Decreasing Trend of Burn Suicide Nepal Burn Foundation, Zoom Meeting June 27, 2020

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## Special thanks

With Special thanks to who initiated psychological counselling for burn patients in 2001:

- ☐ Madam Wendy Marston
- ☐ Prof. Dr. K D. Joshi
- ☐ Immediate In charge : Naradevi Bariya
- ☐ Mediator: Ms Kohinoor Dahal

## Meaning of burn suicide

It is attempt or ending self by using any burning materials: i.e. kerosene, petrol, any flame inducing liquid

In Nepal: Use of kerosene, petrol

## Challenge of burn suicide

☐ Long term scar in body, Scar in face , front line stigma ☐ Low energy in body ☐ Disturbance in sexual relation ☐ Life long guilty ☐ Long term medication Probability of missing help from family & relative

According to police: Burn Suicide during Lock down, (Covid 19) pandemic

Total Suicide: 1476

Month	Total suicide	Burn Suicide
Falgun	415	0
Chaitra	483	1
Baishakh	578	0

# Decreasing trend of burn suicide According to police: Burn Suicide in 2075/76 fiscal year

Month	Total suicide	Burn Suicide
One year 2075/76	5787	<ul><li>24</li><li>0.41%</li></ul>

#### **Experience starting from 2001**

- In many cases, initially they told that it was due to stove flame burn
- Use of kerosene was high
- Many cases were related to inter caste love marriage, extra marital affair, drunkard husband, low income, lack of support from biological family

According to analytical study: Narayan Prasad Sharma Study period: 5 yrs. (2004-2008)

- □ Total Case: 151 cases only in Bir Hospital
- ☐ Major group: women between 15-30 yrs
- **☐** Referred from different hospitals

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#### **Causative factors:**

- □ Adjustment problem after marriage
- **□** Domestic Violence & stress
- Depression
- Drunkard husband
- Conflict regarding extra marital affair
- ☐ Inter –caste love marriage, rejection from family & adjustment problem

## Decreasing trend of burn suicide & Learning

- Suicide cases are rising but methods are changed
- > The current majority methods are hanging & poisoning
- As per declared reasons: poverty, over loan & love failure

#### **Recommendations:**

- Community based prevention & PFA
- Value based education
- Legal support
- Provide sustainable training