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## A Study in the Life of “Hijras” in South Kolkata

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### Introduction

Gender identity is one of the most fundamental problems faced by people in all societies. Gender discrimination and gender determination are two aspects of this problem. Usually society recognizes one's gender by his/her birth. The gender difference is not created by human being, but the birth of male or female is formed through the biological structure. The term 'Transgender' refers to those who don't identify themselves completely with either of the dichotomous genders – male/female. *The American Psychological Association and World Professional Association for Transgender Health* define them as 'people whose gender identity or gender expression differs from that usually associated with their birth sex.' Many experience gender dysphoria, which they may seek to alleviate

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