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AWEKSHA



A Saga of Invisibilization: Women and Labour

Women's labour, though critical to the survival of the Indian economy, for very long has been unrecorded in writing, undercounted in statistics and underpaid in salaries. Despite technological advances we've made, we live in an age of widening gender pay gap. While we witness this growing gender gap, we tend to completely forget about the informal sector of the economy- a sector which is characterised by low pay, exploitation and most importantly female workers.

While the lack of labour laws for informal workers ensure that the work of women workers continues to be devalued, the domestic work performed by women in their households also remains underappreciated and unrecognised. A sizable part of the lives of women outside their workspaces is spent by them engaged in domestic work and child care. This work however, is considered to be the 'labour of love' and hence, it continues to be devalued, underappreciated and unrecognised.

Invisibilization of their labour is the story of millions of ordinary women. For these women, the lines between home and work are blurred in the dailiness of survival. The women are at the core of the informal economy which breathes life and sustains our society. These women in roles of a flower seller, a construction worker, a waste worker, a ASHA worker, an agricultural labourer, a mother, a wife, etc., are the shadow workers who continue to hold our lives together

Through this calendar, we seek to visibilize the labour of these women while also celebrating their spirit of resilience and resistance. The calendar depicts pictures of women engaged in several forms of devalued and underappreciated labour in an attempt to push our audience to relook at the labour performed by all the women they encounter.



Aweksha, which is CARE in Sanskrit, is a newly founded Women's Trust towards the end of 2021. Although the name is new, we come with 40 years worth of grassroots level experience of working against violence towards women. Moving forward we wish to continue our fight to alleviate gender-based violence.

Our primary focus would be to create resilient feminist networks that will act as support systems to survivors of any form of abuse. We hope that Aweksha can emerge as a safe space for women which would promote healing and recovery. Aweksha is a passion project which we hope will touch the lives of women across all identities.

This calendar is a humble attempt to visibilize the work of marginalised women while also raising funds to support our initiatives. We invite you to join us in this journey to achieve gender equity.



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2022

january

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Note

"Even the tiniest of flowers can have the toughest roots."
– Shannon Mullen



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2022

february

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Note

"She wraps herself in strength, carries herself with confidence and works hard, strengthening her arms for the task at hand."
– Unknown



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2022

march

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Note

"Mere color:can speak to the soul in a thousand different ways."

– Oscar Wilde



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2022

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Note

"Every weaver has her own dreams to weave."

