and reach out to them. But in case of MSM, it is becoming difficult.”

# Consequences of coming out

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A homosexual person can never think of telling about their sexual orientation to their parents because nobody knows what consequences they have to go through, they might be disowned by their parents, They might be taken to a mental hospital and treated like a mentally ill person or they might get raped by their own family members in a hope that if they sleep with their opposite gender they might get straight and start liking the opposite sex or maybe something worse than this. It is more difficult to be born as a gay woman because in these cases, Parents pressurize to get married once they reach by the age of 22 or 25. Some get marry, suffer the consequences and some don't marry still suffer the consequences. There are less number of Indian parents who accept their child's sexual orientation, if it deviates from what they think is 'normal'

**Case No – 35:** Ms Bani (name changed) is a lesbian and working as an Officer in a government organization at Kolkata. The moment she expressed her true sexual identity her parents pressurized her to start a heterosexual relationship with a man and when she firmly denied that then they forced her to marry an unemployed gay and their excuse was if she does not get married at the right age then her younger siblings would face difficulty in their marriage and presently her parents do not even raise the issue of her sexual orientation.

**Case No – 64:** Ms Anita (name changed) is a lesbian and working in a private organization at Chennai. Her parents caught her with her previous partner in a compromising position and that's how they came to know about her true sexual orientation. Following that incident her family members convinced a neighbor who happened to be her childhood friend to rape Anita and for them it is the most useful way of 'reversing' her sexual orientation back to 'normal' heterosexuality. After that incident she left her house and presently living all alone at a rented apartment and she has no contact with her family members.

most LGBT people are acceptable to family only if they agree to behave like heterosexuals.

Prince Manvendra Singh Gohil, whose story of coming out has been well-documented in the media over the past several years, now heads several initiatives to help LGBT people, including the Lakshya Trust that works for HIV/Aids prevention in the LGBT community. He says LGBT people must not get carried away by what they see in the media.

“It was for no small reason that I was in the closet for 41 years,” he says. “I know of someone who got a sudden rush of inspiration from a TV programme and decided to come out to his family. It didn’t work. He lost his home, his job, everything. I always tell people to be fully aware of their own reality. Be financially prepared. Detach a bit from your family both emotionally and financially before you plan to take this step.”

# Concepts

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**1.A world where homosexuality is normal and being straight is not normal. So A Parents ( 2 men ) they send their son to go out with a guy they have chosen for him. They spend a good time with each other but their son requests that guy to reject him for marriage because he is straight.**

2. There is one guy and one girl who are best friends from their childhood and their parents decides to get them to marry but the girl refuses to marry him because she would be knowing that her best friend is gay.

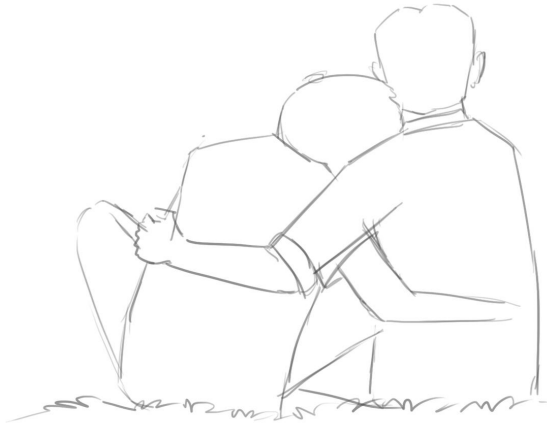
3. men spend their holidays together but after the holidays they go back to their lives where they are married to women.

4. A parent admits his son in a hospital in hope that he will turn heterosexual from being homosexual. He is treated badly in the hospital but one of doctor falls in love with him also helps him to run away from the hospital.



# Inspirational Sketches

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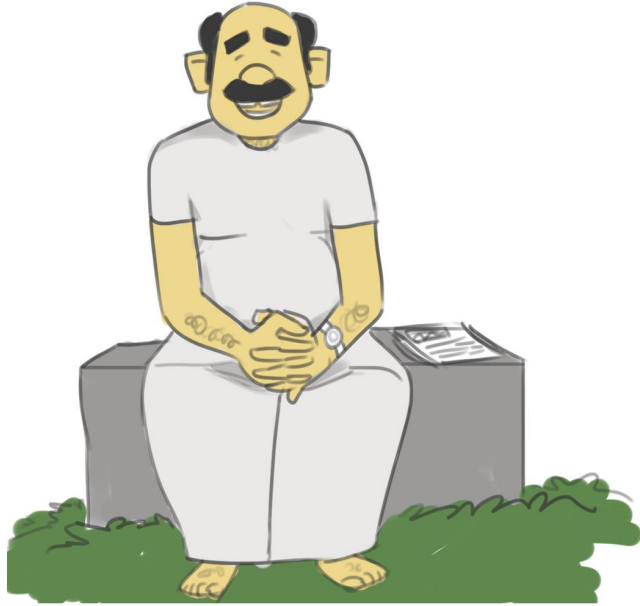
# Concept of the story

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- The idea of the story is to put Heterosexuals community in the shoes of homosexual community.
- The central aim of the project is to tell the audience is that the homosexuality is as normal as heterosexuality and it should be accepted by the parents of society and the society itself.

# Characters

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# Backgrounds

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