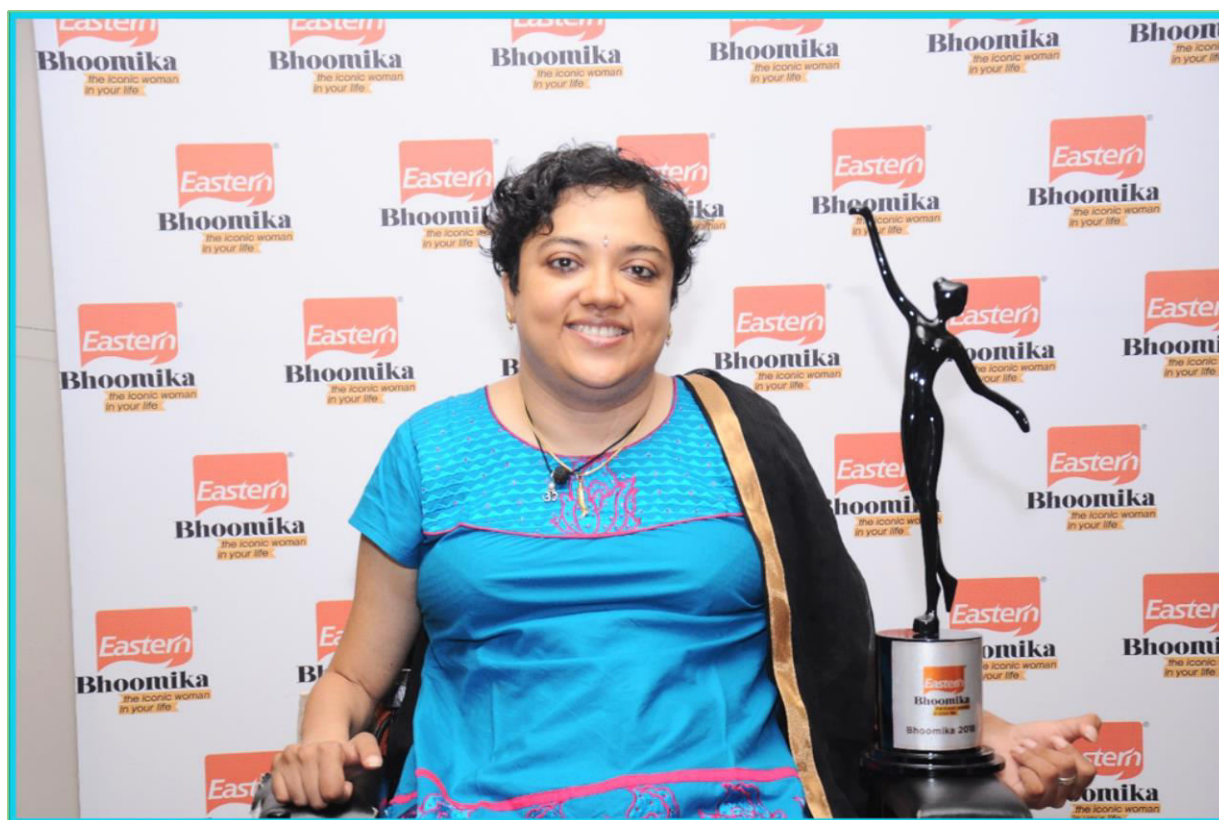


Profile - Preethi Srinivasan



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B. Sc. Medical sociology

Profession: Writer

➤ Employed full-time at moviebuff.com since 2012

Passion: Inspirational Speaker

Motivational Talks:

- ★ Spoken at numerous corporate houses and educational Institutions
- ★ Speaker at the TEDx Indus Business Academy, Bangalore in 2017
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YlmxEjWhzNE&t=17s>
- ★ Speaker at the TEDx Choice School Kochi in 2016 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q9D8NxEPtQ0>)
- ★ Featured in the international ICC 360° program https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTr_slkPZ28
- ★ Host of India Inclusion Summit 2014 and 2017

