



## NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

### PRESS NOTE

#### **NCW takes cognizance**

**New Delhi, November 24, 2022:** The National Commission for Women has come across media reports that Jama Masjid in New Delhi has barred the entry of girls. It has been reported that the Jama Masjid administration has issued an order prohibiting the entry of solitary or group of girls at the mosque.

The Commission has taken cognizance of the matter. The Constitution of India guarantees citizens the right to religious freedom and associated cultural practices, and prohibits gender-based discrimination. The diktat of Jama Masjid is gender-biased and is a violation of fundamental rights of the women worshippers to pray.

Chairperson Ms Rekha Sharma has written to Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs and Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, Govt of Delhi to take appropriate action in the matter and to ensure the right of women to practice religion as enshrined in the Constitution. The Commission has also written to Shri Arvind Kejriwal, Chief Minister of Delhi to look into the matter and take appropriate measures.