

# Parampoojya Dr. Babasaheb Smarak Samiti's Dr. Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur "Activity for Suggesting Law Reforms"

### Report:

The Centre for Constitutional Law & Public Policy Debate of the Department of Law, Dr. Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur aims at providing a common platform for the exchange of views, deliberation and discussions regarding contemporary issues in the field of Constitutional Law. Its purpose is to bring all the stakeholders including legal luminaries, students, distinguished academicians on one platform to share their knowledge and views regarding issues pertaining to Constitutional Law and Public Policy.

Keeping this vision and mission in mind, the Centre had conducted an activity in the month of August, 2023 on Suggesting Law Reforms in two major Legislations ie. The Surrogacy Regulation Act, 2021 and the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019. These two laws have marked a major shift in the legal field. The activity was conducted by the Centre in order to ignite critical thinking in the law students. Under this activity, the students were asked to analyse these two laws and propose the reforms so that these laws can be more effective and even the purpose behind these laws could be easily achieved. Dr. Varsha Deshpande, Professor and Coordinator, Centre for Constitutional Law and Public Policy Debate addressed the students and briefed them regarding the activity. Thereafter, the students were divided into different groups and suggestions were sought from each group in the prescribed format. Approximately 30 students participated in this activity.

## **PHOTOS:**

# PROFORMA FOR PROPOSING AMENDMENTS

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Sr. No.	Existing Provision	Draft Amendment	New Provi sion (Ment ion where to includ e)	Reasons for the Amendment
	Section 2 (k) "transgender person" means a person whose gender does not match with the gender assigned to that person at birth and includes trans-man or trans-woman (whether or not such person has undergone Sex Reassignment Surgery or hormone therapy or laser therapy or such other therapy), person with intersex variations, genderqueer and person having such socio-cultural identities as kinner, hijra, aravani and jogta.	The transgender arepeople those who have a different gender identity to their assigned gender at birth.	Sect ion 2(K)	Transgender is an umbrella term for persons whose gender identity, gender expression or behavior does not conform to that typically associated with the sex to which they were assigned at birth. (whether or not such person has undergone Sex Reassignment Surgery or hormone therapy or laser therapy or such other therapy), person with intersex variations, genderqueer and person

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1.	No provision	Fertile Single parents and homosexual couples should be allowed to opt for surrogacy.	CHAPTER II	1] Every couple has a desire to have their genetic child, hence homosexual couples should be allowed to opt for surrogacy. 2]
2.	SECTION  2(1)(b)  "altruistic surrogacy" means the surrogacy in which no charges, expenses, fees, remuneration, or monetary incentive of whatever nature, except the medical expenses and such other prescribed expenses incurred on surrogate mother and the insurance coverage for the surrogate mother, are given to the surrogate mother or her dependents or her representative;  2(1)(g) "commercial surrogacy" means commercialisation of surrogacy services or procedures or its component services or component procedures including selling or buying of human embryo or trading in the sale or purchase of human	Surrogate mother should be rewarded and remunerated [other than medical expenses].	CHAPTER I	1] in the following circumstances there should be some reward to the surrogate mother a. If a woman working in the private sector wants to be a surrogate mother, and give her time for pregnancy for that surrogate child then the intending couple or whoever doing that surrogacy should give some amount of reward or remuneration to that surrogate mother. b. The government should prescribe a legalized method to reward and remunerate the surrogate mother.