

# IAS officer for women's varsity

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**PUNJAB STATE** Women's Commission member secretary Navneet Bhatnag has put a proposal to Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal to consider opening a women's varsity.

In a letter sent last week, Bhatnag told women in Punjab, particularly in rural areas of districts and along the international border, needed a focused higher educational system to shape themselves as independent stakeholders of the economic polity and society.

In the days of old times, when orthodox and conservative the gender-oriented family in-

stitutions were still a ground reality, nurturing a women's varsity will provide the socially isolated women access to quality education. The varsity can have faculty belonging with class to act as role-model and prove to be a team," he added. Bhatnag enumerated to give academic, sporting, cultural, management, medical, law, agriculture, health, tourism, industry, infrastructure and placements.

The IAS officer is in favour, however the proposal is to be decided regarding state's financial capacity since the women's commission is virtually defunct as there is no chairperson and the bulk of most of the non-official members has expired.