

# Indian Adult Education Association

**"If you know, TEACH"  
"If you don't, LEARN"**

## Annual Report 2003



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# Indian Adult Education Association

## ANNUAL REPORT 2003

We are immensely happy to welcome you to the General Body Meeting and to place before you the Annual Report of the Association for the year 2003.

### Global Literacy Scenario

It is now realized that human development is much more than the rise of national incomes. It is about quality of life, the level of human well being and the access to the basic level services. Good Education alongwith health, nutrition and low fertility are considered helpful in reducing poverty by increasing opportunity to generate incomes. The mid term review of the fifth International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEAV) was held at Bangkok in September 2003. The Review Conference was attended by about 300 delegates from 87 countries. The conference felt that despite the commitment made in 1997 in the Hamburg Declaration, the agenda for the future, adult education and learning has not received the attention which it deserves in major education reforms and in recent international drives to eliminate poverty, achieve gender justice, provide education for all and foster sustainable development. The Conference observed that there was a decline in public funding for Adult Education and learning. It realized that support by various international agencies and national governments alike has concentrated on formal basic education for children to the detriment and neglect of Adult Education and learning.

However, the review also highlighted numerous, innovative policy and legislative changes, an increased tide of participation in adult education and learning, significant advances in the empowerment of women and the expression of new learning demands. The conference reaffirmed the commitment of the nations of the world to the Hamburg Declaration and the Agenda for the Future realizing that Adult Education and learning is a fundamental human right and therefore must remain a collective responsibility shared by all learners, Adult Educators, Governments, Non – Governmental and Civil Society organizations, international bodies etc. The conference called upon member states, U.N.Agencies and Non-Governmental and Civil Society organizations as well as social and private partners to organize the sixth International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINITEA VI) in 2009 as a case of accountability in Adult Education and learning, one based on collective monitoring and evaluation. It also suggested to integrate Adult Educational and learning more systematically into the education plan and agenda of Governments at the local, national, regional and global levels including that of United Nations Literacy Decade 2003 – 2012.

In 1980 number of Adult Illiterates in the world was approximately 870 millions. Their number grew to 880 million in 1990 as a result of higher growth of population.

Around 2000 number of Adult Illiterates was roughly 860 million. It has been estimated that the number of illiterates would decline to around 800 million by 2015 at the existing rate of progress. Keeping in view the slow progress towards reaching the Dakar goal, it has been emphasized that the policies and the context need to be reviewed with a view to accelerating the progress of Adult Literacy and to reaching the target of 90 percent by the 2015. The Adult Literacy rate in three regions of the world namely Sub Sahara Africa, The Arabian States and the North Africa and South and West Asia are yet to make enough progress in these fields. The Adult Literacy rate in these regions has hardly reached about 60 percent. On the basis of the existing trends literacy range in these regions is expected to be in the of range of 65 percent – 75 percent by 2015. However, to meet the Dakar goal of halving the illiteracy problem by 2015, these regions need to improve their literacy level to 75 percent - 85 percent by the year 2015.

### **National Literacy Scenario :**

The nation is firmly committed to providing education for all, the priority being free and compulsory elementary education, coverage of children with special needs, eradication of illiteracy, vocationalisation, women's education and special focus on the education of socially disadvantaged sections. In the field of Elementary Education, progress towards universalization of elementary education has been significant. The Parliament has amended the Constitution through the 86<sup>th</sup> Amendment, making education for children in the age group 6 – 14 a fundamental right. Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) seeks to facilitate this right by integrating all schemes of Elementary Education in time bound manner. SSA seeks :

1. to bring all children in school by 2003
2. all children to complete five years of primary schooling by 2007.
3. all children to complete eight years of schooling by 2010
4. focus on satisfactory quality with emphasis on education for life.
5. bridge all gender and social disparities at the primary stage by 2007 and at the upper primary level by 2010 and
6. universal retention by 2010.

A National Mission for Sarva Siksha Abhiyan was constituted in November 2000. The Mission has approved State / District Plans prepared by them for achieving these objectives of the Mission.

