



# IAWS

Indian Association for Women's Studies

## **GENERAL BODY MEETING**

**General Secretary's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
Financial Report**

**30th January, 2020  
National Law University, Delhi**

# GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

**Anagha Tambe, General Secretary, IAWS**

Delhi, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Members,

A warm welcome to all the members present here for the General Body Meeting at the XVI National Conference on women's Studies in Delhi. We are glad to share with you a brief report on activities undertaken by us in the last three years and also the organizational matters.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS:**

### **Membership:**

Presently the IAWS has 2103 members in total: 981 life members (including an addition of 129 before this Delhi conference), 74 student members (which is a floating category with the term of 3 years), 48 institutional members and 6 Friends of Association.

### **Executive Committee (2017 - 2020):**

The present (eighth) Executive Committee was elected in 2017 after the last GBM in Chennai. Kumkum Roy from Centre for Historical Studies, JNU, Delhi, a stalwart of IAWS, was appointed the Returning Officer by previous EC. The election schedule extended over a period of four months beginning with the dispatch of nomination forms on 5th August, 2017 to final declaration of results on 25th November. Kumkum Roy was supported by Mallarika Sinha Roy and Jaya Menon, both of whom are IAWS life members from Delhi, and the Secretariat team.

10 members were declared elected, 8 from the category of life members, 1 from that of student members and 1 from the category of institutional members. The new EC includes the following members:

- Meera Velayudhan (life member category)
- Uma Chakravarti (life member category)
- V. Geetha (life member category)
- Anagha Tambe (life member category)
- N. Manimekalai (life member category)
- Kiran Moghe (life member category)
- Ishita Mukhopadhyay (life member category)

- V. S. Elizabeth (life member category)
- Vibhuti Patel (institutional member category)
- Akhil Kumar Gupta (student member category)
- Ritu Dewan (Ex-Officio Member)
- Indrani Mazumdar (Ex-Officio Member)

The handing over of charge by the previous EC to the newly elected EC took place in their joint meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2017. In a separate meeting, the new EC unanimously elected following office bearers and distributed responsibilities as under:

**Office bearers:**

- President: Meera Velayudhan
- Vice President: Uma Chakravarti
- General Secretary: Anagha Tambe
- Joint Secretary: N. Manimekalai
- Treasurer: Ishita Mukhopadhyay

**Distribution of Responsibilities:**

- Editor, Newsletter: Kiran Moghe
- Coordinator for Northern Region: Uma Chakravarti
- Coordinator for Southern Region: Elizabeth V. S
- Coordinator for Western Region: Vibhuti Patel
- Coordinator for Eastern Region: Ishita Mukhopadhyay

In the newly elected EC, 4 members are from southern region, 3 from the western, 2 from the northern, and 1 from the eastern. These members come from different sites of women's studies; from women's studies centres and research/ professional institutes and universities to movement organizations, bringing out the diversity of IAWS membership. In February 2018, the EC coopted Dhammasangini Rama Gorakh as a member with an aim of having social justice balance.

The secretariat is presently located in Pune, in KSP Women's Studies Centre, Savitribai Phule Pune University, and the finance office is with Centre for Women's Development Studies, Delhi.

**EC Meetings:**

5 meetings of the previous Executive Committee (2014- 2017) were convened, since the last GBM held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 during the XV National Conference in Chennai, till the present Executive Committee (2017- 2020) met for the first time in December 2017. These meetings were held in January (just after the conference in Chennai), February (in Ranchi, with subtheme coordinators, as meeting with them could not be conducted during the conference as was done previously), July, September and December (along with the newly elected EC).

The present EC conducted 6 meetings in the last two years.

1. 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, CWDS, Delhi (joint meeting of outgoing and incoming EC)
2. 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, Secretariat, KSP Women's Studies Centre, Pune
3. 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, TISS, Mumbai
4. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2019, Secretariat, KSP Women's Studies Centre, Pune
5. 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019, CWDS, Delhi
6. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. and 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., 2019, CWDS, Delhi

In the first meeting, the EC elected office bearers, distributed responsibilities, discussed the broad plan of work and finances, and decided to move secretariat to Pune where the general secretary is located.

In the second meeting in Pune, EC discussed the criticality to have regional and social justice balance in the EC and decided to coopt Dhammasangini as member. The role of women's studies centres in the field of women's studies, their present condition and contribution, and their relationship with the UGC was discussed in detail with a plan of action to work upon. The office-bearers who had met UGC officials to consolidate rapport with UGC, shared about the meeting. Following the progress of Jharkhand project facilitated by IAWS to establish the Centre for Women's Studies in Jharkhand, the Oak Foundation had invited IAWS to extend it in the second phase, and develop a new proposal for the same. The EC discussed on the feminist question in Jharkhand focusing its specificities, and also the possible initiatives there. The EC also discussed the plan for strengthening the regional focus of the activities.

The third meeting was held at TISS, Mumbai with which Archives committee meeting was also organized. In this meeting, new regional committees were formed and regional conference plans were discussed, Jharkhand proposal was finalized, the theme for newsletter was discussed, and Chennai conference report was finalized. We also started exploring possible themes and venues for the national conference in this meeting.

