

Annexure - D  
**Table of Lesbian Suicides**  
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1	1980	Mallika and Lalidambika commit suicide in	Kerala	<b><u>For People Like Us</u></b> (New Dehli: AIDS Bhedebhav Virodhi Andolan, March 1999) p. 53.
2	January 13 <sup>th</sup> 1995	A tuition teacher and her student killed themselves. They were from Alleppy and had run away together, one month after the teacher's marriage. Their suicide note stated that they could never live apart.	Kerala	<b>June 28 - July 11, 1998 <u>Sameeksha</u>, January 14, 1995 <u>Mathrubhoomi</u>, and other local newspapers. See also April 1995, <u>Trikone</u>, "An analysis of a recent case of a lesbian double suicide in Kerala - the most literate and 'advanced' state in India."</b>
3	August 6 <sup>th</sup> 1996	Two girls from peasant families committed suicide by hanging on the island of Vypeen near Cochin. They committed suicide at the time when one of them had started receiving marriage proposals.	Kerala	<b>Appears in: June 28 - July 11, 1998 <u>Sameeksha</u>.</b>
4	29 <sup>th</sup> october 1996	Two college students killed themselves by jumping in front of a running train near Calicut after marriage was fixed for one of them.	Kerala	<b>Appears in: June 28 - July 11, 1998 <u>Sameeksha</u>.</b>
5	31 <sup>st</sup> december 1996	Girl committed suicide by consuming insecticide after attempting to murder her girl friend by slitting her throat. The girl friend, who had refused to attempt suicide with her companion, survived. The dead girl worked as a tapper in a rubber plantation near Kottayam	Kerala	<b>Appears in: June 28 - July 11, 1998 <u>Sameeksha</u>.</b>
6	1 <sup>st</sup> april 1997	Three girls committed	Kerala	<b>Appears in: June</b>

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		<p>suicide by consuming poison, at Pandalam. Two of them were sisters and both of them, according to their letters, were in love with the third, who was a distant relative. All of them were from a lower middle class background. Suicide occurred at time of third girl's marriage proposals.</p>		<p>28 - July 11, 1998  <u>Sameeksha</u>, "Same-Sex (Female) Lovers Commit suicide: About the Suicides of Lesbians in Kerala in the Last Two years", by K. C. Sebastian. Feature reports four other incidents between 1995 -1997, listed below.</p>
7	March 12 <sup>th</sup> 1997	<p>Bindu (21) and Gita (22) of Cheruvayoor killed themselves, consuming poison. The former was a tailoring teacher and the latter, her student. Letters and interviews with relatives indicate they were having a relationship.</p>	Kerala	<p>Appears in: June 1-15, 1999  <u>Sameeksha</u>.</p>
	October 1998	<p>Mamata (19) and Mona Lisa (24) of Hulipur village had been in a relationship for five years. When Monalisa's father got transfer orders, the women entered into a legal life partnership. Four days later, they consumed poison. Monalisa died, Mamata survived and was charged for murder. The case was later quashed. An ABVA fact-finding team documented the incident but was not allowed to meet Mamata.</p>	Orissa	<p><u>For People Like Us</u> (New Dehli: AIDS Bhedebhav Virodhi Andolan, March 1999)</p>
8	26 <sup>th</sup> march 1999	<p>The bodies of two young women, Suja (20) and Sindhu (20), described as intimate friends", discovered on a railway track near Manjadi Kalithipadi, near Tiruvalla, along with an empty liquor bottle, a large and half empty bottle of Coca Cola, two steel glasses and a shawl. The girls had worked together in a shrimp factory in Gujarat, and returned to Kerala 8 months earlier when the</p>	Kerala	<p>Appears in: June 1-15, 1999  <u>Sameeksha</u>; March 27, 1999  Mathrubhoomi [Trichur Edition], p.10, "Young Women Run Over by Train".</p>