– Bhaskar Jyoti Das

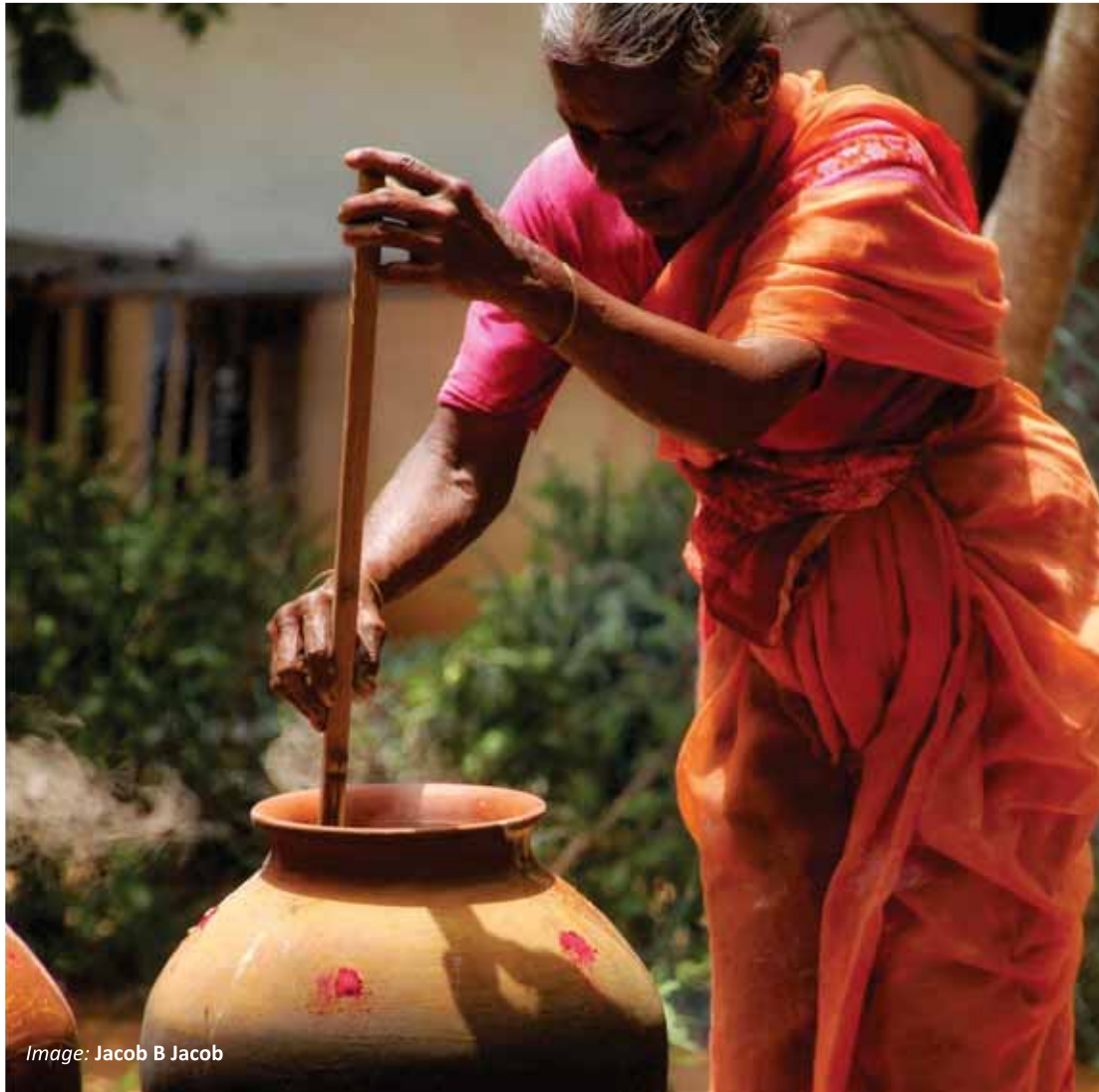


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Note

"A woman is the full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture, and transform."

– Diane Mariechild



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Note

"Our backs tell stories no books have the spine to carry."

