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The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the All India Women's Education Fund Association (AIWEFA) took place on 07 September, 2017. The minutes of this meeting were mailed on 26th October 2017.

The Governing Body (GB) of the College has been appointed by the University after a gap of two years. Its current tenure is from 23.04.2018 to 22.04.2019.

The resignation of Dr. Veenu Seth from the Executive membership of AIWEFA was accepted at the AGM 2017 and the name of Mr. Himangshu Rai Vaish was proposed and seconded by the AIWEFA Members in her place and was accepted by the house.

The resignation of Dr. Asha Singh from the Executive membership of AIWEFA was accepted at the ECM of 29th May and the name of Ms. Chitra Sarkar was proposed and seconded by the AIWEFA Members in her place and was accepted by the house.

Mr. Rajesh Kumar Gupta of Dhanania and Company had completed three years of their term as Chartered Accountants for AIWEFA. It was proposed at the General Body held on 7th September 2017 that Mr. Hukam Singh, Hukam Vijay & Co., be appointed for a period of three years. This was approved at the GB and ratified by the EC. Subsequently Mr. Hukam Singh is AIWEFA's CA.

On behalf of AIWEFA Executive, I wish to thank all our members for their support and co-operation during the year 2017-2018.

The Executive Committee Meetings:

The Executive Committee met four times during the year on 12th October 2017, 22nd February 2018, 29th May 2018, 24th July 2018 and 1st September 2018.

Membership:

In the year 2017-2018, eight 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 383, Patrons and Corporate Members at 5 each & Fellows at 1

Visits and Representations:

National:

1 AIWEFA has joined hands with **CSO coalition to end child marriage in India**. Formed in support of the NHRC-SAIEVAC National Conference to end child marriage in India: 27th September 2017.

2 MWCD (Conference of "Partner NGOs"): on 9th October 2017 at Ashok Hotel, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi

3 NBT workshop on 9 January 2018, Book Fair at Pragati Maidan

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4 NCW (Commemorate the completion of 25 years) 31st January, 2018 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. New Delhi-110001 .

5 Sexual harassment workshop: Dr. Renu Malviya attended on Wednesday 8 February, at Lady Irwin College.

6 CSO Consultation on Commission on the Status of Women Sixty-Second Session (MWCD) on 22nd February, 2018 at Conference Room, 6th Floor Shastri Bhawan, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD)

7. Aarohan (International Women's Day) on Thursday, 8th March.'18 at B-Block Park, Malviya Nagar .

8 BAHAI. "Women's Empowerment and the Transformation of Economic Structures" a Round Table discussion organized by the Baha'i Office of Public Affairs on Friday, 9th March '18 at the Information Centre of the Bahai House of Worship.

9 AIWC : 'Raise your voice against rape'. on 19th April, 2018. at AIWC. Selected representatives were invited by the Minister to present a petition '**Raise your voice against rape**' on 18th July 2018 at 6th Floor Shastri Bhawan, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD)

10 AIWC: Roundtable Consultation on 'Gender Neutrality in Climate Change Policies' Tuesday May 15th, 2018 at Margaret Cousins Memorial Library All India Women's Conference, 6 Bhagwan Das Road, Mandi House New Delhi-110001

11 AIWEFA participated in the **conference held by MWCD of "Partner NGO's"** on 9th October 2017 at New Delhi. Suggestions and recommendations were invited by the Minister's office and the same were duly sent to her office on 10.10.2017.

International:

- 1. CSW 60 and 61:** In 2016 at the Commission on Status of Women (CSW60), AIWEFA had presented a Compendium on Good Practices from Africa and SAARC to the Hon'ble Minister, Ms. Maneka Gandhi. In 2017 at CSW61 AIWEFA launched a global south website www.aworldwewomenwant.org to document implementation strategies from the nations of the global south to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); releases the Compendium on Women's Economic Empowerment.(Details available on www.aiweafa.org).
- 2. CSW 62:** A Side Event had been booked by the Permanent Mission of India New York on 14 March 2018 to hold a joint 75 minute program with AIWEFA "Khadi Goes Global" at the UN headquarters during the sixty second session of CSW 62. At the request of AIWEFA, the window to hold this program on livelihoods is being kept open for CSW63 in 2019 so that AIWEFA can present a more robust program.
- 3. COP24:** As a member of UNFCCC and Women's Major Group (WMG), AIWEFA is receiving updates for the Conference of Parties (COP24).

4. **W20:** This group has been 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.**
5. Dr. Roma Agarwal, member AIWEFA was appointed as AIWEFA representative to the UN, New York Representative on 20th January 2017.
6. Prof. Promil Pande, member AIWEFA was appointed as AIWEFA representative in International Women's Peace group (IWPG) South Korea on May 28th 2018.
7. AIWEFA joined hands with Graduate Women International (GWI), Geneva Switzerland for policy matters discussions. Mrs Geeta Desai President GWI visited AIWEFA on 15th December 2017.

