



## Decriminalization of Homosexuality – Road ahead for LGBTQ community of India

### Description

#### Theme :-

- On 6th September, 2018, Supreme court gave judgement on section 377, which decriminalized homosexuality in India.

#### Things to cheer for :-

- India joined 25 other nations in decriminalizing homosexuality. And hence India is a step closer to becoming equal and inclusive society.
- As per surveys, acceptance of same-sex relationships is increased in India.

#### Present challenges for LGBTQ community in India :-

- Though homosexuality is decriminalized, same-sex marriages are not yet legal in India. As long as the same-sex marriages get legal status, LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer) community will face legal issues in adopting children and passing properties to their adopted children as inheritance etc. And most importantly, legal status for the same-sex marriages will bring the feeling that all couples are equal.
- Though more and more people are understanding and accepting people who have different sexual orientation from majority, still they often face social stigma and abuse.
- Religious extremist groups are against to the same-sex marriages, and often causes trouble for the LGBTQ community. Many of these religious extremists are not aware of the fact that homophobia ( prejudice against homosexual people ) came to India with Britishers and wasn't there in India before. Section 377, which criminalizes homosexuality was introduced in India under British rule.

### **Conclusion :-**

It's a victory for everyone that India has finally decriminalized homosexuality. But we have a long way to go in achieving equal rights and complete acceptance for the LGBTQ community in India.

### **Your Turn...**

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