– Rupi Kaur

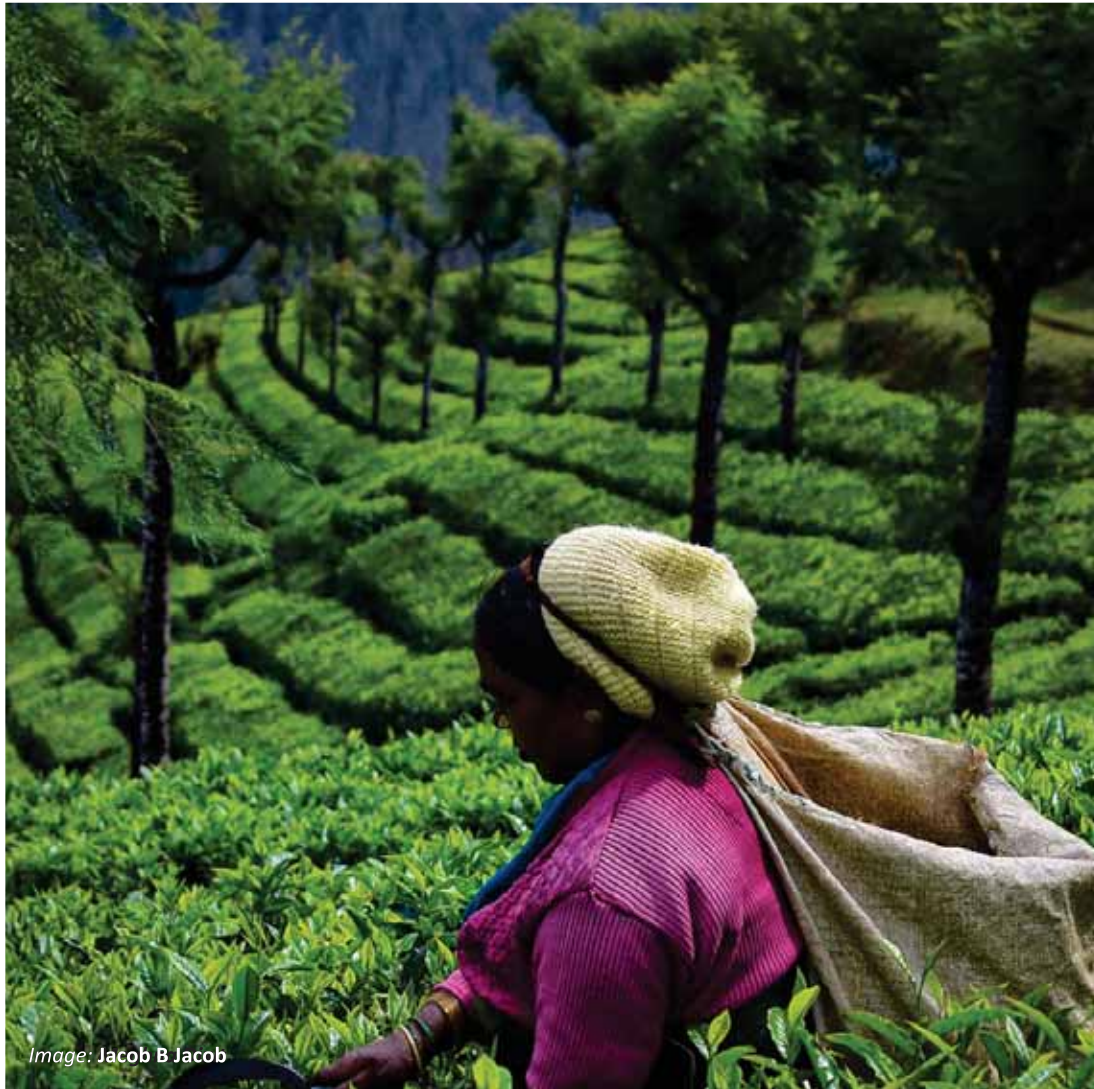


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Note

"For most of history Anonymous was a woman."

– Virginia Woolf

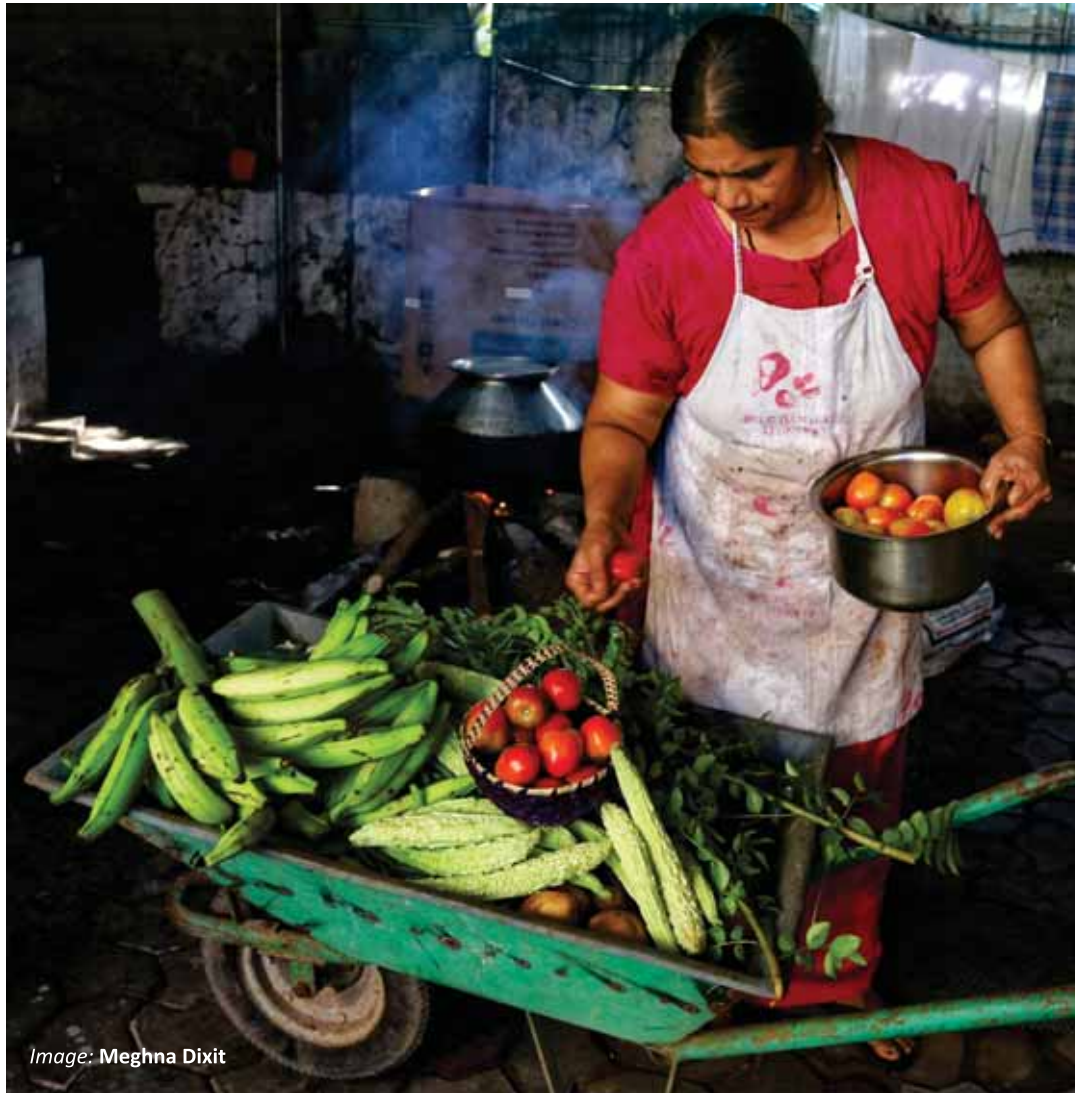


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Note

"All women are working women, only some are salaried."
– Unknown



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Note

"Although women do two-thirds of the world's labour, they own less than one percent of the world's assets."

