

# Kalki Subramaniam

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**Kalki Subramaniam** is an activist, author, actor, entrepreneur and an inspirational speaker. She is the Founder of 'Sahodari Foundation' an organization working for the social, economic and political empowerment of transgender persons in India. Kalki holds two Master's degrees - First one in Journalism and Mass Communication and the second in International Relations.

She advocates against transgender discrimination and hatred and voices for inclusion of transgender and intersex people at all levels. She has lectured in numerous prestigious institutions like IIT Madras, Jindal Global Law School, National Judicial Academy, CET Trivandrum, ShriRam College Delhi and many more institutions across India. She has also represented India in seminars internationally.

Her collection of poetry in Tamil titled 'Kuri Aruthean' was published recently by reputed publishing house Vikatan publishers. She is currently working two of her books, her first English book and her second Tamil book.

On February 21st 2009, Kalki was awarded the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by the Lioness Club of Chennai in appreciation of her transgender rights advocacy work. She has received several awards for her contribution towards transgender rights. Kalki was one of the major campaigners behind the Indian Supreme Court's verdict legalizing transgender as Third Sex in the country.

In October 2010, Ms.Kalki was invited by the government of the United States of America for a 16 days Human Rights activism & Awareness program through IVLP to Washington DC, New York and SaltLake City. She is the first transsexual foreign national to be invited by the United States government. She has also been invited internationally to speak on marginalized people's rights.

Kalki's debut in Indian film world happened with 'Narthaki', an offbeat film about the life journey of a transsexual woman - her quest for happiness, love and finding her identity and true happiness.

In 2012, Kalki received an invitation from the President of India to participate in the swearing in ceremony of the then Chief Justice of India, Shri. Altamas Kabir at Rashtrapathi Bhavan

She has received numerous awards including social work, film performances and her literary contributions. On March 8th 2015, women's day, Facebook chose Kalki as one of the nine inspiring women of the world who use facebook as a community development platform. Kalki lives in Auroville, near Pondicherry and in Pollachi near Tamilnadu.