

dryer, accounts and book keeping, food processing etc. Self Help Group (undertaking cultivation of 6 acres of land taken on lease), submersible pump for irrigation, Craft Centre, vermiculture as an economic project

-Basti Vikas Kendra, Lodhi Road, New Delhi
-Model NGO for Multidimensional Environmental Practices at Central Office, New Delhi (funded by NCT, Delhi)

AIWC in International Conferences

The AIWC is proud to have participated in several path breaking international conferences, such as:

-Board meeting and International meeting of International Alliance of Women in Paris, France Nov. 2006.
-World Renewable Energy Congress- Received Award 2006 for Policy Issues for Women's Sustainable Development - Florence, Italy.
-Workshop on 'Women in Politics' organized with IAW in the 50th Session of UN-CSW in New York - 2006.
-International Conference on Empowerment of Women in Islamabad, Pakistan, 2005.
-Asia Pacific Regional Microcredit Summit Meeting of Councils at New Delhi February 2001 organised by AIWC.
-UN International Conference at Durban, September, 2001 'World Conference Against Racism'
-UN International Conference at Geneva, May 2001, "Trade & Development".
-UN International Conference at Benin, South West Africa, December 2000, "New or Restored Democracies".
-UN Geneva Assembly Special Session Geneva 2000 Forum in June, 2000, "Social Development and Beyond".
-Board Meetings of International Alliance of Women.
-Regional Meeting on Energy for Sustainable Development for Achieving Sustainable Energy Future for All 21-24 November, 2000 at Bali, Indonesia.
-World Renewable Energy Congress-VI. During the International Event of World Renewable Energy Congress-VI at Brighton, UK, 1-7 July, 2000, AIWC organized a workshop on Commercialization & Capacity Building Through Renewable Energy Technologies.
-Global Challenge "Global Partnership Projects around the World" Programme of EXPO 2000, Hanover, Germany, AIWC project Sustainable Development Through Renewable Energy Technologies was one of the best projects selected for the award out of 3500 applications and 100 selected from around the Globe.



-1st International Conference "Rural Ageing: A Global Challenge" at West Virginia University Centre on Ageing, USA 7-11 June, 2000.
-43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th and 50th Sessions of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, at UN Headquarters, New York. AIWC made the presentation at the main session on behalf of AIWC and other six national level women's organizations.
-World Renewable Energy Congress WREN at Florence in Italy, 20-25 September, 1998. An exhibition on various NRSE devices.
-42nd Session on Commission on Status of Women. Secretary General, AIWC was part of the Task Force on Violence Against Women.
-PPSEAWA International 20th Triennial Conference, Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur) 25 Aug.-2 September, 1997.
-The Microcredit Summit at Washington DC, February 2-4, 1997.
-Workshop on Pan-Pacific and South East Asian Women's Association on Women, "Family & Health" 10-20 April, 1996, Western Samoa, Asia Pacific Region.
-Habitat II NGO Forum, Istanbul, Turkey, June, 1996.

Pioneer Institutions founded by AIWC

(now functioning as autonomous apex bodies)
All India Women's Education Fund Association (AIWEFA) established in 1932. Lady Irwin College, New Delhi is founded and run by AIWEFA.

Family Planning Association of India (earlier Family Planning Centre established in 1937)

Indian Council for Child Welfare (earlier Save the Children Committee established in 1943)

Cancer Institute, Chennai (earlier Cancer Research Institute, Adayar, Chennai established in 1952)

Amrit Kaur Bal Vihar for mentally challenged children, New Delhi (established in 1964)

Publications

Roshni - Journal dedicated to branch activities, articles on women's issues, information regarding developments in the field of legislation, achievements of women etc

Books - Over the years AIWC has published several books, prominent among them being

- o Women's Struggle: History of AIWC by Dr Aparna Basu and Bharati Ray
- o The Pathfinder by Dr Muthulekshmy Reddy
- o Rainbow in the Dark by Dr Lakshmi Raghuramaiah
- o Woman with a Mission by Rajkumari Amrit Kaur
- o Profiles of Lakshmi N Menon
- o My Reminiscences by Renuka Ray
- o HIV/AIDS Training Manual for Trainers
- o Report of Training of Trainers Program on HIV/AIDS
- o Directory of Branches of AIWC