National Literacy Mission has been continuing its efforts to improve the literacy situation in the country. 583 out of 600 districts of the country are presently covered under literacy campaigns / programmes. 235 of them have reached the stage of Continuing Education while the rest are progressing from Total Literacy/ Post Literacy to Continuing Education stage. An integrated literacy campaign amalgamating all the features of earlier TLC / PLC phases is now in place. Zila Saksharta Samities are now allowed to associate the local youth clubs, mahila mandals, voluntary agencies

catering to individual interest and aptitudes, skills of development, rural libraries etc and aims at opening of Continuing Education Centres in every major village of the Country.

A target of achieving sustainable threshold literacy level of 75% by 2007 has been set for the Tenth Five year Plan. Focus in the Tenth Five year Plan is on consolidating the already sanctioned TLC Projects. Basic teaching learning activities are integrated with the post literacy activities. Special focus is being given to the problem of low literacy areas and disadvantaged groups like Schedule Castes / Schedule Tribes and women. 2001 census identified 45 districts having female literacy rate of below 30%. National Literacy Mission has accorded priority to improving the literacy rate of women in these areas. Eight districts of Uttar Pradesh namely Rampur, Budaun, Bahraich, Shrawasti, Balrampur, Gonda, Maharajganj and Sidharathnagar were taken up for the accelerated programme of female literacy during the year. 97 NGOs were involved in the implementation of female literacy programme in these districts. Good results have been shown by these agencies. Some of them were awarded at the time of International Literacy Day Celebrations on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2003. 15 districts of Bihar are also being covered under this special programme with involvement of Panchayati Raj functionaries, women volunteer teachers and women's of self Help Groups. 5 districts of Jharkhand, 7 districts of Orissa, 2 districts of Arunachal Pradesh 3 districts of Jammu & Kashmir, 1 district of Chhatisgarh and 2 districts of Madhya Pradesh also fall in this category.

During 2003 special attention has been given by NLM to female literacy. It has made efforts to:

- Create an environment where women demand knowledge and information and powering them to change their life.
- Inculcate in women the confidence that change their position, if women work collectively.
- Spread the message that education of women is pre-conditioned for fighting against their deprivation.
- Highlight the pride of the girl child and express the need for improving facilities for women in schools and out of schools education.

The focus of NLM has also been on providing skill development facility to the neo-literates. Jan Sikshan Sansthan offer a large number of educational training programmes from tailoring to computer courses. Number of Zan Sikhsha Sansthan is being raised. Around 125 Jan Sikshan Sansthan have been set up in different parts of the country. The goal is ultimately to have atleast one such institute in each district. 30 new JSSs for adjoining districts are being sanctioned to those agencies which were found to be doing good work in their own district.

As a result of efforts made by NLM and the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan, Literacy Scenario in the country is changing sharply. For the first time number of illiterates in the country started declining as revealed by Census 2001. Literacy rate increased from 52 percent in 1991 to about 65 percent in 2001. It is estimated that the sustained educational efforts at primary education level and the level of Adult Education during

the Tenth Five year Plan, the literacy rate in the country will improve to the sustainable level of 75 percent by the end of the Tenth Five year Plan. Number of illiterate has decreased from 332 millions in 1991 to 300 millions in 2001. This trend of declining of the illiterates is expected to continue further. Female Literacy rate improved from 39 percent in 1991 to 54 percent in 2001. It indicated a decline in gap in gender literacy rates. The participation of educationally backward areas and sections of the society has been improving in literacy programmes. The literacy rate of these sections is also expected to improving at an increasing rate due to special efforts being made under the programmes of National Literacy Mission and Sarva Siksha Abhiyan.

### The IAEA

Founded 64 years ago and Registered under Indian Societies Registration Act, 1860, the IAEA is a premier national-level voluntary organization, with a network of 16 state-level branches and more than 400 affiliated organizations, NGOs, SRCs, ZSSs etc. spread across the country, dedicated to promote adult / non-formal / continuing and life-long education aimed at improving quality of human life.

Major activities of IAEA comprise policy research and advocacy, consultancy education, training, orientation and dissemination of information.

IAEA carries out surveys, research and evaluation studies on adult education and its allied areas. It also awards each year Dr. Mohan Sinha Mehta Research Fellowship in the field of adult education.

In the field of education and training, IAEA organizes courses on : research methodology, collective bargaining and trade unions under workers education programme for the benefit of workers in unorganized sector, farmers education and functional literacy projects. It organizes intra -state and inter-state training programmes for functionaries in the fields of adult education, social education, trade unions, government departments, NGOs, universities colleges, etc. In addition, IAEA's National Documentation Centre on Literacy and Population Education also conducts courses on various aspects of information technique pertaining to population. IAEA also runs computer (hands-on) vocational education programmes for National Institute of Open Schooling (formerly National Open School).