In the fourth meeting in Pune along with the reporting, and taking ahead the discussion and planning of IAWS activities, the EC met Anjali Deshpande, member of UGC standing committee on women's studies to discuss the prevalent crisis.

The fifth and sixth meeting in Delhi worked out the conference plan, venue and collaborators. In addition to these meetings, there were sub-committee meetings with regard to different IAWS activities. 3 meetings of Finance sub-committee took place to routinize finance processes and seek funds for the national conference and for organizational running, 2 meetings of office-bearers to explore the conference venue, and 3 meetings with the UGC officials when the issue of continuation of WSCs and new guidelines for WSCs became very critical.

## **ACTIVITIES:**

This EC discussed and decided to work with 2 broad aims, 1) to bolster the regional focus to debate and map the gender issues of the region, with participation and voices of young women and women from socially marginalized groups, 2) to consolidate the linkages with WSCs across India as well as the UGC, in order to address the issues of institutionalization of women's studies.

Following activities were undertaken to achieve these goals:

### **1. Regional Conferences:**

In the last three years, the IAWS has reconsolidated its regional focus, specifically through its regional conferences and workshops that sought to document and debate region specific women's issues and their linkages with the wider political economy of the regions, as well as the specific regional experiences of women's movements. The IAWS EC formed **Regional Committees** of scholars, activists and practitioners working on women's issues from many states represented in the region, to work with the Regional Coordinator from the EC. This facilitated a multi-pronged dialogue to understand gender question of the region. The Regional Committees extensively deliberated on 'what is the feminist question in the region', generating critical insights from WS scholars, activists from different constituencies. The broad frame to think about the nature and focus of activities involved:

- Methodology workshops with young scholars, activists to develop research capacities e.g. for research on intersectionalities- caste and gender
- Dialogue with movements- organizations, activists, networks, to discuss upcoming feminist issues and challenges for the feminist movements, also expanding our understanding of what is women's movement
- Building South Asia component in regional concerns and extending Friends of IAWS membership
- Documentation of case studies to be identified for the Archives Committee e.g. documentation of women's studies syllabi.

This proved an extremely fruitful process with democratic and analytical outputs. Accordingly, the Eastern and Southern Conferences were organized and the planning for Northern and Western conferences is under process.

A ***Southern Regional Consultation*** was organized on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 in Chennai in collaboration with RAWS (Regional Association of Women's Studies), in which representatives from 15 women's studies centres participated from the southern states. The programme was titled "***Contemporary Relevance of Women's Studies: Current Concerns and Challenges and Future Action***".

The *Eastern Regional Conference* was organized in collaboration with National Alliance of Women's Organization, CEDAW Alternate Report Consultation, Centre for Women's Studies, and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Studies Centre, Rabindrabharati University, Aapne Aap, Sruti Disability Rights Centre, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Knowledge Initiative, University of Calcutta on 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 at Rabindrabharati University, Kolkata. The theme for this programme was '**Increasing Vulnerabilities, Facing Challenges and Women's Leadership and Movement**'. The conference also provided the space for consultation with activists in Eastern India, which made its way into the preparation of an Alternate CEDAW Report in 2019. It involved a vibrant Round Table on Women's Studies as a discipline, which centered on different issues such as the challenges of Women Studies as an academic discipline, strategies for strengthening the interrelationship between women studies and women's movement, the questions raised by emerging grass roots movements, and young women's initiatives. The two-day conference had the following subthemes which described the different dimensions of vulnerabilities, 1) Issues relating to girl child labor, child marriage and sexual violence, 2) Violence against Dalit women, Adivasi women, and minorities, 3) Disability and Gender, 4) Women's Entrepreneurship and leadership question, 5) Employment, migration and wages, 6) Trafficking and Prostitution and 7) Climate Change as a challenge. Participation of students in the parallel sessions of subthemes was the highlight of this conference.

The *IAWS Southern Regional Conference* was held in the University of Calicut on January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. It was jointly organized by the IAWS, Kerala Institute for Local Administration (KILA) and Department of Women's Studies, University of Calicut. The theme for the conference was **Intersectional Approaches to Addressing Gender, Religion, and Culture - South India Focus**. It aimed to look at violence from the perspectives of caste, class, ethnicity, and sexualities to realize how these identities intersect, and to think about methodologies to be used and its implications for agency. The conference covered diverse themes through sessions on 1) Gender, Religion, Culture: Patriarchies and Power, 2) Interrogating Violence and Honor in the context of Inter-caste/Inter community Relations, 3) Gender Discrimination in Natural Disaster: Programme, Policy and Law with South Indian Focus, 4) Contemporary Challenges of Women Studies and Women Studies Centers, 5) Addressing Gender Inequalities in Local Governance and Decentralisation, and 6) New Modes of Activism: Remaking the Gender Order (Dalit, Adivasi, Muslim Women, LGBTIQ, Disability Rights, Urban Groups, Labour Unions). It also involved a talk on recently formed union of women working in the film industry in Kerala. The highlight of this conference was the session of paper presentations by young scholars from various disciplines which were an eye opener for the delegates in terms of the issues that the younger generation is interested in and potential areas for research for the future.

