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LGBT Activism in India



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Purpose of Blog

- ▶ Today, homosexuality and queer identities may be acceptable to more Indian youths than ever before, but within the boundaries of family, home and school, acceptance of their sexuality and freedom to openly express their gender choices still remain a constant struggle for LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) people.
- ▶ Far away from gay pride parades, meet-ups and heated discussions on Twitter, families in rural India have their own ways of dealing with LGBT individuals. In some parts, secret honor killings are planned so that the only way for a young gay man to survive is to run away in the cover of the night to some city, with no money or social support.

- Everyday is a new struggle story for the people of the LGBTQ+ community. What we can do as allies is take the responsibility of creating awareness in the society about the rights of these people. We cannot share their struggles with them, we can extend our support to them, make them feel accepted and stand with them as they fight for their rights.

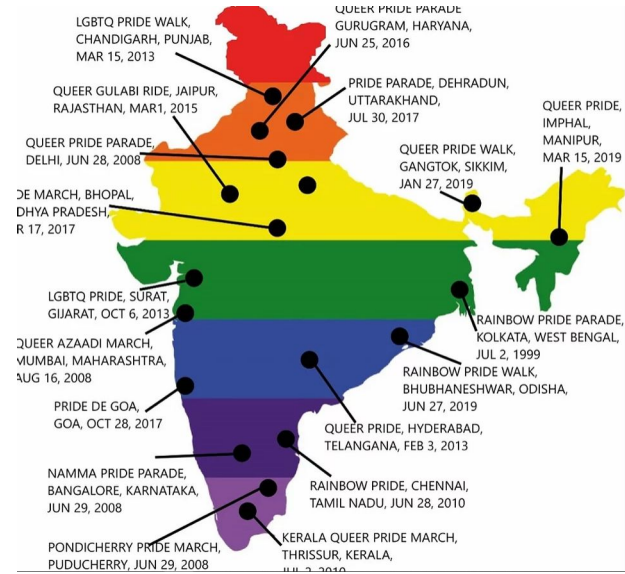
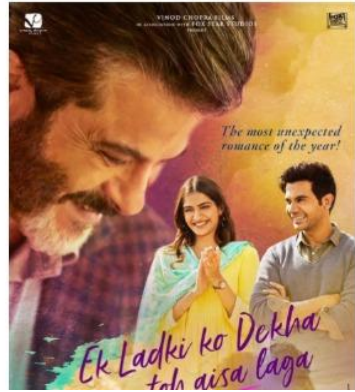
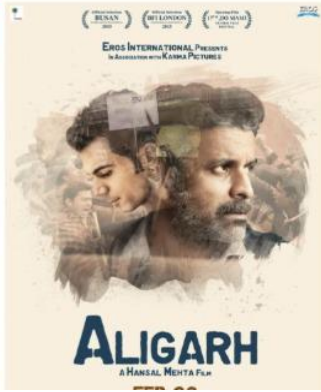
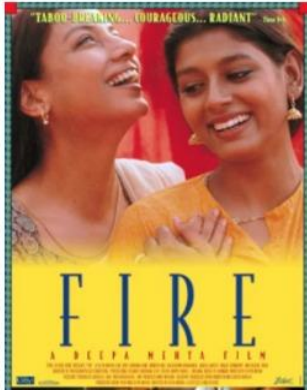


Glimpses of our Blog



ROLE OF BOLLYWOOD

Bollywood has long influenced Indian society and culture as the biggest entertainment industry; many of the country's musical, dancing, wedding and fashion trends are Bollywood-inspired. However, speculation remains about whether the judgment would indeed bring any desired changes in society. While most of India's leading politicians, actors, and public figures accepted and applauded the judgement, BJP, the ruling party of India and its affiliated organizations openly opposed it after maintaining silence for two days. However, the LGBTQ community is not dialing down their celebration despite the opposition. They are preparing themselves for the larger struggle ahead since the road to complete acceptance and living with dignity is long and byzantine.



