

NATIONAL NETWORK OF SEX WORKERS (INDIA) CONDEMNS MURDER OF GAURI LANKESH

7th September 2017

The National Network of Sex Workers, India, strongly condemns the killing of journalist and editor Gauri Lankesh in Bengaluru, Karnataka, on September 5, 2017. Gauri Lankesh was a supporter of the rights of the underprivileged, worked tirelessly for the protection of minorities and dalits and fought against communal and casteist forces.

For several years now, Gauri Lankesh, editor of 'Gauri Lankesh Patrike', has been speaking out against the increasing fragmentation of society on grounds of caste, gender, sexuality, religion and communal forces.

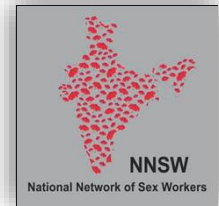
Through her work with the Karnataka Komu Souharda Vedike (Communal Amity Forum, Karnataka), she and other like-minded people have struggled against forces that were trying to destroy the secular and democratic fabric of society.

NNSW members are female, male and transgender workers, committed to secular and democratic values enshrined in the Constitution of India.

NNSW demands a speedy investigation into her death and the arrest of the culprits. In addition NNSW, joins all the voices that are committed to freedom and democratic values in fighting to preserve the values and principles Gauri Lankesh stood for.

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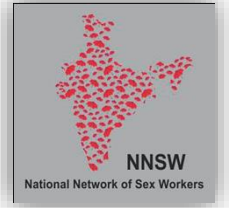
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7. Vadamalar Federation, Tamilnadu
8. Veshya Anyay Mukti Parishad, (VAMP), Maharashtra
9. Mitra, Maharashtra
10. Muskan, Maharashtra
11. Kutch Mahila Vikas Sanstha (KMVS) Gujarat
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15. SANGAMA, Karnataka
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