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The Annual General Meeting of the All India Women's Education Fund Association (AIWEFA) took place on 9th September, 2014. The minutes of this meeting were mailed on 9th November 2014.

The normal term of AIWEFA executive committee is three years (2013-2016) but Ms. Bhamathi Balasubrahmanyam nominated President could not accept the position and Dr. Sabina Pillai, nominated Secretary also could not continue due to personal reasons. Therefore the names of Ms. Asha Chandra and Ms Sarla Manchanda which were proposed, seconded and accepted as President & Secretary respectively in the EC meeting of 8 August 2014 were ratified and confirmed at the AGM of 2014. Dr. Sarala Gopalan was also nominated to be the Patron of AIWEFA.

The AIWEFA Executive Committee was finalized as below:

Office Bearers:

President	: Ms. Asha Chandra
Vice President	: Dr. Adarsh Sharma
Secretary	: Ms. Sarla Manchanda
Joint Secretary	: Dr. Renu Malaviya.
Treasurer	: Mr. Riaz Umar
Joint Treasurer	: Ms. Kalyani Raj

Executive Members : 1) Dr. Manorama Bawa, 2) Dr. Sarita Jain 3) Dr. Veenu Seth 4) Ms. Usha Nair.

Coopted Executive Members: 1)Dr.S.K.Sharma, 2) Ms. Bulbul Das, 3) Jyotsna Kapur

AIWC Representatives: 1)Ms. Veena Kohli, 2) Ms. Asha Gambhir 3) Ms. Amreshwari Morla, 4) Ms. Kuljit Kaur 5) Jyotika Kalra.

On behalf of AIWEFA– Executives, I wish to thank all our members for their support and co-operation during the year 2014-2015.

The Executive Committee Meetings:

The, Executive Committee met four times during the year on 23rd September, 2014, 20th Jan'2015, 28th April 2015 and 16th July, 2015.

In the EC meeting held on 20th January, 2015, Mr. Jeevanandhan Duraisamy and Ms. Asheema Singh were coopted as Executive members

Membership:

In the year 2014-2015, 9 life Members, 1 annual member and 1 fellow joined the Association. We welcome them on behalf of all the AIWEFA. members. The total membership for life members, today stands at 367, annual members at 1, patron and fellows at 5 and corporate members also at 5.



President: Asha Chandra

Secretary: Sarla Manchanda

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Representations:

1. Aiwefa President, Ms Asha Chandra and Secretary, Ms. Sarla Manchanda represented Aiwefa at the special session on “Tech Women & Women Entrepreneur” at the India-U.S. Technology Summit at Knowledge Expo, Delhi NCR on 18 November 2014
2. Aiwefa members attended the conference organised by AIWC on “ Strengthening Women’s voices in shaping post 2015 Agenda “on 21 & 22 July 2015. At IIC, New Delhi
3. Aiwefa President, Ms Asha Chandra and Secretary, Ms. Sarla Manchanda represented Aiwefa at the session of the Children of the Indian Republic Stocktaking on the Status of Children in India, on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of Indian Republic on 21st and 22nd January 2015 at New Delhi.

85th Foundation year Celebrations:

To celebrate the 85th Foundation year of Aiwefa, president, Ms. Asha Chandra prepared an event calendar and drew a very optimistic map to achieve Aiwefa’s key goals. Keeping the focus on Aiwefa’s ever cherished objective of women’s empowerment, most of the projects were relevant meeting the demands of the time and in tune with Hon’ble Prime Minister’s vision of India. The event calendar not only got whole hearted and unanimous support from all the Aiwefa executives. Not only that, some eminent personalities came forward to extend, help, support and guidance and a list of **11 Knowledge Partners**’ was prepared.

All India Radio (AIR) :

All India Radio (AIR) became Aiwefa’s media partners for all the forthcoming events. The Secretary and President were interviewed on the morning of each event and also at the venue of the event. These events were covered extensively on AIR FM Rainbow channel.

NIOS-UNFPA-AIWEFA Programme:

Aiwefa’s 85th year celebrations started on 5th December 2014, when AIWEFA in partnership with National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) & United Nation’s Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), held a **launch programme** at NIOS campus in Noida to **mobilise underprivileged women** to be **Maruti Suzuki India limited (MSIL)** trained safe drivers. On 15th December 2014 an orientation programme for the women to be trained was held at MISL’s ITDR at Sarai Kale Khan, New Delhi. The women were trained in batches at Maruti’s 14 driver training centres in Delhi & NCR. So far 400 women have been trained and MSIL has tied up with employment agencies to procure jobs for them.

Inaugural Function:

On 22nd December, 2014, AIWEFA held its inaugural function of its 85th year celebrations at IIC, where Justice Aftab Alam was the Chief Guest and Mr. Mahesh Rajoria, General manager, MSIL launched the Women’s Safe Car Driver Training.

