Term paper abstract

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**ELECTORAL PARTICIPSTION OF TRANSGENDER VOTERS**; *What the act says and what actually happens!*

Drawing on the politics of recognition, representation and participation, what I am trying to do in this paper is a preliminary exploratory research on understanding the negotiations that transgender people have to go through in attaining electoral participation. I'll examine how the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act of 2019, on paper, facilitates this process and that for transgender people to change their name, sex, and identity on their voter's identification card to that of their transgender identity and how it contrasts with the actual lived reality. I'll go into the Act's provisions on transgender citizens' identification, engaging with the narrative of transgender activists concentrating on Kerala, which claims to be most progressive in transgender rights and mainstream visibility, on the practicality of accessing the Act and the identity dilemma arising from what the act is saying vs. what is happening.