

# **Jan Swasthya Abhiyan**

**(Peoples Health Movement – India)**

**Health for All - Now!**

**Health is a Basic Human Right!**

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Joint Women's Programme (JWP)  
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National Federation of Indian Women (NFIW)  
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Public Health Resource Network (PHRN)  
SAMA – Resource Group on Women's Health  
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*Participating Organisations:*

Over 1000 organisations concerned with health care and health policy from both within and outside the above networks.

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **JSA Condemns the murder of Gauri Lankesh**

We, the Jan Swasthya Abhiyan, strongly and unequivocally condemn the brutal killing of Gauri Lankesh, renowned activist-journalist and editor of the Lankesh Patrike. Gauri Lankesh's was an unwavering voice against the communal, casteist, gendered and in particular the Hindutva forces. She relentlessly expressed her intolerance for various forms of injustices and oppressions and supported the many struggles against them through her columns and writings. A recent column by Gauri Lankesh on the death of children in Gorakhpur decried the loss of lives and criticised the removal of its doctor, Dr Kafeel Khan. She was candid in her criticism of the Indian government for the denial of refuge to the persecuted Rohingya people in her recent writings.

Her killing is yet another in the long list of those - including Pansare, Kalburgi and Dabholkar - whose voices against intolerance and of dissent against irrationality, violence and the politics of hatred, are being systematically silenced. Action against those who have committed these crimes is urgent and necessary.

We are shocked at the impunity with which her and other lynchings and killings are taking place in the country today; we join Gauri Lankesh and all other progressive forces across the country in intensifying our struggles against the stifling of democracy and plurality as well as the oppression of the poorest and most vulnerable by the violations of their rights to equality, healthcare, education, livelihoods and many others that impact their right to live healthy and fulfilling lives.

We salute Gauri Lankesh's fearless onslaught against these forces and stand collectively against this politics of intimidation, falsehood and fear that is being increasingly constructed and spread.

In solidarity.

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