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THE STATE OF LOVE

What is love? It's hard to pinpoint a definition to a feeling that encapsulates emotions of all kinds and brings together two souls. Yet, we attempted to ask you—2,801 of you—about what it means to find the one, or be the one, today. Here's what you had to say

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In a post-377 India, the country's LGBTQ+ community is finding greater acceptance and is voicing its experiences. Haima Simoes and Shruti Venkatesh, the first same-sex couple to make it to our cover, talk to Neville Bhandara about the need for greater inclusion through a love story that is primed to inspire every generation.

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Styled by Priyanka Kapadia*

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The trouser, now a wardrobe essential, comes in all shapes and for all sizes. Tonne Goodman, sustainability editor at US *Vogue* and OG trouser-wearer, pens a tribute to the universal classic.

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