There was a Lyrics recitals of ‘Ladli’ from the album ‘Raunaq’ and video presentation by the Guest of Honour Mr. Kapil Sibal, Senior Advocate and Nukkad Natak on Safe Car Driving presented by Asmita Theatre Group. Audience really applauded both the music and the Street Theatre.

Swachh Lohri:

On 13th January, 2015, Aiwefa initiated the Swachh campaign under the leadership of Ms. Meenakshi Lekhi, MP, at Aiwefa office, Lady Irwin college. It was a heady mixture of work and fun combining work, cleaning upto Bengali Market via Babar Road, dancing on dhol-beats and relishing sweets to celebrate the festival of Lohri. The ECO-Club of Lady Irwin College organized Slogan and Poster Competitions on Swachh Abhiyan.

Self Defence Training:

From 2nd March to 17th March 2015, Aiwefa got 150 women trained in Self Defence from Delhi Police in Sunlight Colony, Ashram, New Delhi.

Project Kaushal:

Under this project, Aiwefa is continuing to mobilize women having a permanent car driving license for one year to be trained and employed as commercial drivers by OLA Cab Co. for their “cabs by women for women” scheme.

AIWEFA-UNESCO CONFERENCE :

AIWEFA jointly with Unesco held a full day conference “ Transition of women from education to full employment” on 23rd May 2015 at Multipurpose Hall of India International Centre, New Delhi.

The focus of the conference was on empowering women with education and skill development.

The Conference provided opportunity to varied stakeholder groups to share and discuss good practices to facilitate the ‘Skilled India’ requirements. The Conference agenda, focused on showcasing innovative practices and interventions likely to promote smooth transition of women from education to full employment.

Thirty Resource Persons, with excellent credentials, drawn from national and international organizations, technical institutions, government, public and private organizations, enriched the proceedings with their knowledge and expertise. Interest in the conference theme and success of the conference was reflected by about 200 enthusiastic participants.

Aspects touched upon during the conference included acquisition of skills and competencies needed in the world of employment and labour market. creating equal opportunities, providing self-employment, entrepreneurship, mobilizing resources and special provisions meant for women.

Recommendations culled from the deliberations during the conference and presented have policy implications encompassing resource generation, adequate funds allocation, upgrading training and skill development provisions, creating enabling environment and having safety measures at work place. These recommendations are expected to enable stakeholders take appropriate measures to promote women’s transition from education to full employment. Another follow up of the successful and greatly appreciated conference will be a joint publication of AIWEFA and UNESCO as a Compendium of invited and selected papers on the theme of the conference.

AIWEFA-NINA SIBAL MEMORIAL AWARD:

The XIIIth Aiwefa-Nina Sibal Memorial Award Function was held on 2nd August, 2015 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. An award comprising of a Trophy, Citation & a cash of Rs 5 Lakhs, is bestowed upon an organization working in the area of disability. About 600 nomination forms were sent out, and from the applications received the “ **HUMANITY WELFARE ORGANISATION HELPLINE (HWOH)**” from **Anantnag, KASHMIR** . was selected for the award. The award was received by the founder of HWOH, Mr, Javed Ahmad Tak on a wheel chair.

In its 85th year AIWEFA organized the function with a difference. A publication, which comprised of a folder on Ms Nina Sibal and leaflets on the stories of 12 previous awardees about their recent activities and the way they utilized the award money was released by Dr. Karan Singh, presiding over the function.

LAUNCH OF 100 CYBER WORKSHOPS:

In keeping with Prime Minister Modi's 'Digital India' campaign, the All India Women's Education Fund Association (AIWEFA) in association with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), Google, Delhi Police and AIR Rainbow FM is holding a programme to **launch 100 Cyber Security Workshops** in Delhi-NCR colleges on 20 August 2015 at Multipurpose Hall, India International Centre, New Delhi.

The ever so fascinating world of cyber space may empower safe users as much as it lures unsuspecting victims into the ever present pitfalls. It has become imperative to keep pace with technological changes and convert fearful victims into confident and empowered consumers of online services, government's social security initiatives and e- wallets and other payment portals.

This Launch Programme brings on board all the stake holders- corporate, academic, institutions, non-government organisations, government, bilateral agencies, sociologists, psychologists and the police

ECOSOC Report:

The UN ECOSOC, quadrennial report was sent by AIWEFA on 26 May, 2015.

MOU with ASDC:

There is a proposal to sign a MOU with Automotive Skill Development Council (approved by Government of India). to train youth in various skills related to Automobile industry.

Women's Security and Empowerment Programme in association with Delhi Police:

There is a proposal to hold a programme on women's empowerment in association with Delhi Police in September/October, 2015.

Gala Event: A Gala Event is proposed to mark the end of 85th Foundation Year celebrations.

Sarla Manchanda

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