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## Aarohan 2005 summit to be held during Sept. 9-11

**New York:** Manavi, an organization for South Asian women, will host *Aarohan 2005*: South Asian Women rise up against violence, the Third National Conference of South Asian organizations and individuals working to end violence against women, from September 9 to September 11, in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Hosted with the support of the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) of the US Department of Justice, *Aarohan 2005* will bring together over 140 activists, advocates, and community members to discuss challenges, share strategies, increase mutual capacity, and deepen understanding in doing anti-violence work. *Aarohan 2005* will feature

interactive panels, presentations, and workshops, performances and films. Manavi has brought together activists, advocates, students and academics from organizations, institutions or working independently, to facilitate discussions on issues such as abandonment of women in South Asia, batterer accountability, men as allies in the violence against women movement, trafficking of women, legal issues, sex selection, role of culture and child sexual abuse. The conference topics are specifically tailored to be of interest to activists working on issues of violence against women in South Asian communities in the US.

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