## **2. Linking with Women's Studies Centres:**

The last decade and more has witnessed an expansion of institutionalized presence of women's studies in the universities and colleges, which has a peculiar dimension. This expansion of WSCs

has taken place with an increasing marginality of these WSCs within the university structures, due to the ambiguity about the UGC support that had sustained these WSCs for decades. The EC recognized this uncertainty of the WSCs that have played an important role in the university, and in the society at large, through its teaching and research programmes as well as outreach and gender sensitization programmes. And several activities were undertaken in the last three years to bring together WSCs across India, and to represent their concerns to the UGC.

A *National Convention on WSCs* was organized in Delhi on 23rd August 2017, since there was no clear commitment from the UGC after scrapping off the plan-wise implementation of its schemes including that of the women's studies centres. The convention aimed to highlight the role and development of WSCs over decades, and to bring collective pressure to demand the continued support for WSCs from the UGC, until regularization and adequate support from their respective universities and colleges. It was spread across four sessions covering the Foundations and History of Women's Studies in India, Contributions and Experiences of Women's Studies Centres, Women's Studies Centres and Higher Education, and an Open Forum on The Way Ahead. The discussions brought out several commonalities of experiences across states and regions, and the common demand for continued support from pioneer scholars, WS faculty and students, and leading activists of women's movement, albeit from a range of perspectives. With around 200 registered participants at the Convention, a memorandum was submitted to the UGC signed by the participants. While the success of the Convention lay in the upsurge of support for the demand for continued UGC funding from WSCs across the country, it is remarkable that the IAWS was able to consolidate the concerns of WSCs across India, and also provide solidarity support to regional conventions held at the WSCs in Jadavpur, Chennai and Pune.

Yet, there were anxieties and uncertainties amongst women's studies centres about continuation of UGC support, due to non- receipt of funds after March 2017 and also due to lack of clear communication to individual centres. The larger community of students, scholars and activists of women's studies also shared these concerns about this journey of WS. With regards to this crisis, the *IAWS delegation met the UGC officials* in January 2018 to continue the dialogue on sustenance and strengthening of WSCs. The IAWS office- bearers also met the *members of standing committee on women's studies* to further this dialogue. The EC *constituted a sub-committee and nominated a Coordinator* to work on the issues of WSCs.

The ambiguity about the working of WSCs came to be felt again in 2019, with the continued non-receipt of funds and absence of guidelines after the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan. The IAWS committee therefore networked with WSCs across India, and collected information about their present status. It *prepared and submitted memorandum to the UGC* and received positive assurance from the UGC officials. When the new guidelines for the WSCs were declared by the UGC which could have impacted the WSCs adversely with major cuts in resources, the IAWS made representation to the UGC. And responding actively to the UGC appeal for feedback on the guidelines, it gathered

feedback from the centres and made *collective representation to the UGC*. An IAWS delegation met the UGC Secretary to represent the Issues of WSCs. This has resulted in the UGC invitation to IAWS office bearers to participate in the UGC WS Standing Committee meeting. It is due to these concerted efforts by the IAWS and the solidarity received from the WSCs, it has been possible to achieve some reassurance from the UGC, and more significantly a dialogue and linkage amongst women's studies centres.

### **3. Jharkhand Project:**

The IAWS has been trying to develop regional focus in women's studies, through a special project on consolidating women's studies in Jharkhand, where the growth of institutionalized presence of women's studies, and the feminist movement has been relatively limited. The regional imbalance in development of women's studies in India has also resurfaced while addressing the problems in and with institutionalization of women's studies centres.

In this background, the IAWS planned a targeted intervention in Jharkhand through a project supported by Oak Foundation from July 2016. The Economics department at Ranchi University hosts this IAWS programme, and a Women's Studies Centre has been set up there. In the period of two years between February 2017 – March 2019, the first phase of the project was concluded. The Oak Foundation also offered support to continue this intervention in the second phase. Encouraged by such a unique intervention to develop women's studies in the space of higher education with the networking between governmental, non- governmental and civil society initiatives for gender equality, this project is expanded outside Ranchi, in other sub- regions of Jharkhand. This *new project spread over four years* has been granted for consolidating and expanding the institutional presence of Women's Studies in Jharkhand.

With a principal aim of generating interest in women's studies, in the first phase of this project, a baseline report drawing from the preliminary review of social science syllabi and PhD theses in Ranchi University was brought out which assessed both the extent and framework of inclusion of women's issues as subject matter within the disciplinary frameworks. A vibrant forum of research scholars comprising more than 50 research scholars (both women and men) of social sciences has been established which meets regularly through workshops and discussions, special orientation workshops on feminist concepts and methodologies, and lectures on critical gender issues in Jharkhand. This has helped the students to integrate conceptual and methodological frameworks of women's studies in their research work on women/ gender. Many researchers from this group could meet larger women's studies community through academic visits to feminist documentation centres and libraries in different parts of India, and their participation in seminars and conferences on women's studies, including IAWS national conferences in Chennai 2017 and Delhi 2020. In order to create support for such initiatives in women's studies, there was an attempt to strengthen linkages and exchanges with development and civil society organizations working on women's issues in Jharkhand.



