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SRTMUN Transgender Policy Document



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The policy document is for circulation and necessary action

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1.0 Preamble:

The Ministry of Social Justice and Welfare, Government of India introduced The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019 in Lok Sabha on July 19, 2019. The Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Mr. Thaawarchand Gehlot placed the bill and it was passed on August 05, 2019.

In line with the government's policy on social inclusion, it is felt most appropriate to deal with the issues of the transgender community especially for drawing them in higher education. The university feels drawing the transgender community into the main flow is possible only by educating them and encouraging them to pursue higher education. Though it might take time and efforts for convincing and attracting them, it is surely going to pave the path for a better future for them.

Definition of a transgender person: The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019 defines a transgender person as one whose gender does not match the gender assigned at birth. It includes trans-men and trans-women, persons with intersex variations, gender-queers, and persons with socio-cultural identities, such as kinnar and hijra. Intersex variations is defined to mean a person who at birth shows variation in his or her primary sexual characteristics, external genitalia, chromosomes, or hormones from the normative standard of male or female body.

Prohibition against discrimination: The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019 prohibits the discrimination against a transgender person, including denial of service or unfair treatment in relation to: (i) education; (ii) employment; (iii) healthcare; (iv) access to, or enjoyment of goods, facilities, opportunities available to the public; (v) right to movement; (vi) right to reside, rent, or otherwise occupy property; (vii) opportunity to hold public or private office; and (viii) access to a government or private establishment in whose care or custody a transgender person is.

2. Initiatives of the university:

The university proposes to undertake sensitization related to the problems faced by the transgender community and the remedies for its redressal. It is also proposed to provide vocational training leading to self-employment, and promote their participation in cultural activities and overall participation of transgender persons in society. The university will waive tuition and other fee for transgender students so as to motivate them to take up higher studies. The university shall provide inclusive education, sports and recreational facilities for transgender persons, without discrimination.

3.0 Certificate of identity for a transgender person: A transgender person will be required to submit a certificate of identity, indicating the gender as ‘transgender’ duly endorsed by the District Magistrate.

4.0 Health care: The University will provide health facilities to transgender persons including separate HIV surveillance and provide comprehensive medical insurance schemes for them.