As a major catalytic agent, it advises Union/ State Governments / member institutions / other organizations on adult education and discharges the role of a clearing house in the field of adult education and allied areas through : (a) bringing out monographs / publications from time to time (it has over 150 such publications to its credit; and (b) regularly bringing out following periodicals : (i) Indian Journal of Adult Education (ii) IAEA Newsletter (monthly), (iii) Proudh Shiksha (Hindi monthly) and (iv) Jago Aur Jagao (Hindi monthly). Its National Documentation Centre on Literacy and Population Education also brings out Indian Journal on Population Education (quarterly)

and Newsletter – Literacy and Population Education (bi-monthly) to disseminate information to policy makers, adult educators, field workers, neo-literates, etc. IAEA has a well-stacked library at the headquarters known as Amarnath Jha Library (established in 1957).

IAEA organizes conferences (annual / zonal), seminars, symposia, round tables, workshops, group discussions, etc., on different aspects of adult education in different parts of the country.

IAEA has instituted two prestigious national literacy awards – Nehru Literacy Award (since 1968) for outstanding contribution in promoting adult education in the country, and Tagore Literacy Award (since 1987) for outstanding contribution in promoting literacy among women – awarded each year.

IAEA organizes Dr. Zakir Hussain Memorial Lecture to be delivered annually on adult education by an eminent educationist at the time of its annual conference. So far 26 such lectures have been delivered.

IAEA has also founded International Institute of Adult and Life-long Education.

### Activities of IAEA during 2003

Following activities were organized during the year 2003 :

1. 51<sup>st</sup> All India Adult Education Conference
2. Zakir Husain Memorial Lecture
3. Zonal Conferences:
  - (a) Seminar on Adult Education, Religion and World Peace
  - (b) South Zone conference at Trivandrum
4. International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education
5. National Documentation Centre on Literacy and Population Education
6. Nehru and Tagore Literacy Awards
7. Certificate Course in Computer Science / Library Science
8. Publications
9. Amarnath Jha Library
10. Evaluation
11. International Conference on “Enterprising Community through Education : Perspectives for Open Schooling”.
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### 1. 51<sup>st</sup> All India Adult Education Conference

The 51<sup>st</sup> All India Adult Education Conference was organized by Indian Adult Education Association in collaboration with Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed University) Gandhigram at district Dindigul (Tamil Nadu) from December 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 2002. The theme of the conference was “**Utilization of Open Distance Learning Approach in Adult Education : Past Experiences and Future Possibilities**”. The inaugural session of the Conference was chaired by Dr. G.Pankajam Vice Chancellor, GRI. The Chief Guest of the conference was Hon'ble Shri. Subhash Maharia, Minister of State for rural development, Government of India.

202 delegates from different part of the country participated in the Conference. The key note address was delivered by Prof. N.K.Ambhast, Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling.

### 2. Zakir Hussain Memorial Lecture 2002

Dr. Zakir Husain Memorial Lecture 2002 was delivered by the former Vice-Chancellor of the Indira Gandhi National Open University. Prof. VC Kulandaiswamy. He suggested that a commission should survey the present status, trends of developments in India and at the global level, assess demands at the national level, study scope for international participation and prepare a report outlining the national policy and programmes for distance education for the next decade.

Enormous efforts were needed on the part of distance educators and policy makers to ensure quality and build public confidence in distance education. In the last 100 years, education had not seen any significant increase in productivity. The all-pervasive communication technology had not entered the classroom. The entry of technology into the world of instruction, entry of communication revolution into the classroom and the resulting transformation of craft into technology have brought about the third stage in the evolution of education which we identify as distance education.

### 3. Zonal Activities:

#### (a) Seminar on Adult Education, Religion and World Peace :

A Seminar on “Adult Education” Religion and World Peace” was organized by Bihar branch in collaboration with International Association of Educators for World Peace (IAEWP), Inter-faith Forum, Bodhgaya, DIET and Bihar Education Project, Gaya on January 16, 2003 during pious KAL CHAKRA PUJA and BUDH MAHOTSAWA at Bodhgaya.

