

11th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award - 2013

Ms. Sheela Sinha, Director Education, Helen Keller Institute for Deaf & Deaf blind (HKIDB), Mumbai, Maharashtra was awarded the “11th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award” for her organisation on account of their dedicated work towards educating and rehabilitating the deaf & blind.



Ms. Sheela Sinha with Mr. Kapil Sibal and Aiwefa Executives after receiving the 11th Nina Sibal Award

12th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award-2014

Dr. Anupa Sidhhu, Director, Lady Irwin College, New Delhi, was awarded the “12th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award” for her Institution for their multidimensional work related to disability across the life span and **training the Disability Educators.**



Dr. Anupa Siddhu receiving the 12th Nina Sibal Award from Shri Kapil Sibal

13th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award-2015

Mr. Javed Ahmad Tak, Founder Humanity Welfare Organisation Helpline, Anantnag, Jammu & Kashmir, was awarded the “13th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award” in recognition of his organisation’s pioneering work in rehabilitating disabled children affected by the disturbed situation in that area.



Mr. Javed Ahmad Tak after receiving the 13th Nina Sibal Award from Dr. Karan Singh & Shri Kapil Sibal

14th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award -2016

Mr. Arman Ali, Director, Shishu Sarothi Centre for Rehabilitation and Training for Multiple Disability Guwahati, Assam, was awarded the “14th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award” for his pioneering work for empowerment of children with disabilities by providing them avenues for holistic development.



Mr. Arman Ali receiving the 14th Nina Sibal Award from Dr. Karan Singh & Shri. Kapil Sibal

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Nina Sibal - A Remembrance



Ms. Nina Sibal
1948-2000

For those of you, who will be receiving the Nina Sibal Award, it is important to know something about her. As a young student, Nina was outstanding, brilliant, mercurial, full of enthusiasm and loved life. She was also a person in a hurry. Twenty four hours of the day were not enough for her. She was a born achiever. A voracious writer of fiction, her first love was writing. She adored nature in all its wilderness and felt at home in the midst of forests and mountains, lost in their beauty, discovering peace and serenity. For all those she touched, she will always be remembered as loving, emotive and a doer.

She had the capacity to work with persons at all levels, from the Heads of States and at the highest echelons of diplomatic life to the poor, the needy and the challenged, with whom she felt most comfortable. There was never a moment that she did not talk about doing something for them. In her stint in the United Nations in the 2nd Committee of the General Assembly, she always fought for the rights of those in the less developed world. The rights of the child, empowerment and emancipation of women and the obligations of society towards those challenged were issues closest to her heart. In any conversation on any of these subjects, we always knew what position she would take and she never hesitated to enthuse persons to fight for their rights. 'She was always with the weak against the strong, the oppressed against the oppressor, the poor against the rich and the challenged against those who are insensitive to their concerns'. That is where she stood and always wanted to stand.

Her journey was filled with the battles she fought for the less privileged. Some said she was obstinate on those issues and that she was occasionally irrational about the concerns of the less privileged. But there was an element of consistency in what she stood for. In that sense, life was always a struggle, a battle for a cause that needed support. She had enormous strength to fight for those causes. In the last years of her life, she fought her biggest battle against an affliction that ultimately took her away from us. But as she had done throughout, she fought her battle bravely and with great dignity. Despite knowing that the might of the affliction was gaining ground, she never gave up. She also realized that she had to fight that battle on her own. She had indomitable courage and in moments of extreme adversity felt that she was being wronged. That is how she went fighting the last battle of her life. She died the way she lived.

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ABOUT AIWEFA

AIWEFA (All India Women's Education Fund Association), an NGO, was founded in 1929 under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi to inculcate a scientific temper in women's education. In 1932 AIWEFA established the Lady Irwin College, New Delhi.

Today AIWEFA campaigns and mobilises nationally and internationally through its field projects, seminars, workshops, conferences, publications and networking to bring about a sustainable approach to human development and advancement of weaker sections.

In 1999, AIWEFA has been granted the "NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC)". In 2003 AIWEFA accepted the role of Regional Coordinator of the U.N.'s Informal Regional Network of NGOs (NGO IRENE). UNFCCC has conferred AIWEFA with Provisional Status this year.

AIWEFA has been administering the AIWEFA - Nina Sibal Memorial Award since 2003, to an organisation working on disability. Through this award AIWEFA encourages organisations which are managing and educating disabled and disadvantaged children through innovative methods. The award endowment has been made by Shri. Kapil Sibal, Senior Advocate, in memory of his late wife Smt. Nina Sibal.



