**1870**
Anti-sodomy law imposed on entire British Empire including India

**1978**

**1985**
- First case of HIV reported in India, in Chennai

**1986**
- **Jan**
  - First issue of *Trikon* newsletter, editors Arvind Kumar & Suvir
- **Feb**
  - Ashok Row Kavi discusses his homosexuality in Savvy magazine
- **Apr**
  - Hijra conference in Bhopal, India
- **Jun**
  - Trikone marches in San Francisco pride parade for the first time ever
- **Nov**
  - Trikone Los Angeles (later Satrang) formed
- **Dec**
  - Trikone Chicago (later Sangat) formed

**1987**
- **Jun**
  - Urvashi Vaid becomes Executive Director of NLGTF
  - *Khush* organized Salaam Toronto! Festival
  - *Society* magazine in India carries story about Trikone
- **Jul**
  - *Khush* formed in Toronto
  - Trikone becomes incorporated as Trikone
- **Aug**
  - First case of HIV reported in India, in Chennai
- **Sep**
  - Trikone, Khush & Urvashi Vaid make the *Illustrated Weekly* of India
- **Oct**
  - First Shakti Bhangra disco in London

**1988**
- **Jun**
  - Shakti formed in London
- **Sep**
  - Trikone, Khush & Urvashi Vaid make the *Illustrated Weekly* of India

**1989**
- **Oct**
  - First Shakti Bhangra disco in London

**1990**
- **Jun**
  - *Khush* becomes incorporated as Trikone
- **Oct**
  - Naz Project formed in London
- **Nov**
  - ABVA publishes *Less than Gay*, the first citizen’s report on homosexuality in India

**1991**
- **Feb**
  - South Asian Gay Association forms in New York
  - *Society* magazine in India carries story about Trikone
- **Jul**
  - Trikone Los Angeles (later Satrang) formed
  - Trikone Chicago (later Sangat) formed
- **Dec**
  - Fun Club starts in Calcutta to organize social gatherings

**1992**
- **Jan**
  - Companions on a Journey founded in Sri Lanka
- **Jan**
  - Activist Siddhartha Gautam passes away in New Delhi
- **Feb**
  - Udaan founded in Mumbai to work with MSM
- **Apr**
  - Atish Network formed in Vancouver
- **May**
  - Dominic D’Souza, AIDS activist, dies
- **Aug**
  - SALGA marches in New York’s India Day parade

**Books:**
- *Trying to Grow* by Prem Kalliat
- *Flesh and Paper* by Pratibha Parmar about Suniti Namjoshi

**Films:**
- *Khush* by Pratibha Parmar
- *Eunuchs, India’s Third Gender* by Michael Yorke for BBC
- *AbCONTACT* by Pratibha Parmar
- *AIDS in Asia* by Sue Wilmot
- *The World of Homosexuality* by Shakuntala Devi
- *My Beautiful Laundrette* directed by Steven Frears
- *The Conversations of Cow* by Suniti Namjoshi
- *Jareena: Portrait of a Hijra* by Prem Kalliat
- *Trying to Grow* by Firdaus Kanga
- *Invisible Minority – The Unknown World of the Indian Homosexual* by Arvind Kala
- *Khush Refugees* by Nidhi Singh
1993

- Trikone's website debuts, the first ever for a South Asian LGBT group

1994

- G.A.Y (Good as You) group formed in Bangalore
- Humsafar Trust registered in India

1995

- SAGrrls listserv launched
- Saathi forms in New Delhi with chapters in Hyderabad and Cuttack

1996

- Naz Foundation (India) Trust starts helplines: Sangini for women and Hamraz for men

1997

- Kali becomes first hijra to stand for elections in Bihar (Judicial Reforms Party)
- Stree Sangam organizes First National Gathering of Women who Love Women in Mumbai
- Trikone-Tejas formed in Texas and hosts first public event
### 1998

- **Jan**: Playwright Mahesh Dattani awarded Sahitya Akademi Award in India
- **Jan**: Campaign for Lesbian Rights launched in India partly as a response to the violent demonstrations against *Fire*

### 1999

- **Jan**: Poet Agha Shahid Ali succumbs to brain cancer
- **Nov**: Naz Foundation files petition in Delhi High Court challenging constitutional validity of Sec. 377

### 2000

- **May**: Al-Fatiha hosts first national conference for LGBT Muslims
- **Jul**: Trikone wins New California Media award
- **Aug**: Khamosh! Emergency Jari Hai / Lesbian Emergence published by Campaign for Lesbian Rights in India

### 2001

- **Jan**: First International Retreat of LGBT Muslims in Boston
- **Feb**: Campaign for Lesbian Rights launched in India
- **Aug**: Four activists of Naz Foundation International arrested in Lucknow
- **Sep**: First International Retreat of LGBT Muslims in Boston