HISTORY OF THE MOVEMENT IN INDIA

IN INDIA, THE FIRST PRIDE PARADE WAS HELD IN KOLKATA ON 2ND JULY 1999, CALLED THE KOLKATA RAINBOW PRIDE WALK.

The legal tug of war mentioned by Banerjee can be traced back to the early 1990s. In the post-independence era, the LGBTQ community has faced numerous setbacks in their struggle to have the same rights as heterosexual couples. India's film industry, Bollywood, which has historically shown queer people for comic relief, released the first mainstream movie this year in which the lead actress was lesbian. Another mainstream movie is in production about a gay romance.

Let's Chat!
We'll reply as soon as we can.



ASHOK ROW KAVI

A Journalist and one of the most prominent LGBT rights activists in India, Kavi is the founder and chairperson of the Humsafar Trust and has been one of the first people to openly talk about homosexuality and gay rights in the country.

In 1990, he founded Bombay Dost, India's first gay magazine. His organisation continues to mobilise legal emancipation of homosexuality in India, besides running several intervention programmes for HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections in Mumbai and Goa.

GAURI SAWANT

Gauri Sawant, a transgender activist who was born as Ganesh but emerged victorious against a society that wasn't all too tolerant towards transgenders. From opting to standing for her identity to adopting a young girl whose mother had passed away, Gauri is an example of an individual who chose to live life according to her wishes.



LAXMI NARAYAN TRIPATHI

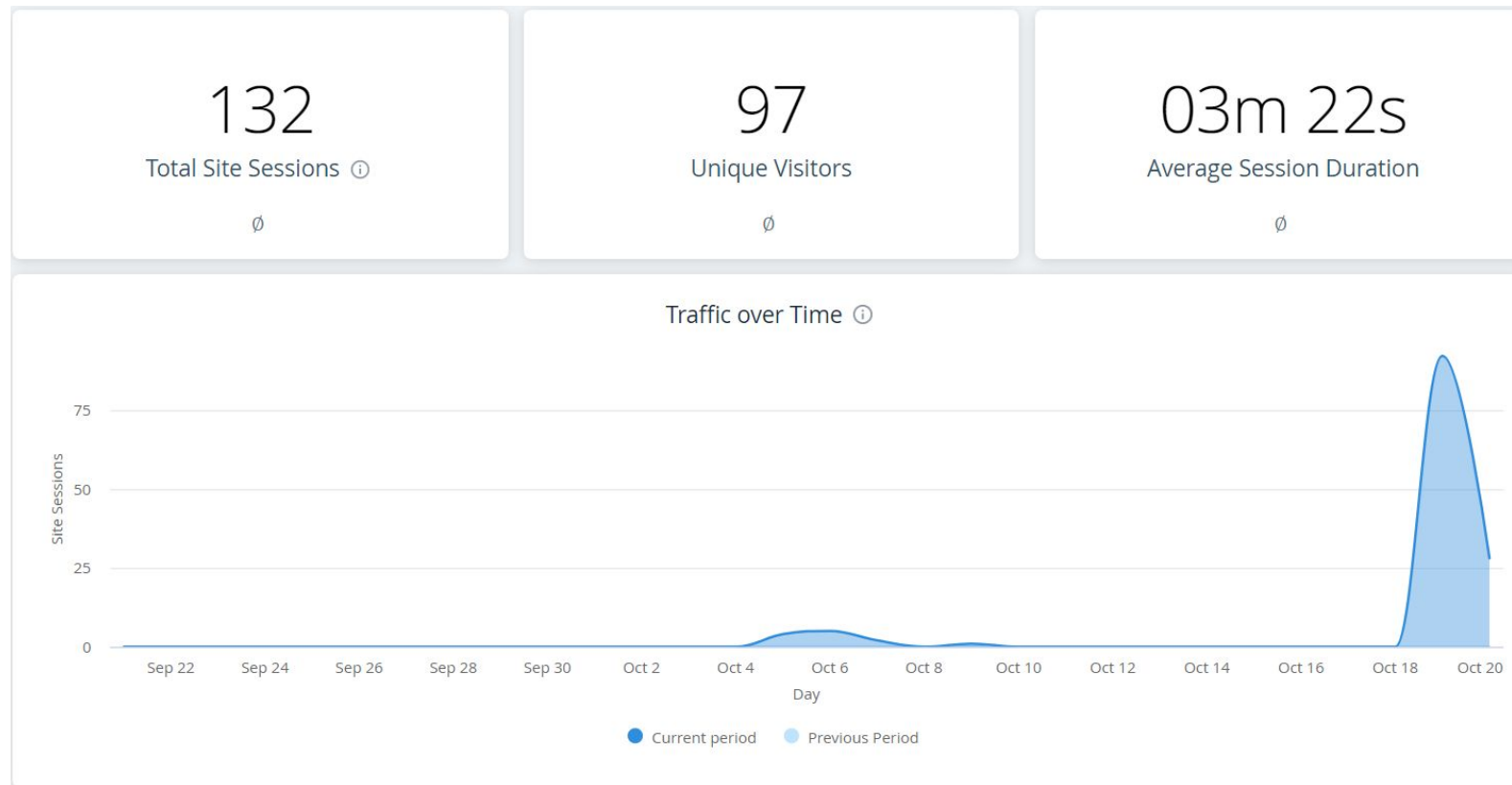
Laxmi Narayan Tripathi (known as Laxmi, sometimes transliterated as Lakshmi) is a transgender rights activist and Bharatanatyam dancer in Mumbai, India. Laxmi has served on the boards of several NGOs which conduct LGBT activist work. In 2002 she became president of the NGO DAI Welfare Society, the first registered and working organization for eunuchs in South Asia. In 2007 she started her own organization, Astitva. This organization works to promote the welfare of sexual minorities.

