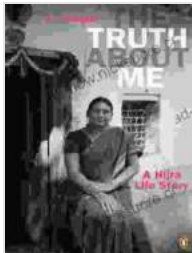


# The Truth About Me: The Hijra Life Story

My name is Lakshmi Narayan Tripathi, and I am a hijra. I was born in a small village in India, and from a young age, I knew that I was different. I was not like the other boys, and I was often bullied and teased. When I was 14, I ran away from home and joined a hijra community in Mumbai.



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Hijras are a third gender in India. We are neither male nor female, and we have been recognized as a separate gender for centuries. However, we have also been marginalized and discriminated against throughout history. We are often treated as outcasts, and we face violence and harassment on a daily basis.

I have experienced discrimination and violence firsthand. I have been beaten, harassed, and even raped. But I have never given up on fighting for my rights. I am a proud hijra, and I am determined to make a difference in the world.

In 2009, I founded the Hijra Welfare Society, an organization that provides support and services to hijras in India. We provide housing, healthcare, and education to hijras who have been marginalized and discriminated against. We also work to raise awareness about hijras and to fight for our rights.

I am proud of the work that I do, and I am grateful for the support of my community. I know that there is still a long way to go, but I am hopeful that one day, hijras will be fully accepted and respected in India.

I am a hijra, and I am proud of who I am. I am a fierce advocate for the rights of all hijras, and I will never stop fighting for our equality.

Here are some of the challenges that hijras face in India:

- **Discrimination:** Hijras are often discriminated against in employment, housing, and healthcare. They are also often denied access to education and other basic services.
- **Violence:** Hijras are often the victims of violence, including beatings, rape, and murder. They are also at risk of being trafficked and exploited.
- **Lack of legal recognition:** Hijras are not recognized as a third gender in India. This makes it difficult for them to access basic rights and services.

Here are some of the things that can be done to improve the lives of hijras in India:

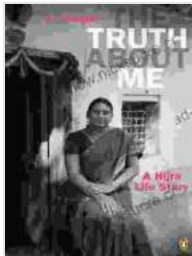
- **Pass laws to protect hijras from discrimination and violence.**

- **Provide hijras with access to education, healthcare, and other basic services.**
- **Raise awareness about hijras and their rights.**
- **Challenge the stigma and discrimination that hijras face.**

I believe that we can create a more just and equitable world for hijras. By working together, we can make a difference.

Thank you for listening to my story.

Lakshmi Narayan Tripathi



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