Further with an aim to support local capacities to research the woman question of Jharkhand, a special component was introduced which included 8 research grants and a PhD scholarship involving local researchers within academia and civil society organizations for field-based research. These research studies are being presented in this *Delhi conference* through a *special panel on Women's Issues in Jharkhand*. Recognizing the specificities of the woman question in Jharkhand, a seminar on 'The Changing Worlds of Tribal Women' was organised in collaboration with Vinoba Bhave University, Hazaribagh in November 2017, where tribal women, specifically from eastern and north-eastern India, significantly spoke about their experiences as tribal, workers and migrants. The differences in their voices brought a new dimension to the seminar. This seminar brought out the interlinkages between the struggles of tribal communities to protect their land, resources and livelihoods and also to protect their cultural identities, and further their troubled and complex relationship with women and gender relations.

The new project has begun this April 2019 with dual aims, of expanding the scope of project in other sub-regions of Jharkhand, and sustaining and strengthening the women's studies centre in Ranchi university commenced under this project.

#### **4. Archives:**

Following the discussion in the last GBM, a joint meeting of former and present members of the Archives Committee with the then EC members was convened in Mumbai on 21st July, 2017. The discussions in the meeting covered three broad areas – the relationship of the IAWS Archives with RCWS at SNTD, co-ordination between the Archives Committee and the IAWS EC, and planning for the future with reference to finances.

The Archives Committee was reconstituted and two meetings of this newly constituted committee took place in February and July 2018. The present committee involves

- Iilina Sen (Chair), Life member category
- Meera Velayudhan, Life member category
- Shadab Bano, Life member category
- K. M. Sheeba, Life member category
- Uma Chakravarti, Nominee of IAWS President
- V Geetha (Convenor), Member from IAWS EC
- Putul Sathe, Representative of RCWS

In this period, RCWS has put together the list of IAWS conference material available with the archives and the committee has identified and listed the missing material -both textual and audio-visual which maps various IAWS activities, and it has attempted to procure it. The convenor visited the Archives, and the AC discussed how the objectives of the Archives can be realized. Presently,

the committee has undertaken the task of reordering the archives to make it more research friendly, by identifying important aspects of the contents that could interest potential researchers.

### **5. Newsletter and Brochure:**

Two issues of newsletter have been brought out. The May 2018 issue has the detailed reporting on XVth National conference in Chennai as well as the National Convention of Women's Studies Centres in Delhi. While the November 2019 was a double issue, including articles and features on the New Education Policy and issues of discrimination in higher education and a special issue for the announcements of upcoming national conference, 2020.

A more detailed report of the XV National Conference is also brought out, and its soft copy is available on the website. A new brochure with updated activities and focus has also been created.

### **6. Joint Panels with Professional Bodies:**

IAWS has been making an attempt to reach out and connect with different disciplinary/interdisciplinary fields and their professional organizations. It has been able to organize joint panels with ISLE (Indian Society of Labour Economics), both in annual ISLE conferences and in IAWS conferences. Since the last IAWS conference, three such panels have been organized. 1) A special panel was organized in memory of Preet Rustagi on '*Violence against Women at Workplace*' at 59th Annual ISLE Conference in *December 2017*, in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. 2) A joint session in the 60<sup>th</sup> ISLE conference in *December 2018* in Mumbai focused on '*Framing Migration and Development from a Gender Perspective*'. This session discussed diverse issues, such as macro-level data that records 'marriage' as the major reason for women's migration, migration as a process that straddles different sectors and regions with continuous movement of workers and their earnings, issue of local recruitment practices, especially wage theft, gender insensitive laws and concrete strategies for employment in the context of migration, and the role of the State. 3) While the joint panel on *Labour Codes and Women Workers* was organized at 61<sup>st</sup> Annual ISLE conference in Patiala in *December 2019*. This session examined the new labour codes from a gender lens as located within the gendered realities of women workers, to highlight the connects and also disconnects between labour rights and gender rights, both historically and in the current scenario, with the hope of intervening and ensuring the intrinsic linkages and interdependency.

### **7. Awards and Donations:**

In 2017, two special donations were received for creation of special funds for instituting a) Triennial IAWS *President's Award for the Best National Conference Paper*, and b) Annual *Preet Rustagi Research Award* to support field-based research on women's work. Swagata Basu received the first President's Award for the Best Conference Paper in the Chennai conference. The selection was made by the jury decided by the EC from the papers shortlisted by the sub-theme coordinators. The award was presented in the National Seminar organized by IAWS in Hazaribaug

in November 2017. The announcement for the first Preet Rustagi Research Award has been made in December 2019 and the selection process will take place in the coming month.

The IAWS is also associated with Veena Mazumdar Memorial Fund (VMMF) in presenting Annual VMMF (@CWDS)- IAWS award for the Best Published/ Accepted to be Published Research Paper/ Article by a young scholar, focusing Women/Gender in Asia. Nandini Hebbler N is presented the Young Research Scholar's Award in 2019.