The Seminar was inaugurated by Hon. Mahant Sudarshan Giri, President, Inter-

including heads of different monasteries from Sri. Lanka, Thailand, Tibbet, Korea and Japan etc.

Hon. Ven Priyapal, Chairman, Chakma Buddhist Foundation, Hon. Ven Nattakon incharge Thai Temple, Prakash Chandra Jain, Dr. B.P.Nalin, Priya Ranjan Doyer, Brahma Kumari Sheela, Urmila Kumar and Poonam Singh of BEP, Gaya, Smt. Renuka Palit, Kalicharan and Junaid Alam etc. also expressed their views. Dr. A.H.Khan presented the working paper:

**(b) South Zone conference at Trivandrum:**

The South Zone Conference on Adult, continuing Education was organized by the Kerala State Branch of the Indian Adult Education Association in collaboration with the State Resource Centre, Kerala and the Centre for Adult, Continuing Education and Extension, University of Kerala at Trivandrum on 10-11May, 2003. 85 delegates representing different parts of South India participated in the "two day" programme/conference. The conference was inaugurated by Sri. Sundaram Nadar, Hon'ble Deputy speaker of Kerala, Legislative Assembly. Dr. P.K. Rajan, Vice-chancellor, Kannur University chaired the session. In his inaugural address Hon'ble Deputy Speaker highlighted the need for strengthening Continuing Education, as a part of Nation Building process. Dr. P.K. Rajan scientifically analyzed the educational scenario in the country and he wanted "political will to be developed for empowering the Continuing Education Programme.

Dr. K.Sivadasan Pillai, Chairman, State Branch, IAEA, Kerala Welcomed the guests and delegates, and Prof. A.M. Thampy, Vice-chairman, IAEA, Kerala proposed vote of thanks. Sri N.C. Pant, Joint Secretary, IAEA, Dr. L.Raja, Vice-president, IAEA and Prof. Abubaker, Director, State Literacy Mission also addressed the delegates. Valedictory address was given by Dr. S. Kevin, Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of Kerala.

Dr. Mercy Abraham, Retd. Prof. of Education Kerala University, Dr. B.K. Nair (Delhi), Dr. L. Raja Gandhigram and Dr. N.D. Joshi Chaired the academic sessions. The "Trivandrum Declaration - 2003" was accepted by the South Zone Conference.

**4. International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education:**

The International Institute of Adult and lifelong Education brought out two issues of the International Journal of Adult and Lifelong Education. The first issue of the Journal was formally released by Shri Murli Manohar Joshi, Honourable Minister for Human Resource Development, of Govt. of India at the inaugural session of the International Conference on Enterprise Education organized by the National Institute of Open Schooling, Commonwealth of of Learning and Indian Adult Education Association on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2003.

An International Consultative Committee comprising of thirty eminent persons from India and twelve countries was constituted with a view to providing guidance in planning the activities of the Institute. Subsequently a number of distinguished adult educators from India and abroad were enrolled as Distinguished, Emeritus and Visiting Professors to initiate academic activities. While Professor H.S. Bhola- a distinguished Professor of IIALE has already initiated a project on writing a history of Indian Adult Education Association, Professor R.M. Kalra will be working on a Project on AIDS. It is proposed to convene a meeting of the International Consultative committee and the faculty of the Institute in the near future to chalk out specific programmes.

The Institute took the initiative in organizing a National Seminar on Evaluation on the occasion of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of Indian Adult Education Association with support from the National Literacy Mission of Government of India.

A brochure and a website was designed during the year with a view to publicizing the activities of the Institute and networking with other Institutes. The brochure of the Institute was distributed at Bangkok during the Vth CONFINTEA Meeting.

The IIALE has a mandate to recognize excellence in adult education research and publication by giving awards. The IIALE instituted four awards for the best research study, evaluation report, publication and doctoral thesis. The jury (Comprising of Prof. C.J. Daswani, Chair, Dr. Mohan Kumar (DAE), Dr. Menaka Roy (ASPBAE) evaluated 42 entries and decided to award only two entries under the category of research and evaluation to Dr. Vijaya Kumar (Kerala) and Dr. P.K.Sahoo (Orissa). The awards will be given on the occasion of the Annual Conference of the IAEA.

