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**ALL INDIA WOMEN'S EDUCATION FUND ASSOCIATION (AIWEFA)**

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## **AIWEFA ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019**

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the All India Women's Education Fund Association (AIWEFA) took place on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. The minutes of this meeting were mailed on 11 October 2018.

The Governing Body (GB) of the College was appointed by the University for the term 23.04.2018 to 22.04.2019 after a gap of two years. The election of the GB members on the board of Lady Irwin College for 2019 to 2020 took place in 2018. At the AGM 2019 the election/nomination of GB 2020-2021 will take place.

This year election of AIWEFA Executive Committee is also due for the three year term ie. from 2019 to 2022 and will take place at the AGM.

**The Executive Committee Meetings:** The Executive Committee of AIWEFA worked smoothly and successfully under the president ship of Ms. Asha Chandra. It met 4 times during the year on 13 December 2018, 26 February 2019, 27 March 2019 and 30 April 2019.

### **Membership:**

In the year 2018-2019, one life member has joined the Association. We welcome her on behalf of all the AIWEFA members. The total membership for life members today stands at 384, Patrons and Corporate Members at 5 each & Fellows at 1.

On behalf of AIWEFA Executive, I wish to thank all our members for their support and co-operation during the year 2018-2019.

### **Memorandum of Association (MOA):**

At last year's AGM the revised fee –structure for AIWEFA- Membership was approved and the same is being followed since then. The life membership fee now is Rs. 3000/-

MOA is displayed on the AIWEFA website and the printed MOA is available at the AIWEFA Office.

### **AIWEFA's AUDITORS:**

AIWEFA's auditor Mr. Hukum Singh of Hukum Vijay & Co., Chartered Accountants was unable to continue and submitted his resignation letter on 18 March 2019, his resignation was accepted. There after Mr. Umesh Chand Goyal, AIWEFA Treasurer, introduced Mr. Manoj Kumar Jain (FCA) of Manoj Satya Jain & Co. Chartered Accountants to be AIWEFA's statutory auditor. Mr. Jain's acceptance to AIWEFA's request was received on 25 March 2019. and it was resolved that **"Manoj Satya**

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Vice President: Sarla Manchanda

Secretary: Jyotsna Kapur

Treasurer: Umesh Chand Goyal

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**Jain & CO. Chartered** Accountants have been appointed to be the statutory auditor of the society until the next Annual General Body Meeting."

## **Visits and Representations:**

### **National:**

1. **National Institute of Social Defence (NISD):** Senior Citizen Day programme on 1st. October 2018 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. **IAMKHADI:** Global Spin (Trade Conclave on Khadi & BATIK going Global) Indonesian Embassy, New Delhi, Tuesday, 18th December' 2018 and World Weaver forum core committee meeting on 25 April 2019
3. **All India Women's Conference:** Beijing + 25, meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 & Violence Against Women on Thursday, 25th April, 2019
4. **"Craft Training workshop":** organized by District Magistrate under the program 'Ek Zila ka hunar' for "Tharu" tribe women groups in Balrampur and Shravasti, (U.P) on 25th to 28th March 2019.
5. **ICSSR National Seminar sessions:** on "Traditional Crafts and Employment Opportunities" and "Value addition and diversification of local Arts" on 21st and 22nd August, at G. B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnager.

### **International:**

#### **1. 63<sup>rd</sup> Session on Commission on Status of Women (CSW 63:)**

A five member team led by the President Ms Asha Chandra represented AIWEFA at CSW63 held in March 2019 at UN HQs. New York. The other team members were Ms. Jyotsna Kapur, Secretary AIWEFA, Ms. Rita Menon, Executive Member, AIWEFA & Chairperson GB of LIC, Mr. Himangshu Vaish Executive Member, AIWEFA, Ms. Chitra Sarkar, Coopted Executive Member AIWEFA.

