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National Seminar

on

**"Science of Surrogacy and Prospect of
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to be held on

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About the Seminar

Marriage is the age old institution pregnant with the objective of legalization of love making and procreation of children. A married woman with a child is given more regard not only in her family but also in society. Infertility, impotency or incapacity of any partner or of couple poses a serious hurdle in this regard. Here, Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) and surrogacy arrangement comes as a surprising treatment and appealing supplement for such persons. Through ART the first test tube baby 'Louse Joy Brown' was born in Britain on July 25, 1978 and now she is also the mother of a child. The second was India's Durga alias Kanupriya Agarwal in Kolkata. These two incidents has set aside many controversies relating to ART. ART comes under the domain of medical science. It is not a treatment of infertility but helps the infertile couple to get a child. It is of two kinds – one in which the fertilisation of egg happens in-vivo (inside the woman's body) and the other in which all the process is done in-vitro. In-vitro fertilisation is a very complex method. It is a medical procedure for fertilizing human eggs outside a woman's body. This IVF and ART is the very basis of surrogacy arrangement. Surrogacy is a state or condition of being a surrogate. It is a practice in which a woman bears a child for a couple unable to produce children in usual way. The legal aspects relating to surrogacy are very complex. Many countries have drafted law to govern its various aspects. In India, till the date there is no specific law to govern the issues related to surrogacy. In 2005, ICMR and NAMS issued certain guidelines to check the use of ART but these are not binding. The Law Commission of India in the year 2009 suo-motu took the issues related to surrogacy for study and in its 228th Report recommended on its various aspects. Recently in India a draft of '**Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Bill and Rules 2013**', has been prepared by fifteen member committee including experts from ICMR, Ministry of Health and by other specialists in the field. The Bill is ready to be passed by Parliament. If we analyse we find that many provisions of ART Bill need reconsideration. In surrogacy arrangement many unresolved moral and ethical issues are involved. An orthodox view is that it is highly immoral, unethical and inconsistent with human dignity that a woman uses her uterus for financial profit and treats it as an incubator for someone else child. This is high time to ponder over these issues and initiate sincere attempts in meeting them. This National Seminar aims to discuss medical, social, economic and ethical concerns of surrogacy as well as efficacy and efficiency of proposed Bill, so that healthy and happy measures may be recommended to concerned authorities and Govt. of India. The Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi and the Department of Law, Meerut College, Meerut is proud to organize the National Seminar on ' Science of Surrogacy and Prospect of Proposed Law in India.

Sub Themes:-

Sub themes identified for discussion are as follows-

1. Surrogacy in India: Issues and Challenges
2. Medical Aspects of Surrogacy Arrangement
3. Social, Economic and Ethical Concerns
4. Efficacy and Efficiency of Proposed Law-ART Bill-2013 of India

About Indian Society of International Law (ISIL)

The Indian Society of International Law (ISIL) was founded in 1959 at the initiative of Shri V. K. Krishna Menon and was inaugurated in the same year by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of independent India. The principal objectives of the ISIL inter alia are to “foster nation wide the study and development of International Law and to encourage the comparative study of the application of International Law in other States”. The ISIL has been publishing the Indian Journal of International Law since its inception, which has attained a high standard and is held in high esteem the world over. The ISIL has also a good library, which is used by scholars from all over India. It organizes annual conferences and seminars on international issues of contemporary interest. Finally and equally important, it conducts and promotes independent researches on issues of International Law. The teaching wing of the ISIL- the Indian Academy of International Law & Diplomacy, runs post-graduate diploma courses in various branches of international law.

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- To encourage the comparative study of the application of international law in other states; and
- To promote research in international law.

About Meerut College And Department of Law

Meerut College, Meerut was established on 15th July 1892. It is premier among the oldest educational institutions which caters to the needs of higher education in Northern India. Presently the college comprises 5 Faculties with 23 Departments. More than 800 students are pursuing research in almost all the disciplines. Total number of students is more than 15000. The college has been conferred the status of “College with Potential for Excellence (CPE)” by the duly constituted Selection Committee (NAAC) of University Grants Commission. Department of Law was established in 1893. It consists of 30 well qualified teachers. Presently Department is working as Faculty of Law of C.C.S. University, Meerut. Department has produced various legal luminaries including Judges and advocates of the Supreme Court and of various High Courts, politicians of national level, administrative officers, social reformers and thinkers. The Department has organised two National Seminars on the current and significant areas of law. A Pre-LL.D. Course Work is also being run by the department.

Registration fees: Rs. 500/- for each participant

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Paper may be presented either in Hindi or English. It should be submitted in hard as well as soft copies. The soft copy should be in MS-Office 2007 in Font Size, Times New Roman-14 and in Hindi in Font Size Kruti Dev-12. Manuscript should be neatly typed in double space on one side of A-4 size paper. Research Paper should not exceed ten typed pages. The paper on any of the above sub-themes along with abstract should be sent to

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Dr. D.N. Dwivedi Email: drdndwivedi@gmail.com or to Dr. Dwarka Prasad Email: dpmcm72@gmail.com latest by 15th March. Paper will be published in book form.

Venue

Seminar will be held at seminar hall of ISIL, New Delhi. The ISIL is housed at V.K. Krishna Menon Bhawan, Bhagwan Das Road, opposite to the Supreme Court of India and next to the Indian Law Institute (ILI). It has two in house air-conditioned conference halls with a seating capacity of 80 & 100 respectively, a full-fledged air-conditioned auditorium of 250 seats for organising seminars/conferences and symposiums, a number of class rooms, office spaces etc.

Climate

It is too difficult to predict the vagaries of the weather of New Delhi. The City remains mild cold in night in the month of March. So the delegates are kindly advised to bring with them required winter clothing.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

19th & 20th March 2016

Venue

Seminar Hall, Indian Society of International Law,
New Delhi

19th March 2016

Breakfast and Registration- 9.00am to 10.30am.

Inaugural Session

& Key-note address - 10.00 am to 11.15 am

Technical Session I - 11.30 am to 1.30 pm

Lunch Break - 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm

Technical Session II - 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm

20th March 2016

Technical Session III - 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Valedictory and

Certificate Distribution - 12.30 pm to 1.15 pm

Lunch Break - 1.15 pm to 2.30pm



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With kind regards

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