



Sociological Study: Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Socio-Economic Life of Third Gender

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Abstract: *The study examines the impact of COVID-19 on socio-economic condition of Third gender in Patna. The researchers have used the techniques of interview-schedule and observation. The sample size consisted of 50 third genders. The study explores the sufferings of third gender people during this pandemic. The study of this research aims to create awareness among general people that how adversely and positively the third gender community got affected during this lockdown. It also makes people understand that third gender community is also the part of this society and they should also get all beneficiaries that is being provided to general public during this pandemic. Many*

transgender earn their wages basically from traditional activities such as performing at baby showers and weddings; begging and engaging in sex works. But during this sudden lockdown they are unable to sustain their livelihood. This paper aims at investigating the different variables such as government initiatives, stereotypical attitude, etc., affecting the lives of third gender during this pandemic.

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Introduction:

“Hon’ble Justice K.S Radhakrishnan of Supreme Court of India has said, “Recognition of transgenders as a third gender is not a social or medical issue but a human rights issue.”[ref. 12]

Thirdgender community includes hijras, eunuchs, kothis, shiv shaktis , etc. the Foundation work of Hindu law, the Manu smriti (200 B.C. – 200 A.D.) explains the biological origin of the three sexes. “A male child is produced by a gender quantity of male seed, a female child by the prevalence of the female , if both are equal, a third sex child or boy and girl twins are produced.” In Indian language the third genders are known as “Hijra” which is derived from the Persian word “Hiz” which means the one who is effeminate or incompetent.