

I am that.

I am Gayathrie. I am 38 years now. .

I started learning dance when I was a child and learned continuously till 26 till my first group.

I just hate marriage. That it is forever.

I refused the identity of being wife.

Being a woman, I have to be a wife. I don't want to get married to any one.

If I try to imagine my love life in future, I would say that I can't take lovers too seriously, I think I would not stay with anyone.

I want to be alone.

Basically, my family they never liked me . What ever I did they didn't like me

There is something which they never accepted. I decided to study arts while to study something which earns more money. But my parents have been very supportive. My mother and my father. What ever I do.

I am very close of my parents.

I don't need to be close to my relatives why should I?

My focus in my life is completely dancing.

I was performing commercially

There was a time I was dancing in Delhi, I had to win much more money to learn again so I had first experience working in the NGO.

That kind of bombarded my mind to understand the society that I live in .

There can be thousands of musicians, people who are very talented but they do it for themselves, what about others?

I thought that I could made the difference with my talent my dance my creatives ideas but what about those people who are completely marginalized. So I decided to work.

I work with the people.

I identified myself as a feminist

Here at Sangama they are my friends, my people.

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What is the point? It is like Indian marriage. We all do something, we all lead life exactly like the institution of Indian marriage.

Two people want to have sex.

That is what happens in the wedding.

So those people, they are happily, eating, living in a house.

And we feel it is extra.

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What is the whole point?

If I am privileged I must know why am I privileged? Why some body is not.

Why is somebody not getting right to live?

I think our focus should be somewhere towards... If I am able to do, I should help another person to do it.

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I believe that I have the right to change my body the way I like.

I believe that I have the right to love or have sex with anyone.

State society, family, nobody should have a control on.

I believe that if I am different that it does not mean I don't belong to that society.

I am different because I am that

because I am different, I have no reasons for not being , I have no reason for that.

I am like that . I think that marriage is stupid.

The whole society feels it is more important.

If any thing is false, if anything is artificial, I cannot follow it.

And if there are people who are feeling the same, let us come together and see what we can do something new. That is it. The struggle is also the same. People who are getting everything are not even ready to open their eyes and see that there are

people who are not given even the basic human rights, basic fundamental rights, nobody is getting that.

I don't know if we can be love with a person rather be in love with a sex.

Both, yes. I am sexually excited to many people. It happens both ways.

For me, it is not men or women. For me, it is either sexual... something happens in the body responding to the person sexually.

I feel like I am having sex with that person

Or I get totally aroused when I am dancing, doing my practice, I get sexually aroused.

Many times, I feel that I am wet when I am dancing.

Which is I am saying that more than marriage, more than anything else, I know I am living with music. That is my partner, similarly human beings.

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I am the project coordinator in Sangama that organization works for sexuality minority.

So if two girls want to live together and the parents do not allow, the society does not allow, whatever, we immediately help them to come out of that situation, for 3 months, help them to become independent, and lead a life.

I am very much involved in that work. It comes from my mother's upbringing, that is the reason, it is because of my mother, that she could choose to do what she wanted to do.

I am very much in love with my mother. .

I think she was the one who as a women in India are really in a situation where even the simplest of choice starting from their dress to the major decisions of their lives, they cannot do it on themselves. They are not allowed to take it. Every little thing _ in the form of family, in the form of marriage, in the form of everything, system, how they should live, how they should breathe, how they should stand, how they should sit, how they should look, how they should think, even thinking process is directed by them.

I do have a right to dress up the way I want. cut shave it up, upper class, if you cut your hair, nobody questions you. But what happens to a girl who cuts her hair in a very conservative Brahmin family in a girl I feel like a man, what could happen to her? At one level, at another level, strict gender norms that we have to follow. It is crazy.

What women can really do it? How many women can choose to do what they want to do? If I am able to do, I will help other women to do, in any form, just not women.

We are fighting for the life of people, for human rights, for fundamental rights, people who are different than others. If you are slightly different, it does not mean that you are freak. It does not mean that you have no right to live. But I still want to live like any other person and enjoy my life. It is not a wish, It will change, I am very optimistic and I people will realize that those who are different have every right to be different and to live.

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