#### **5. National Documentation Centre on Literacy and Population Education**

The objective of the centre is to keep population education functionaries informed on various developments in the field. During the period under review it has accomplished the following programmes.

1. Prepared, brought out and distributed one issue of "Population and Development Education Index" and one issue of a bibliography "Interpersonal Communication and Counseling".
2. The Centre continued to publish: (1) Indian Journal of Population Education (Quarterly) and (2) Newsletter Literacy and Population (Bi-monthly). During 2003, three issues of the Journal and five issues of Newsletter have been published.
3. Under its "Repackaging of Information Service" the Centre has transferred all the curriculum modules of Jan Shikshan Sansthan in digital format.

The centre has also prepared abstracts and summaries of articles, and books on issues concerning adolescent HIV/AIDS and PE training modules. 18 repackaged documents have been shared with various organizations and individuals.

4. The centre in collaboration with DAE, Govt. of India, organized "Final Review Meeting" of UNFPA funded special project titled "Population and Development Education in Post Literacy and Continuing Education for Adolescent Life Skills" at Jaisalmer on February 27-28, 2003 and also compiled and distributed the final report.

On Adolescent Life Skills the Documentation Centre has prepared, published and distributed the following documents :

- i. Resources and Services for Adolescents – A Directory
  - ii. Adolescent Pregnancy – An Abstract Bibliography
  - iii. Adolescent Reproductive Health – An Abstract Bibliography
  - iv. Adolescent in India – An Abstract Bibliography
  - v. Information Education Communication (IEC) Material – A Resource Directory
5. "On the spot assessment Reports of the State/Regional Resource Centres" implementing Population and Development Education – project were compiled and distributed by the centre during the period under report.
  6. The center has also brought out a publication titled " Population and Development Education in Adult Education Sector – External Evaluation Reports: IIIrd phase.
  7. The center has received over 500 books, journals/newsletters and reports from UNFPA.

6. **Literacy Awards :** Prof. B.S.Garg, Chancellor, Rajasthan Vidyapeeth and Veteran Adult Educator was selected for the Nehru Literacy Award. Nehru Literacy Award for the year 2003 was announced this year. Awards for Best Research and Best Evaluation Study were also announced this year by IIALE.

7. **Certificate Course in Computer Science / Library Science :** Being an Accredited Vocational Institute of NIOS, Association has been organizing vocational course since 2002. Twenty nine students took admission for Certificate in Computer Applications last year. This year we have also started Certificate course in Library Science. 26 students in CCA and 32 students for CLS have been admitted. The Association is providing them the qualitative coaching with well-qualified and experienced staff and best-suited equipments.

#### 8. **Publications:**

The Association published 2 issues each of the Indian Journal of Adult Education and International Journal of Adult Education. All the numbers of Hindi Monthly Proudth Shiksha and the IAEA Newsletter were published during 2003.

The Association also published second volume of Literacy statistics based on census 2001 edited and compiled by Shri. Prem Chand.

### 9. Amarnath Jha Library :

The Library of the Association continued to provide service and support to the students, researchers, adult educators, professionals and IT students. Library possesses 20000 titles and about 200 journals. The Library is member of DELNET. The Library acquired 200 new books in this year.

### 10. Evaluation Studies

- (a) The following external evaluation studies which were awarded by National Literacy Mission to the Association were conducted/completed during the year.

**(i) Post literacy Programme Pithoragarh (Uttanchal)**

**(ii) Post literacy Programme of Banda District (U.P)**

**(iii) Total Literacy Campaign of Koderma District (Jharkhand)**

The evaluation studies of these districts were conducted by the Association during the year. Report have been prepared and sent.

- (b) Indian Adult Education Association is one of the Three evaluation agencies recommended for conducting the external evaluation of Kapurthala district of Punjab. It is hoped that the study may be assigned to the Association by ZSS Kapurthala.
- (c) The report of the study; Qualitative Outcome and Social Influence of Total Literacy Campaigns of Haryana – A Comparative Study was finalized and sent to State Resource Centre, Rohtak which had sponsored the study.

### 11. International Conference on “Enterprising Community through Education : Perspectives for Open Schooling”:

The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), in collaboration with the Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA) and the Commonwealth of Learning (COL)] organized the International Conference on “Enterprising Community through Education: Perspectives for Open Schooling”.

