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National Conference on 'A Discourse on Medical Termination of Pregnancy'

Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Law College and Center for Post Graduate Studies and Research in Law, Mangalore under its Seminar/Conference/Workshop Committee has organised a National Conference on 'A Discourse on Medical Termination of Pregnancy' at 9:30 A.M. on 29th March 2022 via online (Google Meet)

Ms.Dafny M.D'cunha, Secretary of Seminar/Conference/Workshop Committee was the Master of Ceremony for the Inaugural Ceremony. Ms.Suma Suresh Kogileri, Faculty Coordinator of Seminar/Conference/Workshop Committee gave the welcome address and introduced the inaugurator (Chief Guest)

Inaugural Session

Time	Name and Designation of the resource Person	Topic
09:35 am - 10:20 am	Prof. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Director- SLS, Pune, Dean-Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International (Deemed University) Chairperson IP Cell, SIU	Termination of Pregnancy'.

Dr Shashikala Gurpur, Dean of Symbiosis Law college Pune, inaugurated the National Conference on 'A Discourse on Medical Termination of Pregnancy'. In her inaugural address she discussed on the Legal aspects of Women's right to retain or terminate her pregnancy, Autonomy Vs Medicalization, Right to Abortion Vs Right to body, Rights of unborn child and father along with the ethical and legal Dimensions of the MTP ACT, Judicial trends followed by MTP ACT, women's right to health and further concluded by mentioning the effective implementation of integrated health policies.

Dr. Tharanath, Principal SDM Law College Mangaluru gave the Presidential Remarks followed by the vote of thanks from Dr. Dimple Mesta, Faculty Coordinator of Seminar/Conference/Workshop Committee and concluded the inaugural session.

Ms. Sneha Bhat ,Student coordinator of Seminar/Conference/Workshop Committee was the Master of Ceremony for the 1st and 2nd Technical Session. She welcomed and introduced the resource person.

TECHNICAL SESSION-01

Time	Name and Designation of the resource Person	Topic
10:30 am - 11:30 am		

Dr.M.P.Chengappa discussed a landmark Judgment in Justice K.S.Puttaswamy V. Union of India wherein Right to Privacy was discussed as a fundamental right. He also elaborated on the evolution of Right to life of Fetus in the Indian scenario. He explained the legal fiction so as to rights of a fetus. Dr.M.P.Chengappa further spoke on Rights of a Woman with regards to the Rights of an unborn child. He also mentioned the offences against an unborn child. He elaborated on the objectives of MTP Act and its provisions so as to when the abortion is legal.

Dr.M.P.Chengappa Sir Concluded the Session by marking out the need to balance the fundamental shift in power from doctor to the woman, ensure institutional health care faculty protocol. He emphasized on the need to decide abortion cases in the light of liberty, freedom and dignity of woman.

The session was followed by a 'Q& A' session where he addressed various doubts by the participants. The session was indeed a learning a learning experience, broadening the knowledge of the participants on MTP Act and how it physical anatomy of women.

Ms. Sneha Bhat rendered the vote of thanks and concluded the session.

TECHNICAL SESSION -02

TIME	NAME AND DESIGNATION OF THE RESOURCE PERSON	TOPIC
11:45am-12:45 pm	Dr. Deepa Kanagal V. Professor and HOD Departmentu of OBG Father Muller Medical College, Mangaluru	Women's Health: Complex issues of pregnancy, termination, and MTP Act

Dr. Deepa Kanagal V.,Professor and Departmentu of OBG ,Father Muller Medical College,Mangaluru discussed on the induction of abortion.She mentioned the dilemma faced by women regarding termination of pregnancy.She also elaborated on the complexity pertaining to termination of pregnancy.She further discussed several case studies on the subject.She also discussed the case Roe V. Wade (1973) and the case of Savitha Halappanavar.He elaborated on various provisions of MTP Act.She mentioned the various indications that allows a woman to terminate the pregnancy.

Dr.Deepa Kanagal V. also spoke on the problems faced due tounavailability of qualified healthcare providers to terminate pregnancy. She pointed out the issues relating to abortion laws in India. She concluded the her talk stating the actual test of the amendments is to implement it to close access gaps and other areas of improvement. She emphasised the need to develop a progressive attitude surrounding abortion in India.