### **REPORTING ON THE XVI NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN CHENNAI, 2020:**

The review of the Chennai conference reveals that the conference had 610 participants, and 210 papers were presented across 13 sub-themes. Since the last conference, we have started collecting diversity information about the participants. The analysis of conference participation brought out the following points:

- The conference had drawn large numbers of young participants. 59% of participants were 35 and below
- There was significant participation of students. 37% of participants had registered under student category
- Participants came from 26 states, but unevenly distributed. 52% were from just 3 states (Maharashtra, Delhi and Tamilnadu), 82% from 8 states and 11% from 17 states.
- The overwhelming majority of participants had post graduate degrees and were involved in education and research.
- It was however, also found that more than half the participants were non-members of IAWS which meant that its membership base had not kept pace with the expanding outreach of the conference.

A detailed report of the plenary sessions and sub-themes of the conference was uploaded on the website, and it also came out through the Newsletter issue.

Since the reports of subthemes could not be presented on the last day of conference in the context of protests around Jalikattu in Chennai during the conference, a special meeting of sub-theme coordinators was convened to present reports of sub-theme discussions at the conference, and to discuss further the possibilities of disseminating/ publishing those. The meeting was held in Ranchi on 15th September 2017, with 12 subtheme coordinators and a detailed and responsive discussion took place, leading to a suggestion by the coordinators that such meeting with sub-theme coordinators after national conferences may be made a regular practice as it gives an opportunity for more in-depth discussions than is perhaps possible in the immediate and pressured time frames of large conferences. Different possibilities of publication from the sub-themes, in terms of edited books, journal issues, online portals were discussed. This was followed by a special issue of the

journal 'Women's Link' which is now being brought out by the Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies in Jamia Millia Islamia on the subtheme papers.

#### **PREPARATION FOR THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE, 2020:**

After deciding to hold the national conference, 2020 in the northern region, the EC explored different possibilities for venue. Considering the time-line, support of local IAWS members and willingness of the host institution, National Law University Delhi was identified as the venue of the conference. Two EC members being from the region helped to finalize the venue. Along with the NLUD, the host institution, CWDS has become a natural collaborator for this conference. Along with the collaborators, the EC was supported by the able local organizing committee including Sabiha Hussain, Lata Singh, Sadhana Arya, Dimple Tresa Abraham, K C Bindu, Sandhya Gawali, and Arpita Anand. Along with them, coordinators of 10 subthemes, preconference and special panels coming from different regions and different sites of women's studies have helped shaping this conference.

The report indicates the challenges and possibilities experienced by the EC in addressing the IAWS objectives, and we are looking forward to your suggestions and feedback for the same.

# **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Ishita Mukhopadhyay, Treasurer, IAWS**

I welcome you all to the General Body of Indian Association of Women's Studies.

I am now presenting the Treasurer's Report with the Statement of Accounts from December 2017 till December 2020.

I took over the charge of Treasurer from N.Manimekalai in the First Executive Committee Meeting of the Association on December 13, 2017.

The funds of IAWS are operated jointly by General Secretary, President and Treasurer in a transparent manner as decided in the EC. The central financial office of IAWS for banking, accounts and tax purposes has been established at the Centre for Womens Development Studies, CWDS, New Delhi since 2005 through a resolution of the General Body. Such continuity in the location of the financial office has ensured that all the operations related to taxation, accounts, general funding remain streamlined and properly maintained. This ensures stability of financial accounting, maintaining records and maintaining regularity with regard to submission of the requisite papers in compliance with reporting and submission of financial records as per FCRA and Income Tax Regulations. The IAWS Secretariat has been able to adapt to the continuously changing formats of reporting and submission of financial records as per the FCRA and Income Tax regulations.

IAWS applied for FCRA renewal on 07.03.2016 and obtained renewal of the certificate which is valid for a period of five years with effect from 01.11.2016.

Management of IAWS funds revealed that our accounts still not generate sufficient interest to fully cover day to day functioning of the Secretariat and Financial office. The spread of EC members in different parts of the country has also raised the cost of holding of EC meetings. EC tried to minimize the cost of EC meetings by holding EC meetings simultaneously with seminars and other programmes where some of the EC members participated and their travel costs were covered by the programme or seminar. This is an attempt which has been going on since the outgoing EC and to build the Corpus Funds.

The detailed audited statement of 2017/18 and 2018/19 are attached with this report. In the year ending March 2018, INR 21,72,586.00 has been obtained from Membership of the Association. Preet Rustagi Research Fund of INR 6,00,000 was received from Dr. Uma Rani. In the outgoing

EC in the year 2017 it was decided that this fund could be utilized for the Purpose of Best Research Proposal. In the year ending March 2019, INR 2,22,086.50 has been obtained from Membership of the Association.

Ford Foundation has supported IAWS with core maintenance grant of US\$ 5,50,000 of which US\$50,000 was earmarked for XV National Conference. It was sanctioned with the stipulation and specificities that a 30% of the interest accrued from the Ford grant must be invested in order to maintain financial stability and sustainability. This has become difficult with continuously lowered interest rates. We are grateful to Ford Foundation for this support.

