



Transprejudice Among Youth: An Attempt towards Exploring Gender-Bashing and Transphobia

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Abstract : *With binary gender role norms, transgender individuals are gender minorities and subject to social stigma in our Indian culture. Given by Mark King, Sam Winter and Baverley Webester in 2009, the term “transprejudice” refers to valuing, stereotyping, and discriminatory treatment of individuals whose gender identity or gender expression differs from the conventional expectations from their physical sex. The present study focuses on transprejudice among the youth and attempts to explore gender-bashing and transphobia. Data was collected from two colleges of Patna comprising 100 youth (50 males and 50 females). The aim was to measure the levels of transprejudice present among the*

young students and examine their attitude towards the transgender people. Genderism and Transphobia Scale (GTS) developed by Hill and Willoughby (2005) was used for the purpose. The observations suggested that 96% of the selected students held moderate or high levels of transprejudice attitude while 4% among them showed low level of the same. There was significant gender difference in transprejudice among the youth of this sample. Significant positive correlation was found between transphobia and gender-bashing.

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Introduction :

'Transprejudice' is defined as negative valuing, stereotyping, and discriminatory treatment of individuals whose appearance and/or identity does not conform to the current social expectations or conventional conception of gender. Transprejudice is used with reference to transgender.

On the other hand, 'transgender' are the individuals whose gender identity is different from, or incongruent with, their sex. However, the term has more than one definition. The Oxford dictionary uses the term for persons whose sense of personal identity and gender does not correspond with the sex they are born with. Apparently, transgender is an umbrella expression for people who transgress society's view of gender as necessarily fixed, unmoving, and following from one's biological sex. Coined by John. F. Oliver of Columbia