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		<p>factory closed down.</p> <p>Earlier in the week, Suja had left her home for Sindhu's family's house in Kottayam. The pair were supposed to be returning to Suja's house, at the insistence of her relatives.</p>		
9	8 <sup>th</sup> april 1999	<p>Sudha (20) and her female friend of Malappuram, described as inseparable, attempted suicide by consuming poison. Sudha died but her friend survived.</p> <p>They were students of Tailoring and Beautician course respectively.</p>	Kerala	<p><b>Appears in: June 1-15, 1999</b>  <b><u>Sameeksha</u></b>,  <b>"Lesbian Suicides Continue..."</b> by K.C. Sebastian.  <b><u>Sameeksha</u> feature reports two other incidents in March &amp; April 1999, listed below.</b></p>
10	18 <sup>th</sup> november 1999	<p>The body of Mini, a postgraduate student in Trichur, was found floating in the resevoir of the Mangalam dam near her house, with suicide note. She had disappeared five days earlier with another girl from her hostel, with whom she'd been accused of having a lesbian relationship.</p> <p>They reappeared on November 17 at a friend's house in Trichur, apparently having returned from Chennai.</p> <p>Both girls were subsequently returned to their family houses.</p> <p>With two complaints lodged with the police, Mini was supposed to appear at police station the next day.</p> <p>After Mini's body was discovered, the girl friend was described as recovering from the trauma. A Dalit students group took up the case, initiated steps to constitute an action committee, demanding a judicial inquiry about the</p>	Kerala	<p><b>Appears in: January 1-15, 2000</b>  <b><u>Sameeksh a</u></b>, "<b><u>Who is Responsible for the Death of Kerala Varma College Student?</u></b>"</p>

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		<p>circumstances that lead to Mini's death.</p> <p>However, the committee sought to refute the accusation Mini was a lesbian, instead demanding legal action against the student's college principal for making a baseless accusation against a Dalit girl eventually forcing her to commit suicide.</p>		
11	3 <sup>rd</sup> january	<p>Bindu (21) and Rajni (22), two lower middle class undergraduate students from Cheranellur near Ernakulam, committed suicide by jumping into granite quarry. Their bodies were tied together with a dupatta. A few days before the incident the two girls had tried eloping together. Before killing themselves, both had written to their relatives that they were taking their lives after realizing the impossibility of ever being able to live together.</p>	Kerala	<p><b>Appears in:</b>  <b>January 1-15, 2000</b>  <u><b>Sameeksha</b></u>  <b>[Malayalam fortnightly]</b>  <b>"Homosexual Girls End Lives."</b></p>
12	25 <sup>th</sup> august 2001	<p>Two tribal girls, Ragini (15) and Manju (22) ended their lives because of the trauma of not being allowed to live together. Their bodies were found side by side on a rock near an irrigation canal close to Ragini's house in Moolamattom East [central Kerala] on Saturday morning. The pair had been living together for sometime and and unsuccessfully requested their families to allow them to marry. They also sought help from the police, and were receiving treatment from a psychiatrist before they</p>	Kerala	<p><b>Appears in :</b>  <b>August 26, 2001</b>  <u><b>Mathrubhoomi</b></u>  <b>"Girls Who Longed to Live Together End Their Lives," and August 26</b>  <u><b>Kerala Kaumadhy</b></u>  <b>"Unable to Live Together: Two Women Commit Suicide."</b></p>

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		ended their lives.		
	October 2002	Two young women consumed poison in the Satyamangalam forest. Their suicide notes spoke of guilt about their love for one another, saying they could neither live with nor without each other. They pleaded to be cremated on the same pyre.	Tamilnadu	<i>Dina Thanthi</i> (Bangalore Edition) October 4, 2002, p 10.
13	13 <sup>th</sup> november 2002	<p>Raji (19) and her cousin Sreeja (20) took poison together and ended their lives in Sultan Battery. The women, weakened after taking poison, were found in a coffee plantation near Raji's house. Both of them died on the way to the hospital. An empty poison bottle was found lying near where the girls were found. They mixed poison with coconut water and took it.</p> <p>Raji's marriage was fixed for the coming January; and Sreeja's match-making ceremony was fixed the day of their suicide. The previous night the two women slept together in Sreeja's house. They were found missing early the next morning around 3 o'clock, and discovered in the search in the coffee plantation. Sreeja worked in a biscuit company and Raji was a tailoring student. The family members say that Raji was not opposed to the marriage fixed for her.</p>	Kerala	<b>Appears in: Nov. 14, 2002 <u>Kerala Kaumadhy</u>, p.8 "Relatives Who Were Living Together as Friends Commit Suicide by Taking Poison," and other local newspapers, same date.</b>