

AIDWA STARTS DIGITALISATION OF ITS DOCUMENTS, PLANS ITS ARCHIVES

With its long 40-year history, and antecedents that span at least till the early 1940s, the AIDWA has a rich history of working amongst working class and peasant women and has several old and rare documents which must be preserved for posterity. The organization realized that its documents must be systematized and digitalized so that they are easily accessible. A small team of the AIDWA centre consisting of Malini Bhattacharya, Mariam Dhawale, S Punyavathi, Archana Prasad, Ranjini Basu, Surangya Kaur and Sarbani Sarkar is carrying out this important work. A team of students has also been helping with this endeavour for the last few months.

In consultation with the team from the Sundarayya Vignana Kendra, Hyderabad, the AIDWA purchased a new computer and a scanner for the digitalisation of its documents in October 2021. The equipment was purchased according to specifications provided by the Swechha team. Two comrades from Swechha came to Delhi and trained the coordinating team along with three other students to do the scanning work. The scanning of documents began right after that and the work is progressing steadily. AIDWA aims to start its digital archives after the completion of the scanning of its documents.

An archive section has been started in the English Newsletter. Three booklets, based on some historical documents, are being prepared: one each by Malini Bhattacharya, Indu Agnihotri and Sudha Sundararaman. They are likely to be published in the next few months.