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Report on Guest Lecture: Surrogacy Laws in India – Rights, Risks, and Realities

Organized by: Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur

Date: 01 February 2025

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Venue: Moot Court Hall

Speaker: Advocate Bhumika Sarda, Law Officer, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur

Overview of the Lecture

A guest lecture on "Surrogacy Laws in India: Rights, Risks, and Realities" was conducted by Advocate Bhumika Sarda at Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur. The session provided an in-depth understanding of the legal framework governing surrogacy in India, emphasizing its rights, challenges, and ethical considerations. Students gained valuable insights into the evolving legal landscape and the impact of surrogacy laws on different stakeholders.

Key Discussion Points

- 1. **Legal Framework of Surrogacy in India** Overview of the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021, and its implications.
- 2. Rights of Surrogates and Intended Parents Legal protections and ethical concerns.
- 3. Risks and Challenges Legal hurdles, societal concerns, and enforcement mechanisms.
- 4. **Judicial Perspective** Case studies and landmark judgments shaping surrogacy laws in India.
- 5. **International Perspectives** Comparative analysis with global surrogacy laws.

Relevance to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The lecture aligned with the following SDGs:

- SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being Addressing maternal health and reproductive rights in surrogacy.
- SDG 5: Gender Equality Ensuring the protection and empowerment of surrogate mothers.

• SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions – Strengthening legal frameworks to ensure ethical and lawful surrogacy practices.

Conclusion

The session was highly informative and provided students with a comprehensive understanding of surrogacy laws in India. Advocate Bhumika Sarda's expertise and practical insights enriched the discussion, making it an engaging and thought-provoking experience. The lecture, being a part of Family Law II, was well-attended and appreciated by students.





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