

## **Press Release**

Dr. Girija Vyas, Chairperson, National Commission for Women is visiting Rome from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2011. She has been nominated by the UPA Chairperson, Smt. Sonia Gandhi to attend the meeting of the progressive Parliamentary Leaders Conference in Rome. The Conference has been organized by the Parliamentary Group of the Democratic Party of Italy. This would be the first time leaders of Progressive Parliamentary Groups from the main countries of Europe, the United States and the Emerging global powers will meet together in a high profile format to exchange ideas and views on the current political scenario and how to deal with it and, more broadly about the perspectives and challenges faced by the parties. The focus of the discussion would mainly be on the role of parliamentary political work in modern democracies where much of the attention is focussed on the government capability to legislate and to deliver and on how progressive forces can be made accountable vis-à-vis their voters in implementing progressive values. Dr. Vyas is also visiting Dubai for discussion in respect of NRI marriages and the steps taken for protection of domestic workers.