



### **Bio Note of Suraiya Begum**

Ms Suraiya Begum ndc joined as Commissioner at Information Commission on 29 May, 2018. Earlier she was Senior Secretary/ Secretary at Prime Minister's Office from February, 2015 to January, 2018.

She joined the Bangladesh Civil Service in 1982 and elevated through the ranks in the country's civil bureaucracy as Sr. Secretary to the Government. Over the years, she contributed significantly to several key sectors relating to development administration, public policy formulation and programs implementation towards achieving social and economic development, promoting gender, governance and inclusive growth.

Ms Begum served as Secretary at Statistics and Informatics Division and Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division both under the Ministry of Planning, Ministry of Social Welfare and Ministry of Cultural Affairs. She worked in Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, Department of Cooperatives, Finance Division, Bangladesh Parjotan (Tourism) Corporation Local Government Division, Ministry of Expatriates Welfare, Ministry of Labor and Employment, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Foreign Affairs as different capacities. She also had a diplomatic experience as First Secretary at Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kolkata, India.

Ms Suraiya did her honors' and master's in Economics from Dhaka University and did MA in Health Management, Planning and Policy from Leeds University, United Kingdom. Ms Begum completed the renowned and prestigious Managing at the Top (MATT) course at the UK Civil Service College and the University of Birmingham, UK. She completed National Defense Course (NDC) as the first women participant in National Defense College, Dhaka.

Ms Suraiya Begum is the Chairperson of Bangladesh Civil Service Women Network (BCSWN) and National Commissioner (Girl-in-Scouting) of Bangladesh Scouts. She is also the Vice President of DUEEAA (Dhaka University Economics Department Alumni Association) and Board member of Grameen Bank.

She takes interest in reading books and gardening. She has special interest in World Economic and Environmental Issues.