Booklets / Pamphlets like Women know your rights, Nari aur Kanoon, Training Manual on Solar Dryers, Preparation of projects etc

OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

H.H. Maharani Chinnabai Gaekwad	1927
H.H. Begum (Mother) of Bhopal	1928
Dowager Rani of Mandi	1929
Smt. Sarojini Naidu	1930
Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy	1931
Smt. Sarla Ray	1932
Lady Vidiyagauri Nilkanth	1933
Lady Abdul Quadir	1934
Mrs. Hilla Rustamji Faridoonji	1935
H.H. Maharani Setu Parvathibai of Travancore	1936
Mrs. Margaret E. Cousins	1937
Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur	1938
Raj Lakshmi Bai Rajwade	1939
Begum Shareefah Hamid Ali	1940-41
Smt. Rameshwari Nehru	1942
Smt. Vijayalakshmi Pandit	1943
Smt. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya	1944-45
Smt. Hansa Mehta	1946
Smt. Dhanwanti Rama Rau	1947
Smt. Anasuyabai Kale	1948
Smt. Urmila Mehta	1949-50
Smt. Hanna Sen	1951-52
Smt. Renuka Ray	1953-54
Smt. Lakshmi N. Menon	1955-58
Smt. Raksha Saran	1959-60
Smt. Mithan J. Lam	1961-62
Smt. Masuma Begum	1963-64
Smt. M.S.H. Jhabwala	1965-68
Smt. B. Tarabai	1969-70
Smt. K. Lakshmi Raghuramaiah	1971-80
Smt. Sarojini Varadappan	1981-85
Smt. Ashoka Gupta	1986-90
Smt. Shobhana Kanade	1991-95
Smt. Kunti Paul	1996-98
Dr. (Mrs.) Kalawati Tripathi	1999-2001
Dr. (Mrs.) Aparna Basu	2002-2004
President in Office	
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AIWC was founded in 1927 "to function as an organization dedicated to the upliftment and betterment of women and children". The organization continues its mission and has since diversified into various social and economic issues concerning women. In the 80th year of service to the nation, over 1,56,000 members in more than 500 branches of AIWC across the country carry on the work zealously with selfless dedication. AIWC is recognized the world over as a premier organization working for women's development and empowerment.

MISSION.....

AIWC was registered in 1930 under Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860. (No.558 of 1930). The main objectives of the organization are :

- To work for a society based on the principles of social justice, personal integrity and equal rights and opportunities for all.
- To secure recognition of the inherent right of every human being to work and to achieve the essentials of life, which should not be determined by accident of birth or sex but by planned social distribution.
- To support the claim of every citizen to the right to enjoy basic civil liberties.
- To stand against all separatist tendencies and to promote greater national integration and unity.
- To work actively for the general progress and welfare of women and children and to help women utilize to the fullest, the Fundamental Rights conferred on them by the Constitution of India.
- To work for permanent international amity and world peace.

At an international level, AIWC has

- Consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC)
- Membership of UNICEF Executive Committee for 10 years
- Membership of CONGO. Elected as Vice-President of CONGO for two terms.
- A National Focal Point for International Networking for Sustainable Energy (INforSE)
- Membership of the World Renewable Energy Network (WREN)
- Membership of ENERGIA International Network on Gender and Energy
- Global Village Energy Partnership
- Membership of World Water Partnership
- Affiliated member of the International Alliance for Women (IAW)
- Affiliated to the Pan Pacific South-East Asian Women's Association (PPSEAWA)
- Affiliated to NIMROO Education Centre, Japan



The All India Women's Conference addresses important issues through various activities and programs:

- Literacy & Education
- Health & Family Welfare
- Socio Economic Programmes
- Legislation
- Economic Empowerment and Microcredit Programmes
- Computer Training Programmes
- Textile Printing
- Non-Conventional & Renewable Energy
- Consumer Awareness
- Research Programmes
- Rural Sanitation, Water & Waste Management
- Institutional Care
 - Short Stay Homes
 - Old Age Homes
 - Hostels for Single Working Women

Literacy and Education

One of the main objectives of AIWC was women's education and it remains a primary concern even today. The literacy campaign was intensified by initiating non-formal education programmes for school dropout girls and literacy programmes along with craft training for adult women, through its branches.

