

Queer and Transgender Activism in North East India: Examining Evolving Trends and Patterns from Assam

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Abstract

Global queer activism has led to increased visibility, the establishment of safe spaces, and the acceptance of issues such as same-sex marriage and marriage equality, as well as progressive attitudes towards gender diversity and inclusivity, exemplified by the Stonewall case in the USA and the NALSA judgement in India. This article provides a concise historical overview of Queer activism in India. It highlights the trends and patterns visible in queer activism in the overlooked region of North East India, with a focus on Assam. It aims to illuminate the most urgent difficulties faced by Queer persons, especially transgender persons in Assam and address their concerns. This article employs a study design that is both descriptive and analytical, utilizing primary materials like field notes obtained through purposive sampling, together with secondary sources including books, journals, and newspapers.

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