The last EC obtained a grant of INR 87,87,230 approved by Oak Foundation to develop Women's Studies in Jharkhand. Oak Foundation approved a grant of INR 21,960,000 for the project "Consolidating the Centre for Women's Studies in Jharkhand" for the period December 2018 till November 2022 as part of the second phase in the programme. Two Regional Workshops were organized during these period. Newsletter was published. I thank all the institutions, Rabindrabharati University, Kolkata and Calicut University, Kerala along with the sponsors in these programmes for making these programmes successful.

For the XVI National Conference 2020, the Association approached several organizations and donors. It is my duty to thankfully acknowledge the monetary contribution from Ford Foundation, Oak Foundation, Henrich Bowl Foundation, Women Fund Asia, and many others which approximately contribute to INR 85,00,000. Funds also came from allotting stalls and registration to the conference.

Income tax return was filed for Assessment Years 2018/19 and 2019/20. ITRV was verified for Assessment Year 2018/19. For the year 2019/20 this is yet to be verified.

Sincere thanks go to Auditor Suri Malhotra and Associates for their professional support, guidance and advice. Thanks to IAWS Secretariat for maintaining the day to day expenditure in running of the activities of the Association.

**M/s.Suri Malhotra & Associates,  
Chartered Accountants**

**Annexure -A**

**Accounting Policies and Notes forming part Of the Accounts**

1. The previous year figures has been recasted, so as to make them comparable with the figures of the current year.
2. Grants received for specific purpose are utilized as per the terms and conditions of such grants and any amount remaining unutilized at the end of the accounting period is carried over for meeting expenditure in subsequent years .
- (3) An amount of Premium has been Paid on Bond made with "All Time Securities Pvt.Ltd." of Rs.6,41,000/- out of which 1/5th i.e. Rs.1,28,200/- has been written off to Income And Expenditure account in current year and balance 4/5 share i.e. Rs.5,12,800/-has been Postponed for further writing off in next four Years.
- 4) As per Grant letter of Ford Foundation dated 06/01/2017 the Fund shall be maintained on permanent basis and any appreciation both realize and unrealized in the assets of the fund shall be used only for the purposes set forth in this grant letter accordingly a sum of Rs 10,08,360 is transfer to Ford Foundation Endowment Grant and Rs 447467 has been credited on Interest on Ford Foundation Endowment Grant.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

"Signed in terms of our report of even date"

**For SURI MALHOTRA & ASSOCIATES**  
Chartered Accountants

*For Suri Malhotra & Associates*

*Malhotra Malhotra*  
**Proprietor**  
**VIRENDER KUMAR MALHOTRA**  
(Proprietor)

**Member Ship No 080645**  
**FRN 003492N**

**For INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES**

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**General Secretary**

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**Treasurer**

Place: New Delhi  
Date: 10/09/2018

INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES  
BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH, 2018

Figures as on 31.03.2017 (Rs)	LIABILITIES	Figures as on 31.03.2018 (Rs)	Figures as on 31.03.2017 (Rs)	ASSETS	Figures as on 31.03.2018 (Rs)
5,96,121.00	<b>CORPUS</b>	6,76,121.00	455.00	<b>COMPUTER</b>	185.00
80,000.00	AS per last year		270.00	AS per last year	108.00
6,76,121.00	Addition during the year	6,76,121.00	185.00	Less: Depreciation during the year	77.00
			2,807.35	<b>FURNITURE</b>	
			281.00	AS per last year	2,526.35
			2,526.35	Less: Depreciation	253.00
				<b>INVESTMENT</b>	
3,262.35	<b>ASSETS FUND</b>	2,711.35	2,87,19,727.00	Fixed Deposits at bank	55,26,350.00
551.00	AS per last year	361.00	98,284.00	Interest Accrued on FD	1,20,630.00
2,711.35	Less: Depreciation during the year		1,50,00,000.00		
				<b>INVESTMENT</b>	
				SHCIL GOI 8% SAVING BOND 2003	1,62,00,000.00
16,94,286.50	<b>LIFE/INSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP</b>	20,47,036.50		Bank of India perpetual 11.50%	50,00,000.00
	AS per last year			(FICI 9.75%(2030)	50,00,000.00
3,42,750.00	Addition during the year:	1,05,500.00		West Bengal State Electricity 10.85%	60,00,000.00
10,000.00	Life Membership	20,050.00		Premium on Bond	5,12,800.00
20,47,036.50	Institutional Life Membership			Interest Accrued on Bank of India	4,78,904.11
				Interest Accrued on FCI	2,68,726.02
				Interest Accrued on WBSE	19,619.18
1,07,500.00	<b>CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP</b>	1,07,500.00			3,34,80,049.31
	AS per last year				
3,39,50,000.00	<b>FORD FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT GRANT</b>	3,49,58,360.00	1,62,165.62	<b>Tax Deducted at Sources</b>	2,47,682.62
50,000.00					
29,590.00	INTEREST ON FORD FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT GRANT	20,410.00			
20,410.00	Less: Expenditure during the year	4,64,667.00			
	Add: Interest during the year	4,47,467.00			
70,41,000.00	<b>OAK FOUNDATION GRANT</b>	38,43,163.00		<b>CASH &amp; BANK BALANCES</b>	
31,97,837.00	Less: Expenditure during the year	38,43,163.00		Cash IN Hand	17,270.86
38,43,163.00	<b>PREET RUSTAGI RESEARCH FUND</b>	6,05,250.00	11,179.86	HDFC Bank A/c 3034	8,627.31
				HDFC Bank A/c 3017	5,66,391.94
2,52,733.00	<b>CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENT FUND</b>	2,52,733.00	9,699.81	Indian Overseas Bank A/c 15114	3,86,218.44
	Less: Expenditure during the year	2,52,733.00	3,51,357.98	Indian Overseas Bank A/c 17542	23,69,583.12
			2,02,353.81	Indian Overseas Bank A/c 2712	
			13,08,333.90		

