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ABSTRACT

The contemporary times is full of new dimensions and perceptions and have women found a firm standing in these times? Perhaps, as the term gender, sexuality somehow revolves around only women. However, in contemporary times there is a more eclectic perception on gender and sexuality with women somewhere in the backdrop. The term gender has evolved from just two genders, it is now a much broader a more accepting term highlighting the different types of sexual orientations. These taboo orientations are received in an accepting way in the society in recent times. The LGBT Community is being received in a more humane way as they are always viewed as outcasts for their sexual orientation, sexuality has now become a term having a kaleidoscope of orientations. Women are still perplexed as to where they fit. In this kaleidoscope, as attitudes are changing, female gender is seemingly more acceptable. But this has not necessarily given her the fundamental right of being treated as equal. Rising cases of molestation, rape and murder of minor girl children and young women by their livein partners have challenged anthropological imagination. We place some of these burning issues on the table to be discussed by participants and paper presenters.

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