AIWEFA's campaign "**Khadi Goes Global**" to promote Khadi internationally and to provide sustainable and decent employment to the women under the priority theme "Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women & girls" was well demonstrated at the three events namely Side Event, Artisan Fair and Parallel Event held by the AIWEFA team on 11, 13 & 15 March 2019 respectively. All the three events were very successfully held and were very well received. The compendium "Empowerment of Rural Women to Achieve the 2030 Agenda for Development." was also released at this international forum alongwith a film on khadi specially commissioned by AIWEFA.

The Side Event was held in partnership with the Permanent Mission of India to the UN and later the Team was invited for Tea by the Ambassador Shri Syed Akbaruddin where a charkha was presented to him.

The CSW63 representation was funded mainly by Khadi Village Industries Commission (KVIC), GOI and UN Women sponsored the travel and stay of Ms. Jyotsna Kapur. The quantum of AIWEFA's representation was very impressive.

**2. COP24:** As a member of UNFCCC and Women's Major Group (WMG), AIWEFA is receiving updates for the Conference of Parties (COP24). AIWEFA is in the process to participate through Khadi Goes Global program.

**3. W20:** This group was formed to present inputs to the G20 meeting to be held in Argentina during October 2018. AIWEFA has been invited to be a contributing member on two topics--Rural Women and Digital. AIWEFA was unable to participate due to lack of funding support.

### **AIWEFA Programs, Conferences/Seminars:**

**I. The conference "ENSURING HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTING WELLNESS IN OLD AGE"**, held on 1st and 2nd November 2018, at Lady Irwin College, was indeed the most synergistic conference ever held jointly by AIWEFA and LIC. The conference had academic as well as activity sessions by and for senior citizens. The music, dance and fashion shows by seniors were greatly applauded. The conference was sponsored by National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Help Age India and NITI Aayog. LIC Alumnae Association, Ojas Ways, Whole Foods, Nestle India, Pearl Academy, Punjab Kesari and Studio Mosaic.

It was resolved to have a sequel conference, which is planned for January 2020 at IIC.

### **II. National Event "Khadi Goes Global":**

The National programme **"Khadi Goes Global: empowerment of rural women to achieve the 2030 agenda for development"** was launched nationally on 21st. February 2019 to celebrate Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary, 100 years of khadi and 90 years of AIWEFA.

To honour the spirit of Gandhi ji, and his life-long connection with khadi, two historic organisations founded under his guidance, **AIWEFA and FICCI FLO**, united to celebrate khadi for transformation of the socio-economic status of rural women at **Handicrafts & Handloom Museum of India**, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

The day-long programme commenced at 11:00 a.m. and lasted till 10 p.m. It was a collage of events covering all aspects of Khadi. It included crafts stalls; folk singers; side events and talks; film on khadi specially made for AIWEFA; a dance performance by Ms. Geeta Chandran; fashion shows by Mr. Rohit Bal, Ms. Rina Dhaka, Mr. Abu Sandeep, Mr. Rajesh Pratap Singh with Bollywood actors Arjun Rampal & Aditi Rao Haidari as showstopper models. and a second fashion show was held with upcoming designers from Pearl Academy.

AIWEFA's main panel discussion had to be cut short due to paucity of time and the Mr. Arun Kumar Panda, Secretary Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), addressed the audience commending AIWEFA for the compendium "Empowerment of Rural Women to Achieve the 2030 Agenda for Development." The AIWEFA's participation in the event was funded by Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL).

**III. "Promoting Intergenerational Bonding"** workshops, 5 in the colleges and 5 in the schools were completed successfully during the year. All the 10 workshops were sponsored by **the National Institute of Social Defense (NISD) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.**

**IV. The XVII AIWEFA-Nina Sibal Memorial Award:** Like every year the Award Function took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 at IHC, New Delhi. This year's awardee organization was **"VISHWAS"**, Gurugram, Haryana, in recognition of their life-cycle approach in providing an enabling and inclusive environment and promoting choices for children and young persons with disabilities. From humble beginnings in 2005 and a core team of just three members, Vishwas has emerged as a recognised non-profit organisation for the empowerment and dignity of persons with disabilities in all the 78 villages and 15 wards of Sohna block, Haryana, thus reaching close to 1900 beneficiaries and impacting a population of 2,33,000 persons. From this year the award money has been raised to Rs. 8 Lakhs from Rs. 7 Lakhs.

