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

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The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the All India Women's Education Fund Association (AIWEFA) took place on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2019. The minutes of this meeting were mailed on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

The election of the Governing Body (GB) members on the board of Lady Irwin College (University of Delhi) for the year 2020 -21 took place at the AGM of 2019 and names sent to the University for approval on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The approved names have not been released so far; so the college has been managing with a skeletal Governing Body consisting of 2 University Representatives, 2 teacher representatives from the college and ofcourse the college Director, since 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019. At the forthcoming AGM the elected GB members' names for **future** will be forwarded to the University of Delhi.

At the 2019 AGM, the election of AIWEFA Executive Committee also took place for a three year term ie. from 2019 to 2022 and the following Executive Committee was elected:

**President:** Ms. Jyotsna Kapur  
**Vice President:** Mr. Himangshu Rai Vaish  
**Secretary:** Dr. Renu Malaviya  
**Jt. Secretary:** Ms. Chitra Sarkar

**Elected Executive Members:** Mr. Riaz Umar, Ms. Sarla Manchanda, Dr. Adarsh Sharma, Ms. Rita Menon, Ms. Ishani Chandra, Dr. Mayanka Gupta

It was unanimously agreed that Ms. Asha Chandra would become Patron of AIWEFA on demitting the office of President, which would become effective on the date of the AGM.

At the first EC meeting of the year, held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019, as is the norm, Mr. Umesh Chand Goyal and Mr. Sudarshan Sharma were nominated respectively as Treasurer and Jt. Treasurer of AIWEFA.

Ms. Jyotsna Kapur resigned from the post of President on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 with immediate effect. In her email she expressed her thankfulness to Executive Board and AIWEFA team for all the cooperation & opportunity given to her to serve the prestigious organisation. Her resignation mail was accepted by the Executive Committee (EC) on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at a meeting that was held virtually due to the COVID-19 restrictions. EC resolved to request Ms. Asha Chandra to take over as interim President from 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 till the next AGM, to which she graciously agreed.

**The Executive Committee Meetings:** The Executive Committee of AIWEFA met 4 times during the year, ie. on 18 September 2019, 21 November 2019, 29 January 2020 and 8 May, 2020. The last meeting was conducted online.

**President:** Asha Chandra

**Vice President:** Himangshu Rai Vaish

**Secretary:** Renu Malaviya

**Treasurer:** Umesh Chand Goyal

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## **Membership:**

In the year 2019-2020, 3 life members have joined the Association. We welcome them on behalf of all the AIWEFA members. The total membership for life members today stands at 387, Patrons and Corporate Members at 5 and Fellows at 1.

On behalf of AIWEFA Executive, I wish to thank all our members for their support and co-operation during the year 2019-2020.

## **I. Memorandum of Association (MOA): Registration**

At the AGM of 2019, 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/=.

The Memorandum of Association (MOA) is displayed on the AIWEFA website. The printed MOA is available at AIWEFA Office.

AIWEFA was registered in the year-24.06.1929 under the Act 1860 at Shimla. Through the efforts of past Committees, AIWEFA was intimated in writing that the registration papers and file had been transferred to the Kashmere Gate Registrar's office. However this file could not be traced. AIWEFA Committee has filed RTIs, written to Registrars' and followed up with visits to their offices, but the whereabouts of the file are still unknown. Efforts are on to locate the file and advice is being sought for alternative action as well.

## **II. Visits and Representations:**

### **1. National:**

Dr. Mayanka Gupta, Executive Member AIWEFA represented the organization at H.S.N.C. Board's G. J.Advani Law College, Mumbai online workshop on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 on 'Human Rights and Gender Inequalities in India'. Her topic was 'Gender Lens in the Workplace'.

### **2. International:**

#### **(i) 64<sup>th</sup> Session on Commission on Status of Women (CSW 64):**

Preparations commenced in November 2019 to represent AIWEFA at the sixty fourth session of the Commission on Status of Women (CSW64), to be held at the UN headquarters, New York in March 2020. The fee for the Parallel Session was also paid. However, on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020, the session was called off due to the pandemic. All Forum Events were cancelled. This included AIWEFA's Parallel Event scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 on 'Women's Education, Employment and Economic Empowerment: An accelerated growth since Beijing'. AIWEFA chose to get a refund on the booking amount, and has been informed that it will be done.

This intense preparation for the cancelled UN Event, helped AIWEFA to be among the first few organizations to recognize and respond to the disastrous effects of COVID-19 pandemic, on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

#### **(ii) AIWEFA President, Ms. Asha Chandra was invited to speak at the following international webinars by organization affiliated with UN Women:**

- i. Indigenous Women's Narratives in the Time of the COVID19 Pandemic, on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2020

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- ii. SDGs Implementation in the Global South: The Role Of CSOs In Accelerating SDGs Implementation In The Midst Of A Global Crisis: National Voices on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020.
- iii. AIWEFA was a panelist on international webinars at the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) held from 7<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

**(iii)** Dr. Renu Malaviya, Secretary AIWEFA was an invited speaker at the International 5 day-Online Webinar on Early Intervention Summit (EIS 20) on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020 titled Technology: An opportunity for early intervention organized by Pravara Educational Trust in collaboration with Marshall University, USA. It had about 3000 participants from 28 countries.