– Isabel Allende



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Note

"What all women have in common is that they share most of the underpaid work of the world."

– Hilda Scott

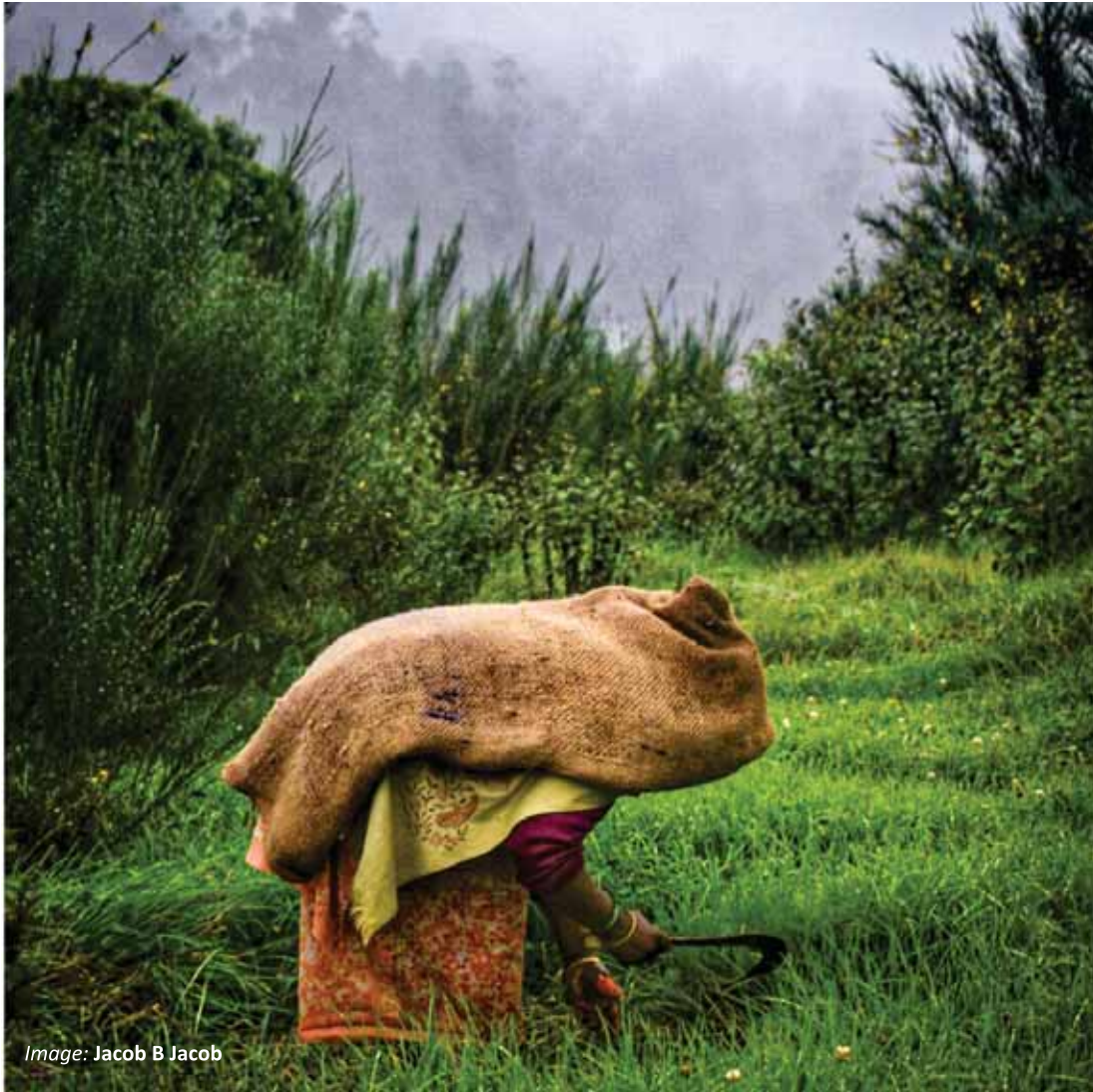


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Note

"Women carry out 60-75% of all farming related work across India."

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Note

"We all move forward when we recognise how resilient and striking the women around us are."

– Rupi Kaur

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Notes

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