### 2002

- **Jun**: Trikone organizes DesiQ2000 conference in San Francisco

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**FILMS:**

- *Fire* released in India and theaters are vandalized

**BOOKS:**

- GayBombay Internet group formed
- Khushnet.com (Nobody knows I met my boyfriend through Khushnet’s personals) launched

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**FILMS:**

- Bombay Boys
- On A Muggy Night in Mumbai

**BOOKS:**

- Neither Man nor Woman: The Hijras of India
  - by Serena Nanda

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**FILMS:**

- Same Sex Love in India
- – Readings from Literature and History

**BOOKS:**

- Ek Madhav Bang
- play by Chetan Datar

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**FILMS:**

- For Straights Only

**BOOKS:**

- Queering India
  - edited by Ruth Vanita
2002

Aug
Nepal’s Blue Diamond Society hosts Gaijatra Pride festival

Aug
Openly gay painter Bhupen Khakkar passes away

Oct
Larzish, 1st International Film Festival of Sexuality and Gender Plurality in Mumbai

Dec
Filmmaker Riyad Wadia passes away in Mumbai

May
Nepal hosts first drag beauty contest

Jun
Black and White, first GLBT AIDS charity event in Colombo

Jun
Rainbow Walk, gay Pride march in Kolkata

Aug
QFilmistan, the sequel, in San Francisco

Aug
Openly lesbian Kaashish Chopra wins Miss Congeniality at Miss India USA

2003

Mar
Police harassment of Sangama organization in Bangalore

Apr
Filmmaker Nishit Saran killed in car accident in New Delhi

Apr
Ashok Pillai, president of Indian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS, passes away

Sep
Lovers Geethalakshmi and Sumathi commit suicide in Tamilnadu

Oct
First ILGA summit in India organized by Humsafar Trust & Aanchal

Oct
Sahayatrika group set up in Thiruvanthapuram, Kerala to tackle increasing lesbian suicides

Dec
Fashion designer Wendell Rodricks marries partner Jerome in Goa

FILMS:

Flying With One Wing
a film by Ashok Handagama about a woman who lives as a man released in Sri Lanka

BOOKS:

Ode to Lata
a novel by Ghalib Shiraz Dhalla

Mango Souffle
directed by Mahesh Dattani

Galabi Aina
film version of Maggy Night

Kaashish
by Sangini

2004

Jan
Blue Diamond Society in Nepal launches weekly newspaper

Jan
Blue Diamond Society, Nepal wins 2004 Utopia Award

Mar
Ismail Merchant passes away

Jul
First Sri Lankan Pride Celebration in Colombo

Jul
Pegasus, gay music video by Bangla band Cactus, airs on TV

Aug
Protesters march in Mumbai against Sec. 377

Oct
Purported “first” same-sex marriage in Pakistan between Liaqat Ali and Markeen in Khyber region

FILMS:

Because I Have a Voice – Queer Politics in India
edited by Arvind Narain and Gautam Bhan

Impossible Desires – Queer Diasporas and South Asian Public Cultures
by Gayatri Gopinath

My Brother Nikhil
by Onir

Shalman Mousi
by Yogesh Bhardwaj

Love’s Rite – Same-Sex Marriage in India and the West
by Ruth Vanita

2005

May
Mula & Vega sue Washington state for the right to marry

Apr
Humsafar opens first Indian gay & lesbian drop-in center in Mumbai

Apr
Rosanna Flamer-Caldera re-elected as Co-Secretary General of the International Lesbian and Gay Association

Jun
Equal Ground, an LGBTIQ organization, forms in Sri Lanka

Aug
Theaters vandalized in India over screening of Girlfriends

Aug
Hiyra activist Faima dies in Bangalore

Aug
Pushkin Chandra and Kuldeep, gay men, killed in Delhi

Aug
39 gays arrested in Nepal on grounds of “disturbing society”

Sep
Delhi High Court dismisses Naz India’s public interest litigation petition seeking repeal of Sec.377

FILMS:

The Journey by Ligy Pullapally

Touch of Pink by Ian Iqbal Rashid

Yours Emotionally by Sridhar Rangayan

The Bath by Sachin Kendalkar

Happy Hookers by Ashish Sawhney

BOOKS:

Madeson Rainy Days by Samina Ali

Red Threads: The South Asian Queer Connection in Photographs
by Poulomi Desai and Parminder Sekhon

Swimming in the Monsoon Sea
by Shyam Selvadurai

Babji by Abha Dawesar

2006

Jan
Four men arrested in Lucknow for operating an Internet “gay racket” and “unnatural sex”

Jan
Rosanna Flamer-Caldera of Sri Lanka wins 2005 Utopia Award

Mar
Men Community Development Society for homosexuals formed in Chennai

Apr
NACO estimates 5.2 million people living in India with HIV/AIDS

Apr
The Dalai Lama expresses concern at violence against LGBT people and urges human rights for all

May
Abha Dawesar’s Babji wins Stonewall Award