Health, Family Welfare and Population Management

Health camps, awareness programmes, antenatal and prenatal care, immunization of children, family welfare services, nutrition and pulse polio programmes are conducted through branches all over the country. "Training of Trainers" programmes for members of its branches aim at prevention of and protection from STIs, HIV/AIDS among women in low-risk groups. The Outreach programme for awareness has become a very important part of the AIWC health programme.



Socio-economic programmes for empowering women

Programmes for capacity-building and skill-development are conducted regularly. Financial support for entrepreneurial endeavours such as food processing, solar drying etc is also provided.

Legal Reforms

AIWC has been represented on committees set up for legal reforms and amendments framed for women's welfare. The Legal Cell helps women who are victims of social and domestic violence.

Microcredit Programme through Self-Help Groups

Microcredit schemes were introduced for eradicating poverty among women in rural areas. Self-help groups have been identified for mobilization of savings among women, management of credit, and encouraging small business enterprises.

Computer Training

Computer Training Center at Central Office, New Delhi offers vocational courses for capacity building among women and trains students for the one-year "O" level diploma course recognized by DOEACC. This Center has also been approved by IGNOU as a center for their degree courses. Several branches also run computer programmes with 90% placements.

Textile printing

A socio-economic project trains and provides employment to women and girls from low socio-economic sector. This programme has been extended to some branches also.

Rural Energy

AIWC was identified by the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Resources in 1989 as a Nodal Agency to implement the Improved Chullah Program and Biogas Development Programme. Programmes on renewable energy technologies are conducted through branches to create awareness among women at the grassroot level and also to train them to use these technologies for economic self-sufficiency.



Institutional Care

Short Stay Homes - Twelve short-stay homes run by branches in different parts of the country support and supplement government efforts to redress violence against women by providing shelter and services such as counselling, legal advice and rehabilitation, vocational training etc.

Bapu Ghar : This is a crisis intervention center, being run by the Central Office in New Delhi. It has inter-related functions, namely family counselling, helpline counselling, shelter for distressed women who are victims of violence, legal aid and rehabilitation through skill development.

Old Age Homes : Old-Age Homes and Senior Citizen's Homes for aged women are set up where senior women citizens are provided



with physical, social, emotional and psychological support. Some branches have "Pay and Stay" homes providing residential facilities to senior citizens.

Hostels for Single Working Women : The Hostel at the Central Office, New Delhi provides different types of accommodation to 300 single women. AIWC is running 22 such hostels across the country providing secure boarding and lodging.

Rural Programmes

- Capacity building programmes on water, waste management, sanitation, vermi-compost etc
- Creation of Resource Pool to inculcate conservation and preservation of potable water
- Water Harvesting, Waste management, Vermi composting, Herbal Nursery at Central Office, New Delhi
- Actively associated with World Water Partnership and India Water Partnership

Consumer Awareness Cell

- Awareness Programmes
- Workshops, Seminars and Exhibitions
- Networking with consumer organizations

Research Studies

Studies undertaken are :

- "Whose Media? A woman's space"
- "Declining sex ratio in Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal"
- "Role of women in Gandhian movements"
- "Assessment of women's custodial homes in four states"
- "Dayan Pradhia and women's human rights"
- "Short Stay Homes and Old Age Homes"
- Action-cum-research project on "Solar Dryers"

MCM Library

Consists of :

- More than 8000 books (Fiction, non-fiction, history, biography, women's issues, legal awareness etc)
- Reading room with leading journals, periodicals and newspapers
- Documentation Centre with press clippings, reports, articles, photographs on various topics
- Resource Centre for women's studies
- Annual Reports, papers, correspondence, reports of various projects/seminars etc pertaining to AIWC from 1927
- Portrait Gallery of photographs of past Presidents of AIWC

Projects

- Tahirpur Leprosy Colony in Shahdara, Delhi : Health check-ups, Adult literacy, Creche, Textile weaving, Candle making unit, Self Help Groups, Water filters for safe drinking water
- Sadhrana Village, Gurgaon, Haryana : Literacy programmes, Training programmes in detergent making, solar