The Conference was inaugurated by Prof. Murli Manohar Joshi, Hon’ble Minister of Human Resource Development, Government of India on March 28, 2003.

Shri KC Choudhary, President, IAEA recorded his great satisfaction over this joint collaborative endeavor among NIOS, IAEA and the Commonwealth of Learning, Canada in opening up a forum for exchange of experiences and ideas on a vital issue viz. enterprising community through education.

Shri SS Gill, Secretary, NIOS thanked Prof. Murli Manohar Joshi. He appreciated immensely the supportive role of the Indian Adult Education Association.

### **12. Seminar on Literacy, Moral Education and Women empowerment :**

A one day seminar on “**Literacy, Moral Education and Women empowerment**” was organized by Indian Adult Education Association in collaboration with Prajapita Brehama Kumaris Ishwriya Vishvidayalaya Mount Abu (Bihar Branch). It was held on the pious land of Vishnu & Lord Gautam Buddha on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2003.

It was inaugurated by Sister Nancy, Senior Academician from USA who was the chief guest on the occasion. The participants belonged to different voluntary organizations including All India Women conference, NIRMAN Mahila Samakhyas of BEP. A.H.Khan Associate Secretary, IAEA introduced the relevancy of the topic. Sister B.K.NIRMALA regional co-ordinator of B.K.Ishwriya Vishwividalaya explained about activities of the university for women empowerment.

### **13. Membership:**

During the year 2 annual 41 life and 9 institutional members were admitted.

### **14. Research proposals and Grant in aid**

Proposal for the following Research Studies have been submitted by the Association:-

1. Indepth Assessment of Literacy Programmes and Critical Examination of the Role of SRCs and JSSs during past decades for Policy and Programme input – Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi.
2. Proposal for setting up Regional Resource Centre of the Dept. of Family Welfare, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
3. Research/Evaluation on the development of Scheduled Castes submitted to Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment New Delhi.
4. Proposal for conducting Monitoring and Evaluation of the programmes of M/o Rural Development submitted to the Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India.

Approval of these proposals is awaited.

### **15. Audit :**

The accounts of the Association for the year 2002 – 2003 were audited by M/s Jain R.Gupta & Associates. Chartered Accountants.

## **16. Building:**

Under the guidance of the Building Sub Committee and with the Association of the Architect two sides of the basement of the building was renovated, sewer lines were re-laid and connected with the main side. Remaining work will be taken up in January.

## **17. Thrust Areas of IAEA:**

IAEA has been working in the following thrust areas :

- a) Literacy, Post Literacy and the Universalisation of Education.
- b) Education for Women's Empowerment and General issues
- c) Environment Education for Sustainable Development
- d) Human Rights
- e) Workers Education
- f) Migrants' Education
- g) Indigenous Education
- h) Older People and Adult Learning
- i) HIV /AID Education
- j) Adolescent Education
- k) Vocational Education & Training
- l) Information and Communication Technology and Adult Learning
- m) Leadership Development and Capacity Building
- n) Science for Masses
- o) Learning Environments & Opportunities
- p) Net working
- q) Voluntary Action
- r) Working children
- s) Urban Literacy
- t) Innovation and Good Practices in Adult Education.

## **18. State Branches :**

All the state branches of IAEA continued to function during the year. Maharashtra branch was close last year. A new state branch in Chhatisgarh state was set up during the year.

## **19. Honours and Recognition:**

Patron Prof. B.S.Garg and President Shri. K.C.Choudhary remained as member of the Committee of five of the India Literacy Board. In addition to this both are members of the Board and Executive Committee of India Literacy Board Prof. Garg was also elected as the Vice Chairman of the ILB. Prof. B.S.Garg was awarded with the 'Wealthy fisher Literacy Award' for the year 2003 by the India Literacy Board, Lucknow.

Shri. B.S.Garg completed 75 years of age and his platinum jubilee functions are organized throughout the Country. In this series he was given a civic reception by the Institutions and people of Mhow & Indore on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2003. A grand function

is scheduled to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2003. Shri. Garg was also felicitated by the people of Mandsaur (MP) and Sitamau.

## **20. Services rendered:**

IAEA is providing services to all its members: Jan Shikshan Sansthan; SRCs; University department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension; ZSSs; State Departments of Adult Education and many other NGOs.