For Suri Malhotra & Associates

*S. K. Malhotra*  
Proprietor



1,42,964.00	CURRENT LIABILITIES Sundry Creditors for Supplies and Expenses Expenses Payable	63,949.00	17,64,271.28	13,823.00	Due from others Postage Imprest	7,549.00
5,66,410.00		17,00,322.28				2,012.00
<b>7,09,374.00</b>						
5,00,000.00	PRESIDENTS AWARD FOR BEST IAWWS N C PAPER		4,70,000.00	1,80,000.00	Grant Receivable on account of XIV National Conference:	30,000.00
1,07,734.00	Disibility Support Fund		1,07,734.00		Grant Receivable from OAK	17,46,230.00
	<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</b>					
30,78,673.21	As Per Last Balance Sheet	33,45,274.02				
359.00	Less: Expenditure Transferred during the year	33,45,274.02				
30,78,314.21		3,73,275.80				
2,66,959.81	Add: Excess Of Income Over Expenditure During the Year	37,18,549.82				
<b>33,45,274.02</b>						
4,55,62,056.87			4,45,85,932.95	4,55,62,056.87		4,45,85,932.95

Note: Accounting Policies and Notes forming part of the Accounts Refer Annexure - A

For INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES

Place: New Delhi

Date: 10/09/2018

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*Alankar*  
General Secretary

*Arjun*  
Treasurer

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Chartered Accountant

*Suri Malhotra*  
VIRENDER KUMAR MALHOTRA  
(Proprietor)  
Membership no: 80645  
FRN 003492N

**For Suri Malhotra & Associates**  
*Suri Malhotra*  
Proprietor

SURI MALHOTRA & ASSOCIATES  
Chartered Accountants

INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-03-2018

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT (RS)	INCOME	AMOUNT (RS)
Printing & Stationery	1,367.00	Depreciation Written Back	361.00
Bank Charges	1,955.20	Interest On FD/Bond	23,98,973.00
Depreciation	361.00	Interest on Saving	55,644.00
Ec Meeting	7,941.00	Students membership	2,750.00
Entertainment Expenses	5,627.00	Xv National Conference	18,972.00
Local Travel	1,400.00	Miscellaneous income	9,764.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	90.00		
Office Cost	2,69,662.00		
Professional Fee	3,000.00		
Programme Cost	44,443.00		
Women's studies centre(Seminar)	6,18,770.00		
Audit fee	20,000.00		
Courier charges	2,012.00		
Premium on FD written off: 1/5	1,28,200.00		
Amount Transfer to Ford Endowment Grant	10,08,360.00		
<b>Excess of Income Over Expenditure transfer to balance sheet</b>	<b>3,73,275.80</b>		
	<b>24,86,464.00</b>		<b>24,86,464.00</b>

For INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES

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President

*A. Ranbir*  
General Secretary

*Arvind*  
Treasurer

INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES  
BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH, 2019

Figures as on 31.03.2018 (Rs)	LIABILITIES	Figures as on 31.03.2019 (Rs)	Figures as on 31.03.2018 (Rs)	ASSETS	Figures as on 31.03.2019 (Rs)
676,121.00	<b>CORPUS</b> AS per last year Addition during the year	676,121.00	185.00 108.00 77.00	<b>COMPUTER</b> AS per last year Less: Depreciation during the year	77.00
676,121.00			2,526.35 253.00 2,273.35	<b>FURNITURE</b> AS per last year Less: Depreciation	2,273.35
2,711.35	<b>ASSETS FUND</b> AS per last year Less: Depreciation during the year	2,350.35	5,526,350.00 120,630.00	<b>INVESTMENT</b> Fixed Deposits at bank Interest Accrued on FD	2,046.35
361.00		227.00			140,559.00
2,350.35		2,123.35	16,200,000.00 5,000,000.00 5,000,000.00 6,000,000.00 512,800.00 478,904.11 268,726.02 19,619.18	<b>SHCIL GOI 8% SAVING BOND 2003</b> Bank of India perpetual 11.50% IFCI 9.75%(2030) West Bengal State Electricity 10.85% Premium on Bond Interest Accrued on Bank of India Interest Accrued on IFCI Interest Accrued on WBSE	17,496,000.00
2,047,036.50	<b>LIFE/INSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP</b> AS per last year Addition during the year:	2,172,586.50	247,682.62	<b>Tax Deducted at Sources</b>	29,618,957.00
105,500.00	Life Membership	495.00			204,382.62
20,050.00	Institutional Life Membership	-			
2,172,586.50		2,222,086.50			
107,500.00	<b>CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP</b> AS per last year	107,500.00	33,480,049.31		
34,958,360.00	<b>FORD FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT GRANT</b>	36,810,323.00			
20,410.00	<b>INTEREST ON FORD FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT GRANT</b>	3,210.00			
464,667.00	Less: Expenditure during the year	1,135,186.10			
447,467.00	Add: Interest during the year	1,164,829.28			
3,210.00		32,853.18			
3,843,163.00	<b>OAK FOUNDATION GRANT</b>	4,870,000.00			
3,843,163.00	Less: Expenditure during the year	49,715.00			
-	Add: Interest during the year	4,919,715.00			
605,250.00	<b>PREET RUSTAGI RESEARCH FUND</b>	632,486.00	17,270.86	<b>CASH &amp; BANK BALANCES</b>	8,978.86
			8,627.31	Cash in Hand	
			566,391.94	HDFC Bank A/c 3034	8,627.31
			386,218.44	HDFC Bank A/c 3017	97,832.09
			2,369,583.12	Indian Overseas Bank A/c 15104	450,891.44
			3,348,091.67	Indian Overseas Bank A/c 17542	12,598,193.02
				Indian Overseas Bank A/c 2712	13,164,522.72