**(iv)** Dr. Mayanka Gupta, EC Member AIWEFA was invited for an International webinar on 'Evolving Cross-Cultural Perspectives on the Institutional Care of Elderly' organized by Knowledgeable Aging, Washington, United States of America on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.

### **III. AIWEFA Programs: Conferences/Seminars/Webinars**

1. **North-East Expo:** The North East Expo was held by AIWEFA on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 at the Lady Irwin College. It showcased the culture, handloom textiles, natural foods and the farm sector through a conference, fashion walk and vendor stalls. The event was supported by the North East Council.
2. **Webinar Series: SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: Action oriented dialogues on the organisational impact of the COVID-19 pandemic**

In June 2020, recognizing that people with disabilities would be the hardest hit during this health crisis, AIWEFA held a series of four webinars, "Sustainable Solutions for Persons with Disabilities". These action packed dialogues on the organizational impact of the COVID 19 pandemic were held with the previous Awardees of the Nina Sibal Award.

These webinars were an attempt to update viewers about the work being done by the various recipients of the Nina Sibal Award (NSA) over the years.

The topics of the four webinars were:

- i. Webinar 1: Research and Education
- ii. Webinar 2: Educational and Rehabilitation Outreach
- iii. Webinar 3: Visual Impairment
- iv. Webinar 4: Mental Health

The Webinar Report is available on [aiwefa.org](http://aiwefa.org)

### **3. XVIII AIWEFA-Nina Sibal Memorial Award: 2020- online**

The annual Nina Sibal Award Function was held on 2nd August 2020. However, due to the COVID 19 pandemic and the closure of the India Habitat Centre, the Award Function was held virtually on the online platform Cisco-Webex. The event included all its usual features like welcome, lamp-lighting, invocation song, citation, speeches by the eminent panelists as well as the presentation to the Awardee. With the support of technology the programme was flawless, and the participants from India and the world could participate virtually. Dr. Karan Singh was particularly delighted with the fact that he could chair the Function from the comfort of home.

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Both Dr. Karan Singh and Mr. Kapil Sibal expressed their profuse appreciation to AIWEFA for ensuring the impartial selection of the Awardee Organisation and giving particular emphasis in the selection process on how the Award grant would help them to overcome financial constraints, and scale up their work.

This year's awardee organization was "**Kasinadhuni DurgambaButchaiah Trust**", (KDB Trust), Andhra Pradesh, in recognition of their services in alleviating the difficulties of differently-abled children in rural areas. With a humble beginning in 1911 the trust now reaches out to 130 children with special needs and their families in the rural areas of Yelakurru, Machilipatnam and Avanigadda. The trust is providing door- step services in rural India to the socially disadvantaged and differently-abled children, thus enabling them to attain maximum independence, dignity, inclusion and equal rights as well as positions in society. The award money is Rs. 8 Lakhs, a trophy and a citation.

### **IV. Publications, Reports, PPTs and Videos**

- i. The following were printed: Khadi goes Global Brochure, North-East Conference Report, NSA Webinar Series Report, AIWEFA brochure & Nina Sibal Folder.
- ii. AIWEFA-PPT & NSA-PPT were updated

#### **3. Videos:**

A number of bilingual videos in English and Hindi related to COVID19 were created and hosted on the AIWEFA website. These include:

- i. COVID Safety Measures
- ii. COVID Safety Measures (I)
- iii. Pause Breathe Reflect
- iv. A Backpack for Emergencies
- v. आपातकालीन का एक बैग
- vi. COVID 19 SEWA
- vii. Impact of COVID 19 pandemic on elderly
- viii. बुजुर्गों पर कोरोना का परभाव
- ix. Infographics

These videos have been uploaded on the AIWEFA website, on the site of NITI Aayog, AIWEFA's Face book page, Youtube etc.

**4. AIWEFA Website:** All the reports are uploaded and shared on AIWEFA website from time to time. The website is currently being updated. AIWEFA has also used the opportunity during this time to further increase the use of online media like Facebook , Twitter, Instagram and other.

**5. AIWEFA Face book Page:** News and Photographs are being updated regularly.

#### **6. AIWEFA Future Plans:**

Keeping in mind the restrictive conditions due to the corona virus, AIWEFA seeks to hold:

- i. International webinars on alleviating the condition of the Elderly in the UN's Sustainable
- ii. Development Goals (SDGs).
- iii. National webinars in areas that the COVID 19 has particularly exacerbated.
- iv. Collaborative grassroots programmes following the pandemic.

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- v. Webinars on Intergenerational Bonding, Cyber security and Climate Change.

**7. Support from Members:** AIWEFA seeks support from all its illustrious members, particularly to raise programme funding for the vulnerable sections of society, especially as AIWEFA completes 91 glorious years since its foundation in 1929.

**Dr. Renu Malaviya**  
Secretary- General, AIWEFA

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