AIWEFA Programmes, Conferences/Seminars:

1. **Project Brandaman-** Promotion and Branding of Handicrafts of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. According to the allotted work Order by KVIB Port Blair AIWEFA received 25% fund in September '17. The project completion date was March '18. Branding and Marketing milestones are yet to be completed as KVIB failed to allocate the prototypes to the trained artisans and the products did not reach Sagarika –the ANI State Emporia. We have received letter from Director KVIB Port Blair, when the funds will be available with them, they will release the amount to AIWEFA for completion of work on above components.
2. **National Institute of Social Defense (NISD) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment:** supported 5 workshops on "Prevention of Drug Abuse" and 10 workshops on "Promoting Intergenerational Bonding" 5 in the colleges and 5 in the schools All the 15 workshops were successfully completed.

Ten more Intergenerational Bonding workshops are being conducted by AIWEFA--- 5 in schools and 5 in colleges.

3. **Environment Day Celebrations: "Say no To Plastics"** campaign was launched by AIWEFA on 5th June 2018. Reusable, biodegradable and sturdy cloth bags preserve the environment and facilitate the government campaign against Plastic. This effort will also take care of livelihood support to underprivileged women.
4. **The XVI AIWEFA-Nina Sibal Memorial Award:** Like every year the Award Function took place on 2nd August 2018 at IHC New Delhi. This year's awardee was **"Asha ka Jharna" - Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan;** an institute working for the cause of the disabled since 1997. Mr. Sudeep Goel , Chief Functionary and secretary received the award on this organisation .

From this year the award money has been raised to Rs. 8 Lakhs.

- 5. "Ensuring Healthy Lives and Promoting Wellness in Old Age"** With the objective of building the road to lifelong health, happiness and engagement for senior citizens, AIWEFA, supported by organizations like the National Institute of Social Defense (NISD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is holding a two day National Conference **"Ensuring Healthy Lives and Promoting Wellness in Old Age on 1st. and 2nd. November 2018 at Lady Irwin College, 4 Sikandra Road, New Delhi-110 001.**

Simultaneous Exhibition of assistive equipment manufacturers and service providers, with age-appealing programme for 300-400 senior citizens each day. **HelpAge is partly supporting the conference.**

Publications/Reports

Memorandum of Association (MOA):

Memorandum of association (MOA) for AIWEFA is being reviewed and edited by the MOA-Committee. Hopefully the revised MOA will be presented at the AGM-2018. Once approved, it will be printed. (as it is reported under reports & publications)

NISD Workshop Reports : Reports on 15 workshops supported by NISD were printed and sent along with photographs and all other relevant materials.

AIWEFA Website: The AIWEFA website is operational and all reports are uploaded from time to time.

AIWEFA Face book Page: Photographs are being updated regularly.

Follow up plans:

I. Khadi Cluster Development: AIWEFA is preparing DPR for MSME supported cluster at Bolangir Orissa, which is aspirational district for development.

II. National Gala Event "*Khadi Goes Global*": 2019 is the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The humble fabric khadi is one of his lasting legacies for the empowerment of women and this cloth symbolizes the very essence of Gandhian principles.

AIWEFA and FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO) together spin and weave the embodiment of the Mahatma's vision in February 2019 at a national gala event --"Khadi Goes Global".

The Event "Khadi Goes Global" seeks to spread awareness and encourage the use of a fabric with a low-carbon-footprint, one that conserves energy, reduces greenhouse gases and is climate friendly. The Event finale includes a fashion show by well known and budding fashion designers working with khadi.

III. CSW63, *Khadi* Goes Global- AIWEFA has Proposed 4 events to KVIC to be conducted at CSW63 in March '19.

A. Side Event- 75 minute "Side Event" in the General Assembly Building, with representation from the Government, UN, Corporate entities, designers, civil society and NGOs, for a Global Panel Discussion. AIWEFA will showcase India's social security measures for khadi workers; gender equality and women's empowerment awareness and programme; robust assessment of quality services and infrastructure support.

B. Release of Compendium compilation "**Khadi Goes Global**" on CSW63 priority theme to include achievements of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through khadi:

- Social protection systems for women spinners and weavers
- Access to public services like transport for rural women
- Sustainable infrastructures for gender equality and the empowerment of women
- Fair wages and decent work
- Social cards and social protection
- Health protection
- Enabling women's collective power
- Rural Women's Rights to an adequate standard living and social protection

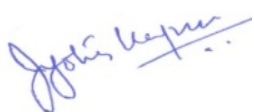
C. Parallel Event -90 minute Parallel Event will be held in the environs of the UN Plaza, possibly in the nearby Church Centre. This will include an interactive demonstration to showcase a range of spectacular khadi weaves.

- Photographs and stories on identities lost in time due to migration of weavers, depletion of natural resources, changes in the raw material and so on
- Presence Interactions with Designers in khadi
- Unstitched fabric and tailored fashion garments on mannequins will form part of the décor.

D. Artisan Fair -A. crafts persons would demonstrate the spinning/weaving of wool or cotton khadi fabric at this 2-3 hour-long Fair.

Tea And Fashion Show may follow depending on availability of funds.

Thanking you.



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