



Image: SanaI K

Factory Worker

“Life is all about moving on,
I am working for my children so they live a life of dignity.”



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“The stove burst in the kitchen” or “Her nylon saree caught fire in a cooking accident” — Is that really the truth behind women’s burn injuries?

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“The stove burst in the kitchen” or “Her nylon saree caught fire in a cooking accident” —
Is that really the truth behind women’s burn injuries?

Personal testimonials of burns survivors, rigorous research and the long-standing work of the women’s movements in India tell us differently: burning of women are not accidents in the kitchen, instead they are calculated and deliberate attempts by husbands and relatives to take women’s lives.

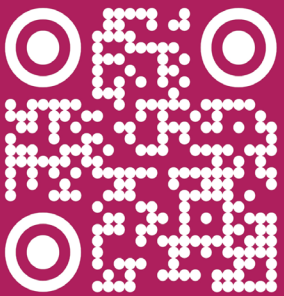
When a woman with burn injuries is brought to a hospital, her case is supposed to be registered as a medico-legal case under the Criminal Procedure Code Section 174. Since filing a criminal charge against the marital family may result in the survivor being abandoned, her children taken away or threats of further violence, she is likely to succumb to the pressure, remaining within the cycle of abuse while also losing the possibility of legal victim compensation.

Why are women being treated as dispensable properties and being set on fire? For dowry, upon suspicions of infidelity, alcoholism in the husband, her wanting to earn, or “provoking” the husband by “nagging”, “bickering” or by not performing her “wifely duties” adequately. The shroud of secrecy on domestic abuse in India, the everlasting trauma of the burns attack, the excruciating pain from the injuries, impacted mobility, the disfigurement and the financial dependence on the husband very systematically pushes the burns survivor into the margins of the society. Falling outside of the coverage of The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, and poor efforts towards the economic and social rehabilitation of the women are keeping burns survivors into the unorganized sector working for very low wages and in unskilled traditional occupations.



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Aweksha, meaning CARE in Sanskrit, is a charitable women's trust newly founded in October 2021, armed with 42 years of grass root level experience of working against violence towards women. Aweksha primarily focuses on creating resilient feminist networks that will act as support systems to survivors of any form of abuse. It aims to progress as a safe space for women, promoting their healing and recovery, and alleviating gender-based violence through crisis intervention, direct interventions with survivors, research, capacity building and advocacy.

Through this annual calendar Aweksha also attempts to highlight how life after a burns attack (which is not a kitchen accident) is challenging, but the fire does not have to burn down the hope of a better future for these resilient survivors. This calendar shows how the burns survivors continue to occupy marginalized work spaces. It also aims to invite people to advocate for and help build capacity towards the survivors' sustainable financial independence.

Please connect with us in training burns survivors in employable skills, providing them with sustainable livelihood opportunities and setting up their cooperatives. Let's help them restore hope in their present and light in their future!

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2023 January



Image: Sanal K

in Women and Child Development

“My life has changed since I started working. I always think of studying further, building a career and fulfilling my dreams.”

1	8	15	22	29	SUN
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2023 February



Image: Sanal K

Teashop Owner

“After I was burnt, I felt worthless but now I see myself as worthy, valued and I don’t cover my face anymore.”

	5	12	19	26	SUN
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2023 March



Image: Rujuta Doshi

Breakfast Maker

“ I was at home for a year, but I garnered courage and decided to work for my children.”

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“ Through my work I got to meet different people and always felt women should stand up for themselves.”

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2023 May



Image: Rujuta Doshi

Bangle Seller

“ Little things like my work make me happy ”

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2023 June



Image: Sanal K

Healthcare Worker

“ I wanted to die, but now I want to serve the needy and I feel honoured to be working here.”

