Position statement on Homosexuality

In the opinion of the Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS) homosexuality is not a psychiatric disorder.

This is in line with the position of American Psychiatric Association and The International Classification of Diseases of the World health Organization which removed homosexuality from the list of psychiatric disorders in 1973 and 1992 respectively.

The I.P.S recognizes same sex sexuality as a normal variant of human sexuality much like heterosexuality and bisexuality. There is no scientific evidence that sexual orientation can be altered by any treatment and that any such attempts may in fact lead to low self-esteem and stigmatization of the person.

The Indian Psychiatric Society further supports de-criminalization of homosexual behavior.

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