



## **Gauri Sawant**

### **Transgender Champion**

Shreegauri Sawant is a transgender champion who is known for her contributions in building social awareness and sensitivity towards the LGBTIQ community and making society sensitive and inclusive towards LGBTIQ. She was recently featured in an ad by Vicks (viewed on YouTube over 10.5 million times). Despite facing criticism from her family, she completed her transition and later also formed an NGO of her own called 'Sakhi Char Chowghi' in Malad, Mumbai. Her motto was to provide a space of freedom to all LGBT+IQ.

In 2001, she adopted Gayatri, her 16-year-old daughter, after she was left orphaned due to her mother's death.