What are the social, legal, and psychological considerations that should be taken into account when deliberating the adoption rights of LGBTQ+ individuals or couples, and how can policies be shaped to ensure that any decision made is in the best interests of the children involved?

LGBTQ+ individuals or not, everyone is a human. There are a certain set of rights that are considered as human rights. These are basic to every human irrespective of their caste, race, sex, etc. but even today, in a lot of societies, irrespective of the progress made, LGBTQ+ people are still casted out and their identity is treated as some mental issue, a disease. The LGBTQ+ terms are often used as an insult. So, when providing them adoption rights, all these issues will have a significant weight as a child is clearly involved. While they should be definitely given adoption rights, its necessary to address these issues first as not just the parent, but the child’s mental health is also on line. Legally, its essential for the adoption rights to be laid out in a clear manner without any loophole and should be enforced properly. But before that, its necessary to make the community socially acceptable by everyone. We need to educate the society more and help people see the community as more than just a ‘taboo’. But irrespective of what we do, some sort of friction and resistance from a few people are inevitable. So, it’s also important that we, as a society, are approachable to these LGBTQ+ individuals so that they can better voice out their concerns. Because unless and until a parent is mentally sound and healthy, parenting a child is very hard and would affect the kid as well. And risking the child’s mental health isn’t really a wise option. As much as it’s an individual’s right to a child, every child also has the right to a safe, secure and healthy home. So, it’s vital to address at least majority of the issues decently first before jumping into the conclusions.

So, while adopting rights for this community, its important to not just put out the solution but also treat the root cause of the problem. Even though it might seem like an ideal case scenario, it is really essential to actually tackle the issue if we want any actual improvement. Even if one person is being pushed into the state of mental harm all because of other people forcefully imposing their views and opinions on them; we, have failed them as the society. So while legal considerations would be clearly laying out the laws and enforcing them, social considerations would be educating the society more and helping them treat the community more than just a ‘taboo’. While as much as we educate the society, some sort of friction and resistance from a few people are inevitable. So, it’s also essential that we, as a society, are approachable to these LGBTQ+ individuals so that they can better voice out their concerns. These are the psychological considerations we need to take for their betterment.

Now if they are LGBTQ+ couples with children, the issue needs more care as the children shouldn’t be affected. If a certain person already has a same gender partner, and then conceives a child through various medical methods, then that wouldn’t be an issue as the child grows up with only those two parents from day 1. But if they are an opposite gender couple with a child and then one of them chooses to go their own way and have the same gender partner, then its very essential that the child and other parent have proper and easy access to each other. The child shouldn’t be stripped away from their mother/father at any cost.

As much as it seems like a complex issue, its worth fighting for it because when every individual feels safe and valued, the society as a whole becomes healthier.

With the sowing cycle for wheat beginning in late October, farmers in Punjab have very little time to prepare their fields. As a result, they typically set fire to the stubble and then clear the residue.  
This practice of stubble burning has increased every year, with there being a 63% increase since last year.  
This has led to excessive levels of air pollution in the neighbouring Delhi NCR region, with poor air quality affecting the daily lives of the general public.  
  
How would you tackle this problem as a farmer, with limited access to officials higher up?

Farmers usually resort to burning of straw stubble because they think that’s the easiest option available. Well, it may be true, in the shorter run, but it takes a really negative direction in the longer run. Not only does it cause air pollution, but the heat from burning also damages the soil. From killing the useful microorganisms in the soil to decreasing the levels of nitrogen and carbon in the soil. So, it’s really essential to come up with an alternate solution to stubble burning so that the damage is minimal. A quick option is to use them as a cattle feed. Since almost every farmer has some cattle, this is one of the cheapest ways. Also, these straw stubbles can be sold to cattle farms at a cheap rate. In that way, not only are we avoiding the burning, but we’re also earning something out of it. Another method is to use it as a compost manure. We can store these stubbles somewhere and use them as a manure as and when needed instead of the fertilizers. Yes, it might not be as quick as a fertilizer but with adequate planning, it can become the better option as its healthier for the soil in a longer run. We can also seek out for bio enzymes that help in the fast decomposing of these stubble.

Another option would be finding out some alternate crop varieties that leave less stubble, but this is comparatively on the harder side. But loans are easily available to everyone. Any farmer can seek for an agricultural loan and can buy a “Happy Seeder”. These special kinds of tractors are provided by the state government at a subsidized value and help with the easy and healthy dealing of stubbles. Though they seem like extra work compared to burning, they are beneficial over the years, not just to the environment, but to the farmers also.