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Being A Laadli Award Winner Is Huge — And How I Tried To Walk The Talk

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The 12th Laadli Media & Advertising Awards for Gender Sensitivity concluded on 2 November at the DDE Auditorium, MANUU, Hyderabad. But the crackling energy of the 100+ attendees, the **hard hitting topics that won** their creators awards, and their courage to do what they did have stayed with me.

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I crash landed into reality yesterday and immediately needed a whiff. A man stood too close to me in the check-in queue at the airport. Then the elderly gent sitting next to me on the plane poked his elbow into my sides and spread his legs, forcing me to huddle into a corner of my seat.



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I moved ahead of the young man in the check in queue, put my suitcase between us and gave him a death glare. In the flight, I lowered the handlebar between the seats, forcing the older man to retract his elbow and heart thudding, shifted to cover the width of my seat. His knees went back to his seat.

Everyday battles won, one word, one minute, one brave gesture at a time.

Throughout the event, I saw people who had cried their eyes out in the loo, cried in their seats and probably cried in their hearts, too. We all helped each other, even though we hadn't met before. There was the woman who dropped her trophy and other gifts to the side to help the next winner, a disabled person, navigate the three narrow and steep stairs to the stage. My **fellow author winner from Women's Web Shalini** gave me a shoulder to cry on when I broke down at dinner, and messaged me as soon as she woke up the next morning, "How are you?"

There are so many more out there, doing the right thing, being good and kind because that's the best way to be, every minute of every day. They may not get awards, they may not write articles, record podcasts or film documentaries, but they are still heroes.

This is us. We are a small group but we are powerful. And I believe, more than anything I have ever believed before, that this is a wave that will only grow stronger with time.

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When the day comes,
when The Day comes
the wall that separates us
from outdated thinking and gender biases
falls with a mighty crash
when the world as we know
it will change forever
Where do you want to be?

The Laadli Trophy

A red ribbon engraved with the words, 'Celebrate Her Life.' In the organisers' words, 'the trophy captures movement, free spirit and reaches out to the sky, denoting unlimited potential.'

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Each winner received a framed certificate describing what the jury appreciated about the entry.

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A Thoughtful Man In Maharashtra Got His Widowed Mother Remarried

Yuvaraj Shele, a small-time worker from Kolhapur, Maharashtra, did battle many odds and arranged for his mother Ratna's wedding a few weeks ago. The main point that he put forth was that he felt his mother was lonely and saw the need for her to live happily.

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This scene does remind of a few movies/web series where the daughter/son do realize their mother's emotions and towards the end, they approve of their new relationship.

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Just because they are married a husband isn't entitled to be violent to his wife. Just because a man is "in love" with a woman, it doesn't give him a right to be violent.

Ramya V

Trigger Warning: This speaks of graphic details of violence against women and may be triggering for survivors.

Anger is a basic human emotion, just like happiness or being sad. One chooses his/her way of expressing that emotion. It is safe until that action stays within oneself.

What happens when that feeling is forced upon another? The former becomes the perpetrator, and the latter turns out to be the victim.

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