

### **Welcome Address by Paramjit Kaur Landran, Chairperson Punjab State Commission for Women**

Ms. Paramjit Kaur Landran, the Chairperson of Punjab State Commission for Women, welcomed the chief guest, Ms. Rekha Sharma, Member, National Commission for Women and all the dignitaries present on the dais.

She stated that sex selective abortions and issues arising from NRI marriages are the two critical concerns affecting Punjab. She said that there is an urgent need for a special legislation that addresses the issue of NRI marriages and provides appropriate legal remedies. Further, police officers in Punjab need to instill faith among girls and women that they will get justice if approached.

She shared that looking at the seriousness of the issue the Punjab state government has set up Punjab State Commission for NRIs. She informed the audience and the dignitaries that at the present, the Commission is headed by Hon'ble Justice, R.K. Garg. Ma'am, Paramjit Kaur introduced the eminent speakers of the day.

She welcomed the audience and implored them to share their concerns and seek the counsel of the experts present at the event in order to make the seminar a success. She concluded her speech by stating that there are several recommendations that through NCW, state commissions would like to present to government of India through the platform of this seminar.