



## NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

### PRESS NOTE

#### **NCW takes cognizance**

**New Delhi, December 8, 2022:** The National Commission for Women has come across media reports wherein it is alleged that a transwoman teacher was expelled from a private school in Lakhimpur Kheri district of Uttar Pradesh due to her identity. The allegations have been refuted by the administration, which cited incompetency as the reason for her termination.

The Commission has taken cognizance of the matter. The Transgender Persons (Protection of Right) Act, 2019 was enacted to end the discrimination against transgender persons and provide them with equal opportunities in all spheres of life. Chairperson Ms Rekha Sharma has written to Chief Secretary, Uttar Pradesh seeking that an independent inquiry be conducted into the allegations leveled and that, if the accusations are confirmed, strict action be taken against the school authorities.

The action taken in the matter must be apprised to the Commission within 7 days. A copy of the letter has also been sent to District Magistrate, Lakhimpur Kheri.