

# YAKSHI

THE ENCHANTRESS OF THE FOREST



A TRANSMEDIA FOLKLORE SERIES

## ✦ Introducing Yakshi: The Enchantress of the Forest | A Transmedia Folklore Series ✦

### 👉 Who is Yakshi?

In Kerala and Tamil Nadu folklore, Yakshi is a female nature spirit, at once breathtakingly beautiful and fearsomely powerful. Draped in a white sari, with flowing hair and red lips, she is said to dwell in peepal and banyan trees, stepping lightly through moonlit forests — her backward-facing feet revealing her spectral truth.

### ✦ Her stories hold paradox:

She is fertility and death.

She is seduction and vengeance.

She is a reminder of lives lost unjustly — women who died in betrayal or childbirth, returning as Yakshis seeking justice, haunting those who wronged them.

💧 Sometimes she drains the life of those she lures.

🌿 Sometimes she grants prosperity and blessings.

🙏 She is worshipped in shrines and feared in whispers, with Kalliyankattu Neeli as her most legendary form.

We have launched an open-source GitHub project to develop Yakshi as a transmedia narrative prototype, inviting you to co-create, remix, and reimagine her stories across XR, games, and immersive storytelling.

🔗 Project Repository: <https://lnkd.in/dYXzEvQQ>

Follow us as we trace the haunting footprints of Yakshi across folklore, diaspora, and digital media.

Let's reimagine myth, memory, and the stories that shape our worlds.