

## **Press Release**

The National Commission for Women has taken suo moto cognizance of the incident of the Dalit Girl raped and murdered on the outskirts of Lucknow in UP. It is alleged that the body of Arti who had gone for sewing classes in Chihat area, on 26.1.2011 was found in an agricultural field in Malhaur. Dr. Girija Vyas, Hon'ble Chairperson, National Commission for Women said that the NCW has sought an action taken report from the police. She further said an enquiry committee will be constituted in this matter if required. She also said that the Government has to make sure that the laws are implemented in a proper manner and a safe environment provided to women. Exemplary punishment to delinquents is a must and in the absence of such punishment the place has become a hub for rape and crime against women which is a cause for grave concern.