



GENDER ACCEPTANCE ACROSS HUMAN ERA – A CHRONOLOGICAL VIEW

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ABSTRACT

This article examines and investigates the history of gender identities in Eastern and Western cultures especially focusing on the Indian culture by critically analyzing the prevalence and normalization of the LGBTQIA+ community throughout the human era. The purpose of this article is to provide base for the upcoming generation about the history of LGBTQIA+ community and their prevalence at those times with the mindset of decriminalizing the discrimination, disparities and stigma in order to promote the well being of the community. The synthesis of current research will be helpful to normalize and generalize the gender identities by critically evaluating the historical background. The finding shows that homosexuality was prevailing from the ancient times. The different cultures supported the LGBTQIA+ community by treating them with equal rights and privilege. The biological reasons which were responsible for the change in gender were already stated in the literature texts of the ancient Indian works. The Greek and Roman civilization expressed homosexuality through paintings, poems and art forms. The ancient Indian text Kamasutra written by Vatsyayava dedicates a complete chapter on erotic sexual behavior. They were given social roles for the upliftment of the society. They played roles as educators, promulgators, warriors in ancient times. The study purpose is to provide critically evaluated authentic historical evidence of all the cultures by not narrowing down, in order to establish an overall demographic realization of the LGBTQIA+ community people were prevailing in all the cultures.

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