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## TV9's homophobic story: Gay culture rampant in Hyderabad

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## **English translation:**

The Female Reporter starts "A boy trying to pursue Girls is Common but Boys pursuing Boys has become a Fashion. Gay Culture in Hyderabad is increasing drastically. All the gay men in Hyderabad go to clubs or pubs once every week or ten days to celebrate. They Drink and Dance with whomever they want."

After having shown footage of a club she continues "This is 3 star pub in Secunderabad where software employees, rich kids and students party on weekends but there is a specialty to this party, the people you see in the video drunk dancing are Gay. Having got to know about the Gay Parties the TV 9 team went to investigate and found the truth. Meeting, drinking and partying like this on weekends has become a ritual to the gay men in this city."

"Taking private party permission as an excuse all the gay men unite and party. It might sound astonishing to hear but this is the reality. There are also very popular websites for gay men on the internet. Planetromeo.com is the most famous website amongst others. The numbers of users from Andhra Pradesh in this site are 6,500 out of which 4,604 are from Hyderabad alone. They login, message, chat, meet and celebrate using this site. Any given time, there are about 200 users online on the site from the city. Software Employees and students are most users who fall prey to this GAY CULTURE."

"Sexy pictures, fashionable clothes, thrilling behavior and being able to communicate properly are the weapons used by a gay man to attract another gay Man. The picture that you see is of Person (D) who happens to be a software engineer who has taken sexy pictures of himself and uploaded on the site to attract other gay men."

The change the Picture and the reporter goes, "The guy in this picture is Person(R) who is a

student at JNTU University and lives in the dormitory. TV9 has "trapped" Person(R) after having seen the pictures and contact information that he uploaded on the profile."

The Phone Conversation between Person(R) and the "Investigator"

Investigator: Hello Person®: Who is this?

Investigator: Is Person(R) there?

Person(R): Tell me I am Person(R) speaking Investigator: You gave me this no on Planet romeo Person(R):Ya, tell me who is this where r u from?

Investigator: I live in Banjara Hills Hyderabad where are u?

Person(R): I am currently out of station but I am coming back soon

Investigator: When exactly are you coming back?

Person(R):I am coming back on Monday or Tuesday. Tuesday morning hopefully

Investigator: What are your stats?

Person(R):5.6 ht and 68 wt

Investigator: is it 5.8

Person(R):5.6 your height?

Investigator: I am 5.9, 5 feet 9 inches What are you? Are you a top or a Bottom

Person(R): I am a top Investigator: so you are a top, what do you like?

Person(R): Foreplay and getting sucked. Where do u stay?

Investigator: I currently live in Banjara Hills

Person(R):Would you have place?

Investigator: ahhhhh

Person(R): Would you have place?

Investigator: I will call you when I have the place, Monday or Tuesday. I will only call you when I

have a place. What do you do?

Person(R): I got to JNTu

Investigator: Jntu? What do you do in JNTu?

Person(R): I study Mtech

Investigator: I can't hear you properly can you be louder

Person(R): I am studying Mtech

They display another picture. "The person in this picture is Person(S) who is a Software employee in a well known firm, good salary, lives in Miyapur and loves to go to Gay Parties.

Phone Conversation with Person(S) begins.

Person(S): Hello Who is this? Reporter: Is Person(S) there?

Person(S): who is on the other side? Reporter: This is Prashant speaking

Person(S): Prashanth?

Reporter: You gave me your number in PR

Person(S): oh.. ok Tell me

Reporter: Can you be a bit louder I cant hear you

Person(R): Tell me..

Reporter: Where are you Person(S)?
Person(S): I am at Home currently, tell me

Reporter: Do you have a place now?

Person(S): Yes but my friends are there as of now

Reporter: Are your friends there?

Person(S): Yes they will be here in an hour Reporter: Ok What is your Age Person(S)?

Person(S): I am 27

Reporter: 27 oh.. What do you like? Person(S):I am a versatile and you? Reporter: Even I am also a versatile yaar

Person(S): ok ok Good to know

Reporter: What else do you like? What do you like on bed?

Person(S): I am telling you naa, I am a versatile, what do you like?

Reporter: ok ok

Phone Conversation ends. The Female Reporter starts talking "A lot of employees in higher positions, white collared workers, highly qualified students are becoming slaves to lifestyle which is against nature. Taking this as an advantage some people are blackmailing them."

After showing a couple more pictures they stop at a picture. "The man in the pic is Person(F), lives in Mehdipatnam, works at a software firm. To tell the truth, this is a part time job for him. His actual "dhanda" is blackmailing. Talking to new people, getting sexual pleasures from them and then black mailing them by taking pictures and videos of them and snatching money from the same people for those pics and videos is Person(F)'s Job. While some do it for new pleasures, some get spoilt by friends, others do it for the craving of money, the remaining are vowed by the lust. Some of them have changed it into a business by capturing teenagers mind and get them into this hell. Getting them into this Anti-Social lifestyle. In the city, A lot of clubs give permission to organize gay parties without letting the rest of the world know."

**Note:** The translation of the video By TV 9 posted by Press on Movenpick mailing list "A friend of mine (Ram Abhireddy from bangalore) was kind enough to translate TV9's Telugu story to english." - Press.