



## NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

### Press Release

The Central Government has appointed Smt. Rekha Sharma as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Women. She was earlier a Member of the Commission and was holding the additional charge of Chairperson after Smt. Lalitha Kumaramangalam demitted office on 28.09.2017.

As a Member of the Commission, she visited and inspected a number of Psychiatric institutions, jails/custodial homes throughout the country and interacted with women admitted in these institutions. She has, after taking *Suo Motu* cognizance of crimes committed against women also conducted inquiries and taken steps to ensure that such women not only get justice but also are properly rehabilitated. Being an internet savvy she has been taking interest in training women on the safety of cyber crime. She has, keeping in view the increase in the number of cases of Cyber Crime, envisioned a digital literacy programme for college and university students. The programme had been launched earlier in Punjab University, Chandigarh and is now being taken up in other parts of the country. Smt. Sharma has also been actively involved in ameliorating and empowering lot of women in north eastern states, especially tea plantation workers in Assam and closed tea gardens in West Bengal.

Commenting on her appointment, Smt Rekha Sharma said "It is with a great honour, respect and sense of duty that I take up the charge of Chairperson, National Commission for Women. The National Commission for Women will stay true to its mission of upholding women's constitutional and legal rights and facilitating redressal of their grievances. I would like to thank the Government of India for giving me this opportunity and would strive to make a difference in the lives of women across all sections of society and sincerely work on areas of concern to women".

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