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## MANAVI'S TRIBUTE TO INDRANI SINHA

### A Movement Leader Passes...

Manavi is deeply saddened by the passing of Ms. Indrani Sinha, founder and director of Sanlaap, India (<http://www.sanlaap.org/>). Indrani passed away on August 22, 2015, after she suffered a heart attack in Bengaluru (formerly Bangalore). She has left behind her husband Indrani Sinhasband Pinaki Ranjan, two daughters and a son, siblings, friends, coworkers, admirers, and numerous women and children, whose lives she had touched and changed.

Indrani established Sanlaap in 1987 in Kolkata to work for women and girls engaged in the sex trade and their children. Indrani shaped her work by listening to the needs of the women and their children who were affected by prostitution, and she remained a lifelong activist to improve their lives and facilitate their entries into mainstream society. Along with working to end prostitution and trafficking of women and children, Sanlaap provides shelter and various needed services to the victims. Sanlaap was recognized in 1997 as the best welfare organization in India and in 2000, the National Commission on Women awarded it the title, "The Best Women's Organization."

Manavi has a long history of collaboration with Sanlaap on several projects. The two organizations worked together on the research and publication of *Amaar Shaastha, Amaar Satta* (2009) ([http://abasar.net/UNInaree\\_sexualhealth.htm](http://abasar.net/UNInaree_sexualhealth.htm)), a brief transcreation in Bengali of *Our Bodies, Ourselves*.

The international movement to end violence against women has lost a strong and dedicated leader and a fearless voice of advocacy on behalf of women and children affected by prostitution and trafficking. Manavi has lost a dear friend and comrade. The task upon us now is to untiringly take forward the work Indrani and many others like her have begun.