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2023 July

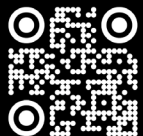


Image: Meghna Dixit

Vegetable Seller

*“ Today, I’m not dependent on anyone.
I stand on my feet and feel content with what I have been able to do.”*

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2023 August



“ Today, I’m at peace in my life and feel good with how far I have come. ”

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2023 September



“ My employer believed me and that helped my self-esteem grow. ”

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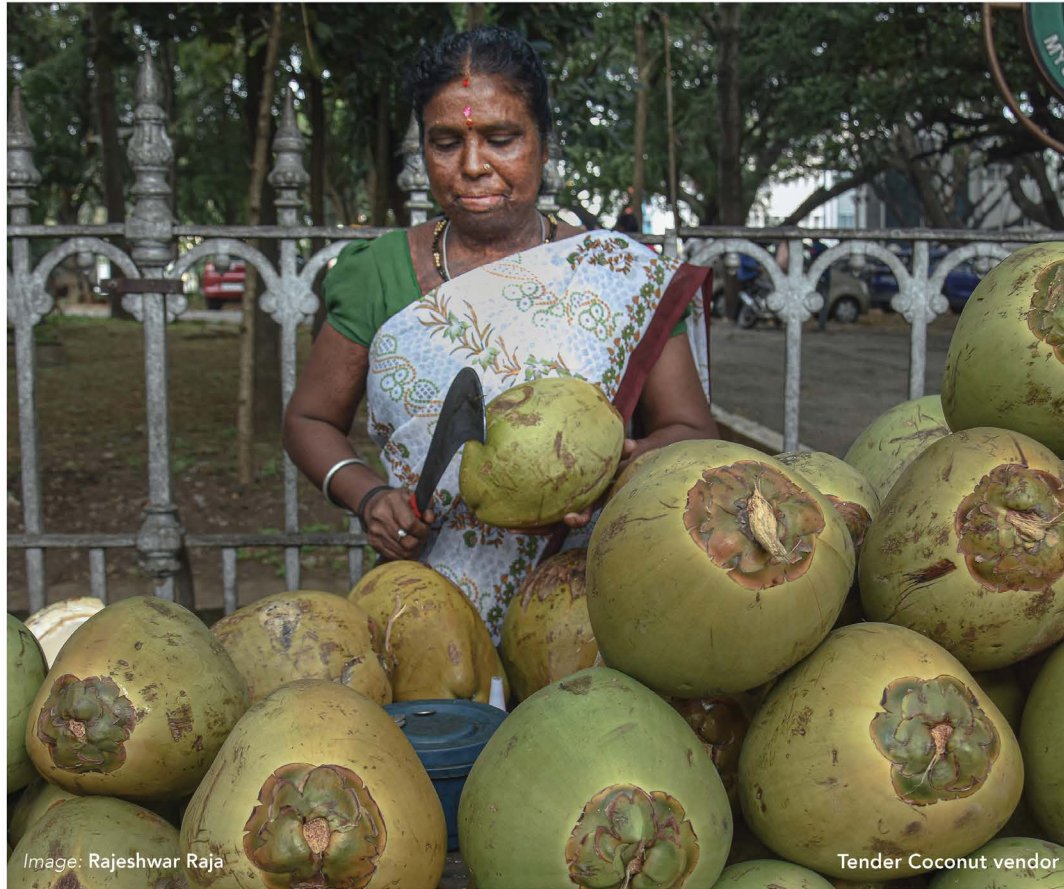


Image: Rajeshwar Raja

Tender Coconut vendor

“ I want people to accept and support us and view us like any other human being. ”

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2023 November

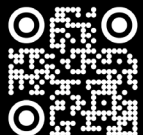


Image: Meghna Dixit

Dressmaker

“ My work helped me gain self-confidence and pushed me to build my life further. ”

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2023 December



Image: Meghna Dixit

Candle Maker

“ I always imagine a better life, and what I can do next. ”

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Home Tailor

“ I did not give up on life.
I told myself, I will do everything that is possible.”

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