Badhon Hijra Shongho, Shocheton Shilpi Shongho (SSS), Social Advancement Society are working for this community. Apart from these, there are some NGOs that work with this community although the main focus is on HIV/AIDS awareness. Bangladesh Association for Gays (BAG) was the first internet-based organization to support hijra, kothi, panthi and other sexual minorities.

In July 2009, the Supreme Court of Pakistan ruled that hijras should be registered by the government in an effort to integrate them into society and provide them with access to benefits for the poor such as the Benazir Income Support Programme. Hijras have been elected to high political positions in India. Shabnam Mausi became India's first hijra MLA in 1999. Another hijra, Kamla Jaan, was elected as mayor of Katni, while another, Meenabai, became the president of the Sehora town municipality, the oldest civic body in the state of Madhya Pradesh. In 2005, 24-year-old hijra Sonia Ajmeri ran for state assembly on an independent ticket to represent the estimated 40,000 eunuchs in Gujarat. The wave of hijras entering politics has not been without controversy. In November 2000, Asha Devi was elected mayor of Gorakhpur, a post reserved for a woman. The city had a population just about 500,000 as of 1991. She was unseated when a court decreed that she was a man, but was later restored. In 2005, a fiction feature film titled 'Shabnam Manushi was made on the life of a eunuch politician. Yogesh Bharadwaj directed it, and the title role was played by Ashutosh Rana. The 2008 movie Welcome to Sajjanpur by Shyam Benegal explores the role of Hijras in Indian society.

Pinky Hijra comments "If a blind, deaf or any other physically disabled person has the privilege to enjoy the rights of citizenship like other normal citizens, then why should the Hijras be restricted in having it?"

Bangladesh is so far quite undeveloped in terms of recognising this third gender and giving them rights and an identity in society. But they are citizens of the country. There has been some attempt to draw attention to this issue in parliament, or to classify these people as 'physically handicapped' and give them voting rights. Canadian Researchers Sébastien Rist' and 'Aude Leroux-Lévesque comment "it will be very hard to change the perception in one day. Hijra communities across the world, even in the most liberal, open and developed nations still suffer from stigmatization. Countries like India have just recently taken the necessary steps to help better the lives of hijra by legalizing homosexuality. Likewise, Bangladesh must hope for a fair representation in the media." They further add and emphasise the need to empower this community. "Hijras have capacities, we just need 'help them as we as find areas and venues in where they might be able to use them; i.e dancing, signing, art, handicrafts to name a few." ■