## **V. Publications/Reports**

**Following Reports, brochures, compendium were printed-**

1. 10 NISD Workshop Reports : "Promoting Intergenerational Bonding "
2. "Ensuring healthy Lives and Promoting Wellness in Old Age"
3. "Empowerment of Rural Women to Achieve the 2030 Agenda for Development."
4. Khadi Goes Global Environment booklet

**VI. AIWEFA Website:** All the reports are uploaded and shared on AIWEFA website from time to time. "Khadi goes global" FaceBook, twitter and Instagram accounts have been set up. On **AIWEFA website and Face book Page News and Photographs** are being updated regularly.

## **VII. Follow up plans:**

**I. Khadi Goes Global National Program (KGGN):** "Khadi unique tool for development "KGGN program takes a step toward sensitizing environmental, social, and economic sustainability of the Women artisans in the Khadi production sector.

- Environmental Sustainability: Because it is hand spun and loomed, there's a reduction in carbon the footprint. The spinning process is also the least damaging to the intrinsic properties of cotton.
- Social Sustainability: Adapting to process based on Gandhi's principle of making Indian villages self-sufficient. It reduces the farmers' dependence on large spinning mills and helps maintain the village-based craft of handloom cloth making. It also helps in preserving traditional techniques, artisanal mode of textile production, and indigenous raw material varieties.

- **Economic Sustainability:** Reducing the need for setting up huge industrial plants for spinning and other processes. But this project needs considerable monetary investment from investors who look for social rather than financial returns, and who are devoted to developing a just and equitable society.

## **KGGN Program**

**Phase I:** To organize 11 Expo events for National coverage by grouping the states, first Expo comprising of Conference, Exhibition and Sale of fabrics and Made ups of North east "Eight Sisters", is planned to be held on 2nd& 3rd November 2019at Lady Irwin College.

### **The Expos are designed to fulfill the KGGN program objectives:-**

- 1 To Map and develop Khadi producer/supplier water marks online database
- 2 To conduct SWOT analysis of existing khadi communities to identify scope for interventions.
- 3 To create and support sustainable livelihoods with appropriate technology & design to women artisans (producers; spinners; weavers; dyers & printers; embroiderers; tailors and finishers)
- 4 To strengthen Khadi industry ecosystem, issues of environment, and sustainability
- 5 Popularization of handcrafted green Khadi.

## **Post KGGN Expo events**

**Phase II:-**Need based Interventions & Implementation with Producer groups.The analysis post 11 expo events will bring out- needs to remove supply constraints in each state Khadi sector and built national and international marketing and resource networks. Focus on skilled Women's Empowerment, Rural Development, Product Innovation, Value Addition, Environment and Sustainability of weavers' community.

Towards this goal, interventions at various levels will be proposed including organizing skill trainings, upgrading of the hand tools and equipment. Building supply chains to producers and global market linkages in identified markets.

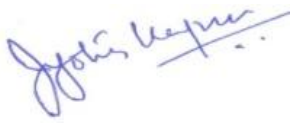
Building Weavers' community value chains/ associations from all over India which help in the understanding of different techniques being used, relevant challenges, priority level interventions, recent KVIC innovations at the producer level and more.

Introduction of new product designs, patterns and structures combined in order to meet the dynamic global market needs against the rising demand of sustainable, eco - friendly, organic and vegan products.

AIWEFA to partner with national and state Institutes and organisations to make the program impactful: -

- i) IIT,s for technology
- ii) PEARL/NIFT for Design and styling
- iii) Khadi Institutes for raw material resourcing & procurements, and know how on best practices
- iv) Khadi Bhawan for product promotion & market linkages
- v) Khadi Training Institutes for skill trainings

**VIII. Support from Members:** AIWEFA seeks all support from its illustrious members.



**Jyotsna Kapur**  
Secretary, AIWEFA

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