AIWEFA has completed 87 years in community service, particularly among women and children. In recent years Sanitation, Livelihoods and Training are major initiatives with training in safe car driving, financial advising; cyber security; promoting inter generation solidarity and parenting; re-skilling and exposure of craftspeople from Anadaman and Nicobar to new products and emerging markets; publications alongwith seminars, conferences and workshops are organised on a large scale.

Through the initiative, 'A world we women want' AIWEFA has networked with nations from Africa, Asia, Asia Pacific, South America and SAARC countries to map sustainable development practices and presented them at the 2016 and 2017 sessions of the U.N.'s Commission on Status of Women, New York.

Nina Sibal Memorial Awards

1st AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award - 2003

Ms. Merry Barua, President, Action for Autism, New Delhi was awarded the "1st AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award" for her organization. Ms. Barua is a disability activist who has tried to have "autism" recognised as the communication disorder disability towards attracting greater attention to its management both by the victim and family and others working with them.



Ms. Merry Barua receiving the 1st Nina Sibal Award from Dr. Najma Heptulla

2nd AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award - 2004

Mr. Sumit Roy, was awarded the "2nd AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award" for his organisation, Digdarshika Institute of Rehabilitation and Research, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. DIRR is a non-profit voluntary organisation, with a vision to provide congenial environment and equal opportunities for the mentally challenged, through its research and documentation.



Mr. Sumit Roy receiving the 2nd Nina Sibal Award from Smt. Meira Kumar

3rd AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award - 2005

Dr. Sangeeta Agarwal, was awarded the "3rd AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award" for her organisation Shubham, Muzaffarpur, Bihar. Shubham is a welfare organisation for the development of persons with disabilities. Its activities are targeted at enabling people suffering from both physical and mental impairment to be encouraged and brought in to the main stream of a healthy life.



Dr. Sangeeta Agarwal receiving the 3rd Nina Sibal Award from Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan

4th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award - 2006

Dr. Kshama Metre, National Director, "Chinmaya Organisation for Rural Development (CORD)", Kangra, Himachal Pradesh, was awarded the "4th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award", for her organisation. The main objective of the organisation is to empower and provide an opportunity to the differently abled persons to live as important citizens of the country and contribute as any other person.



Dr. Kshama Metre receiving the 4th Nina Sibal Award from Justice A S Anand

5th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award - 2007

Shri P. C. Kapoor, President, Jammu Red Cross, Udheywala, Jammu & Kashmir, was awarded the "5th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award", for his organization, which is a home for handicapped and provides the children education, free uniforms, free coaching and pre occupational training apart from physiotherapy and medicare for victims of poliomyelitis.



Shri P C Kapoor receiving the 5th Nina Sibal Award from Dr. Karan Singh

6th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award - 2008

Shri N. Krishnaswamy, IPS (Retd.), was awarded the "6th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award" for his organisation, Vidya Vrikshah, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The mission of the Vidya Vriksh is to share IT-knowledge with socially and physically disadvantaged persons. The organisation has adopted path breaking technologies to reach the usually unreachable groups of people.



Shri N Krishnaswamy receiving the 6th Nina Sibal Award from Smt. Sheila Dikshit

7th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award - 2009

Prof. (Dr.) Asha Hans was awarded the "7th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award" for her organization Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre, Bhubneshwar, Orissa. The centre provides services for the physically disabled children and adults. SMRC has been striving to create and implement a wide range of activities, designed to meet the medical, physical, emotional, social and vocational needs of persons with disabilities.



Prof. (Dr.) Asha Hans receiving the 7th Nina Sibal Award from Dr. Karan Singh

8th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award - 2010

Mr. R.C. Hiremath, was awarded the "8th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award" for his organization "Flexitron" of Bangalore, Karnataka. Flexitron has brought technological innovations, like alternative energy, low cost lighting, disease control etc. to focus on the poor, women, children, and differently-abled persons in the society.



Mr. R.C. Hiremath receiving the 8th Nina Sibal Award from Dr. Karan Singh

9th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award - 2011

Dr. M.K.C. Nair, Founder Director of Child Development Centre, Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, was awarded the "9th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award" for his organization on account of the pioneering work done on Reduction of Disability through novel scientific Initiatives.



Dr. M.K.C. Nair, receiving the 9th Nina Sibal Award from Shri Kapil Sibal

10th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award - 2012

Mr. Asok Chakraborty, Secretary, "Shelter" Bhadreswar, Hooghly, West Bengal was awarded the "10th AIWEFA Nina Sibal Memorial Award" for his organisation on account of their dedicated work towards education and rehabilitation of persons with mental retardation in association with other disabilities.



Mr. Asok Chakraborty receiving the 10th Nina Sibal Award from Dr. Karan Singh & Shri Kapil Sibal.