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Recognition and Awards –

- ➔ "I Am Woman" Award 2018 from Karan Gupta Education Foundation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qQdSGfTeho&t=1805s>
- ➔ "Aval" Award 2018 from Vikatan group <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hLLTSyS7Enc&t=552s>
- ➔ Woman Achiever Award 2018 by Raj TV <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wocTZg-HFBs&t=126s>
- ➔ "Bhoomika" award from Eastern condiments 2018 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UgmnW_fb1WY
- ➔ "The Triumph Of Human Spirit" award from The Rotary Club of Ambattur 2018 <http://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/chennai/2018/mar/16/its-raining-awards-at-rotary-club-of-ambattur-1788267.html>
- ➔ Dr. Batra's "Positive Health Award 2017" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UgmnW_fb1WY
- ➔ "Kalpana Chawla Award For Courage and Daring Enterprise" from the Government of Tamil Nadu 2017



- ➔ "Shakthi Award 2017" by Puthiya Thalaimurai, a leading Tamil television channel. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y586vJ_4xH4 [24:29-32:35]
- ➔ RUSH Award (Recognising Unsung heroes) by Rotary Club of Madras East in 2017.
- ➔ Winner of the Karmaveer Chakra Award (instituted with the UN) and the REX Karmaveer Global Fellowship 2016.
- ➔ Nominated by Times Now, a leading Indian news channel amongst "Amazing Indians 2015" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4Q1jTkeekg>)
- ➔ Appeared in a list of "16 Famous Indians with Disability Who Inspire Us Every Day"

compiled by The Better India group. <http://www.thebetterindia.com/8961/captain-19-women-cricket-team-woman-now-deals-disability-inspires-others/>)

- ➔ Vijay TV's "Sigaram Thotta Pengal – Ray of Hope" award <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02sQ42DCRQA>
- ➔ Raindropss' "Woman Achiever of the Year 2014" award
- ➔ Femina "Penn Sakthi" award bestowed upon the top 10 most influential women in Tamil Nadu for the year 2014 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g4kOoRL7xGs>)
- ➔ Envisage Ability Award 2014
- ➔ lastly Sudesi magazine's "Dhruva award" for excellence in social work
- ➔ Rotary's highest award "For the Sake of Honour", Vellore 2014

- ➔ "Agent of change" Award from district Rotaract Council (Rotary International district 3230) for the year 2014-15
- ➔ Chosen by BBC Hindi as one of the top 100 women achievers (http://www.bbc.com/hindi/india/2015/11/151117_100women_sports_facewall_pk)
- ➔ Recognised by eminent organisations like NASSCOM, NHRD, TCS, Goldman Sachs, VMware, TVS Credit Services, ISBR, real image media technologies, Toastmasters, Rotary, IWA, among many others.

Who is Preethi Srinivasan?

At the young age of 18 Preethi became paralysed below the neck due to a freak accident. Before that, Preethi was the youngest member of the Tamil Nadu State Women's Cricket Team, who started representing the state at just eight years of age. She was a National Level swimmer. Exceptional in academics as well, she was amongst the top 2% of American students in 1996, and appeared in the 1995/96 edition of the Who's Who amongst America's Students. The future looked bright and rosy...



Until, a moment of misfortune turned her life upside down. She completely lost her identity in the span of a split second! It took another decade, but it takes time for the silkworm to go into chrysalis and metamorphose into a glorious butterfly – and this was the case with Preethi as well. With the help of Grace and her parents, Preethi had a spiritual awakening! She reached a state of equipoise which allows her to smile despite desperately heart wrenching circumstances.

Having completely embraced her role as an instrument of the divine, Preethi now seeks to spread love, light and laughter in the world, as she sees this as her purpose in life. Having lost everything, Preethi has journeyed full-circle to become – The Cripple Who Is Whole!