CURRENT LIABILITIES						
63,949.00	Sundry Creditors for Supplies and Expenses	57,358.00				7,549.00
1,700,322.28	Expenses Payable	10,000.00				2,000.00
1,764,271.28		67,358.00				
470,000.00	PRESIDENTS AWARD FOR BEST LAWS N C PAPER		491,150.00	30,000.00	Grant Receivable on account of XV National Conference:	30,000.00
107,734.00	Disability Support Fund		107,734.00	1,746,230.00	Grant Receivable from OAK	
3,345,274.02	INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	3,718,549.82				
-	As Per Last Balance Sheet	-				
3,345,274.02	Less: Expenditure Transferred during the year	3,718,549.82				
373,275.80	Add: Excess Of Income Over Expenditure During the Year	358,566.84				
3,718,549.82		4,077,116.66	4,077,116.66			
44,585,932.95		50,146,566.69	44,585,932.95			50,146,566.69

Note: Accounting Policies and Notes forming part of the Accounts Refer Annexure -A

For INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES

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Date: 19/09/2019

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Auditor: **For Sri Malhotra & Associates**  
Chartered Accountant  
*Malhotra*  
VIRENDER KUMAR MALHOTRA  
(Proprietor)  
Membership no: 080645  
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INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-03-2019

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT (RS)	INCOME	AMOUNT (RS)
Depreciation	227.00	Depreciation Written Back	227.00
Honorarium	25,000.00	Interest On FD/Bond	2,349,107.69
Software maintenance	4,248.00	Interest on Saving	25,941.00
Conveyance	638.00	Students membership	750.00
Office Expenses	72,240.00	Miscellaneous income	173.15
Postage	21,690.00	Interest on Income Tax Refund	1,675.00
Eastern Regional Conference Expenses	12,800.00	Eastern Regional Conference Receipt	12,800.00
Audit fee	20,000.00		
Administrative Expenses	23,301.00		
Amount Transfer to Ford Endowment Grant	1,851,963.00		
Excess of Income Over Expenditure transfer to balance sheet	358,566.84		
	<b>2,390,673.84</b>		<b>2,390,673.84</b>

For INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES

Audit Report

Suri Malhotra & Associates

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Chartered Accountant

Suri Malhotra & Associates  
Proprietor

Place: New Delhi  
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*Virender Kumar Malhotra*  
VIRENDER KUMAR MALHOTRA  
(Proprietor)



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**Accounting Policies and Notes forming part Of the Accounts**

1. The previous year figures has been recasted, so as to make them comparable with the figures of the current year.
2. Grants received for specific purpose are utilized as per the terms and conditions of such grants and any amount remaining unutilized at the end of the accounting period is carried over for meeting expenditure in subsequent years .
3. An amount of Premium has been Paid on Bond made with "All Time Securities Pvt.Ltd." of Rs.6,41,000/- out of which 1/5th i.e. Rs.1,28,200/- has been written off to Income And Expenditure account in current year and balance 4/5 share i.e. Rs.5,12,800/-has been Postponed for further writing off in next four Years. In this year another 1/5 share has been adjusted with interest income of FORD and balance 3/5 share i.e. RS 384600 has been postponed in next three year.
4. As per Grant letter of Ford Foundation dated **06/01/2017** the Fund shall be maintained on permanent basis and any appreciation both realize and unrealized in the assets of the fund shall be used only for the purposes set forth in this grant letter accordingly a sum of RS 1851963 is transfer to Ford Foundation Endowment Grant and RS 1164829 has been credited on Interest on Ford Foundation Endowment Grant.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

"Signed in terms of our report of even date"

For SURI MALHOTRA & ASSOCIATES  
Chartered Accountants

  
VIRENDER KUMAR MALHOTRA  
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Member Ship No 080645  
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