## **20. Relationship with National Organization :**

We are members of India Literacy Board, Lucknow, Indian Association of Social Science Research (IASSR), Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), National Institute of Public Co-operation & Child Development (NIPCID), NIEPA, AICIW India International Centre and many other National and Regional professional organizations.

In addition to these national level organizations, we have been working closely with the National Literacy Mission, National Institute of Open Schooling (formerly National Open School) Central Board of Workers Education and Central Social Welfare Board & National Institute of Public Co-operation & Child Development in implementation of various programmes.

## **21. International Relations:**

Association is Founder-member of the International Council of Adult Education (ICAE), Asian South Pacific Bureau of Adult Education (ASPBAE) and is in close contact with these international level agencies.

The Association is a member of International Federation of Workers Educational Association (IFWEA), Norway. We have been participating in International Study Circle and other activities.

We are also closely connected with International Literacy Institute (ILI), Philadelphia, UNESCO –Principal Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (PROAP), NGO forum, United Nations Information Service, PRIA, Uppingham Seminars in Development, UK etc. etc.

## **23. Obituaries :**

The Association condoles the deaths of the following life members of the Association :

a) **Shri. Virendra Tripathy :**

Sh. Virendra Tripathy a Veteran adult educator expired on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2003. Shri Tripathi was widely known for his extensive contributions to the field of adult education and community development. He was associated with Social Education Organizers Training institute of Vidya Bhawan Udaipur, Literacy House Lucknow and Indian Adult Education Association. He was also a Unesco consultant in Malauzi (Africa).

b) **Dr. Om Srivastava :**

Dr. Om Srivastava died of a tragic death in a train accident. He was a committed social development workers and veteran adult educator. He was closely associated with the programme of association specially in Rajasthan. He had been a Associate Secretary of IAEA. Dr. Srivastava was among a great Indian NGOs leaders who learned almost their first steps with the grand father of the movement, Moahn Sinha Mehta. He went on to play a vital leadership role not only within India, in and from Astha, but also regionally and beyond. For ASPBAE he played a pivotal role in 1990 strategic planning and consultant process. He played key role at International level.

**24. Participation of office bearers in meetings / events :**

- i. Sh. K.C.Choudhary, President, IAEA, participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> General assembly organized by International Federation of Workers Education Association in Albufeira Portugal from Oct. 1 – 5, 2003. Two seminars one on women issues and other on globalization were organized during the conference.
- ii. Sh. R.N.Mahlawat, General Secretary, IAEA participated as a Resource Person in the following orientation programmes organized by National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) for capacity building of Voluntary Organizations:
  - (i) 17 – 18 May 2003 at Swai Madhopur, (Rajasthan)
  - (ii) 1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2003 at Indore (MP)
  - (iii) 9 – 10 Sept. 2003 at Lucknow (UP)

Sh. R.N.Mahlawat was also invited by National Institute of Educational Planning & Administration to attend the International Conference held w.e.f 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 2003 in PHD House, New Delhi and presented a papers on “Globalization & Impact on Human Development & Education”.

3. Prof. S.Y.Shah, Vice President participated in the Mid Term Review Conference organized jointly by the UNESCO Institute for Education Hamburg, UNESCO & Deptt. Of Non Formal Education, Thailand from 6 – 10, September at Bangkok.

## **25. IFWEA:**

International Federation of Workers Education Association organized its 7<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Portugal from 1 – 5 October 2003.

Two seminars one on Women issues and other on Globalization were organized during the Conference President Shri. K.C.Choudhary participated in this conference.

Earlier IFWEA chairman Dan Gallin in his circular explained about the financial crisis existing in the IFWEA and said that there is an option either to shift the secretariat to a third world country or close it.

In response to the said circular IAEA offered to host the secretariat in New Delhi. This came as motion before the Assembly.

Meanwhile, Protugual Trade Union leader Joao Proenca was only candidate for the post of President and British leader DAVE Sbooner was the only candidate for the post of Secretary and their election was sure. The British counterparts also prepared a new memorandum, Article of Association and constitution alongwith a resolution to register IFWEA as company established by Guarantee.

In the changed circumstances, President deemed it fit to withdraw the resolution. Accordingly a statement was made by him that we are withdrawing our motion but IAEA is prepared to host the secretariat as and when IFWEA decides. However, there was good response to the motion by African countries, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Israel and some of the European Countries.

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