

## **Sex Workers, Migrants, Citizens: The Making of Kallolini Kolkata**

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No city is built by brick and mortar alone. And neither was Kolkata. It is built by the spirit of the people. Be they speculators, usurers, law makers and law breakers, women of multiple hues and of course its migrants. The city is often characterised through never defined by its underbelly. This underbelly is formed of the criminal classes and the subalterns. They belong to the city but never own the city. This talk is on a few figures of this underbelly of the city, all of them women and most of them migrants. We will speak of the sex workers, care workers and the domestic workers.