

**From the Archives**  
**Slice of Kolkata**  
**Queer History**





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*Pravartak*, promoter of a cause, was a multi-lingual Kolkata-based queer journal published from 1991 to 2000. It was among the first few self-help initiatives from a time when organized activism by queer people in India was just beginning. Largely distributed through queer networks, it was available for a few years also at a handful of bookstores in Kolkata and Delhi. Glimpses from the journal on the reverse are from the archives of Counsel Club, among India's first queer support forums (1993-2002) and publisher of *Pravartak* 1993 onwards. Part of the archives is maintained by Varta Trust, Kolkata.

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