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The All India Women's Education Fund Association (AIWEFA), established in 1929, celebrates 93 years in the education and advancement of women and communities. Through the Lady Irwin College founded by the organisation in 1932, nearly 80,000 women students have passed through the portals of this institution.

The tectonic shifts that the COVID 19 pandemic brought with it has thrust the Indian Education sector into the global limelight.

The pandemic galvanised the government to present the New Education Policy that advocated a budgetary allocation of 6 percent of the Gross Domestic Product; and though the 2022 budget may have crossed a landmark of 13 billion dollars, it has decreased as a percentage of total expenditure. The Policy lays emphasis on critical thinking rather than on rote learning; it promotes harnessing of appropriate technologies for e-learning and lifelong skills like e *pathshalas* (schools) where students access lessons in different languages without internet access for the whole day; it ensures health and nutrition through mid-day meals including door-step deliveries of rations to 800 million families. Industry, Institutions and start-ups indigenously developed a range of innovative cost-effective quality educational solutions at scale, including multi-media class plans, meeting platforms, direct-to-home television educational channels, radios, loudspeakers and whatsapp groups. Unified Payment Interface with banks eased payment of fees.

This organisation's pandemic response employed technology for transformative growth spanning the local to global. The centrality of all programmes was disability inclusion, reduction in violence against women, gender-responsive and environmentally safe development for all, while safe-guarding and advancing the Sustainable Development Goals.

The organisation's webinars and programmes reached over 6000 participants towards building the resilience of people with disabilities and senior citizens, by empowering families; developing skills for lifelong learning; and promoting intergenerational bonding for a culture of peace.

To substantially increase the supply of qualified teachers from Higher Education Institutions, including through international cooperation, the organisation has developed the System's Approach Model. This replicable and scalable model promotes inclusive learning; offers skills for employability; ensures leadership and resilience to build back better; enhances use of technological tools and communication mechanisms; and advocates mindful choices.

To develop a "green economy at community level", the organisation is conducting a Pilot Research Project to explore economic empowerment and entrepreneurship avenues among 900 women who have undergone CARE India's training in 30 villages in the Indian state of Madhya Pradesh.

To regenerate several native species which were lost from Delhi's forests, the organisation, with the Department of Forest and Wildlife and Bombay Natural History Society, is participating in a plantation drive in nurseries that are being developed over about three hectares of land in Tughlaqabad, Delhi.

To disseminate the Hon'ble Prime Minister's campaign 'LIFE' - living for the environment, the organisation screened two short films on United Nations online platforms for over 1000 participants. Supporting a violence-free and gender-just world, the films advocated mindful choices, which, when exercised by billions of people daily around the world, will create a ripple effect towards building a Pro People Planet.