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Dr. Malvika Iyer



Dr. Iyer is a bilateral amputee, a bomb blast survivor and well known young social worker, also recipients of several National and International awards. She was 13 years old when she survived a bomb blast in India. She lost both her hands and severely damaged both her legs with nerve paralysis and hypoesthesia. Despite being bed ridden for 2 years, she appeared for her exams, topped her 10th grade and scored 97% with just 3 months of preparations. She studied Economics at St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi followed by a Master's degree in Social Work at the Delhi School of Social Work. She completed her M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Social Work at the Madras School of Social Work.

She was selected by the Honorable Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi to take over his social media accounts on International Women's Day. She also co-chaired the World Economic Forum India Economic Summit along with Union Cabinet Ministers and business leaders. She has been the subject of over 300 International newspaper articles, TV interviews, books and magazines, earning her a spot among the 100 Change Agents and Newsmakers of the Decade.

An advocate for inclusion and gender, Dr. Iyer has seven years of experience in motivational speaking, mental health advocacy and diversity training. Some of her recent talks were given in the United States of America, Singapore, India, Norway, Indonesia and South Africa. She has a strong online presence with verified accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, which enables her to engage one-on-one with millions of people.