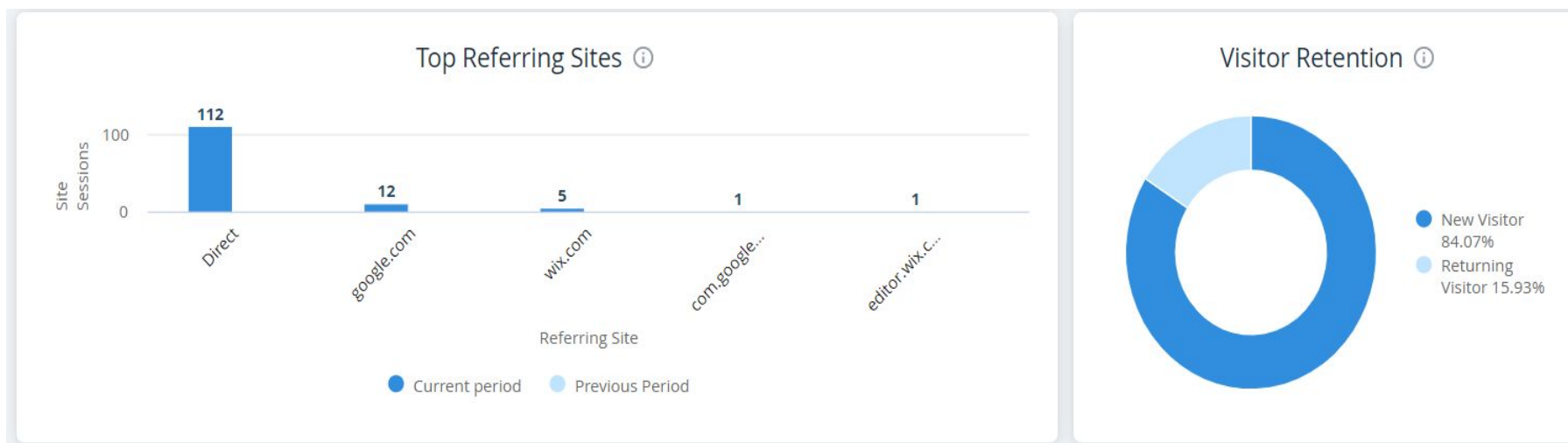


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