The session was then followed by a 'Q & A' session where students clarified several doubts on the subject. It was indeed an enlightening session by Dr.Deepa Kanagal V. on the topic which showed a different perspective towards the termination of pregnancy ,it's complications ,issues relating to implemention of law.

Ms. Sheha Bhat rendered the vote of thanks.



TECHNICAL SESSION-03

TIME	NAME AND	TOPIC
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02:00 PM- 03:00 PM	Dr. G. RAJASHEKAR	MTP and Stakeholders'
	Assistant Professor	rights
	Department of Legal	(Unborn child & father's
	Studies,	right)
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Dr. G Rajashekar, Assistant Professor, Department of Legal Studies, University of Madras in his session spoke regarding the Right of an Unborn child and the Father in India. Sir pointed out that The Doctor's take an Oath before beginning their career which is ought to be followed by them till the end. Sir expressed that Even the foetus is a Human organism and it has a Right to life. Sir also mentioned that in the MTP ACT,1971 the fundamental reproductive health of the women was the main concern. Dr. G Rajashekar mentioned that Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions include in their judicial guarantees that "the death penalty shall not be pronounced on pregnant women or mothers of young children". Also, in the draft declaration of Geneva Convention, 1950 it was said that unborn child is similar to a child who is born and it is entitled to grow in health. It also included that there will be conflict of interest when it comes to Right of the father.

The session was followed by 'question and answer session where he addressed various questions and doubts of the students. It was indeed an excellent learning experience, broadening the knowledge of students on the particular subject.



TECHNICAL SESSION-4

TIME	NAME AND DESIGNATION OF THE RESOURCE	TOPIC
03:00 PM- 04:00 PM	PERSON Dr. A David Ambrose Professor and Head (Rtd) Dean, Legal Affairs (Rtd) Department of Legal Studies,	
	University of Madras.	

Dr. A David Ambrose, Professor and Head (Rtd) Dean, Legal Affairs (Rtd)Department of Legal Studies, University of Madras in his session spoke regarding the Legal and Ethical dimensions of MTP act. Sir mentioned that Earlier abortion has been permitted to save the life of the mother but Now abortions are permitted when the mother's life is not only threat but continued pregnancy will cause damage to her mental and physical health. Sir pointed out that, The impact of the MTP Act should be judged in the context of changing social values and attitudes and not just based on laws. Sir urged the importance of universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, including for family planning, information and education, and the integration of reproductive health into national strategies and programmes in India.

The session was followed by 'question and answer session where he addressed various questions and doubts of the students. It was indeed an excellent learning experience, broadening the knowledge of students on the the ethical and legal dimensions of MTP Act.

Mr.Shane Gangera ,Student cordinator of seminar/ conference/ workshop committee rendered the vote of thanks.





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Cordially invites you to the

National Conference on

"A discourse on Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act"

(An IQAC initiative)

Date: 29th March 2022

Time: 09:30 A.M.

Platform: Google Meet

Inaugurator:

Prof. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur

Director – SLS, Pune,
Dean-Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International (Deemed University)
Chairperson IP Cell, SIU

Presided by:
Dr. Tharanath
Principal

SDM Law College Mangaluru

Organizing committee

Ms. Suma Suresh Kogilgeri Dr. Dimpal Mesta Faculty Co-ordinators Dr. Tharanath Principal/Chairman Chief Co-ordinator

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"A discourse on Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act" About the College

Dharmastala is a famous temple town on the bank of river Nethravathi with a magnificent backdrop of western Ghats. The place is known for its religious sanctity and religious harmony. Here Dharma is expressed in the form of Daana (charity) and lakhs of devotees pray here for the blessings of Lord Manjunatha swamy. Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Law College, Centre for Post-Graduate Studies and Research in Law is a professional college functioning under the aegis of SDM Educational Society, Ujire. The college was established in the year 1974. Since its inception, the college is striving for innovative methods in imparting legal education. Presently the college is affiliated with the Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi and is recognized by the Bar Council of India. The college is reaccredited by NAAC with "B++" grade (CGPA 2.9).

About the Conference

The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act (MTP Act) recognizes the rights of the woman who wishes to undergo the termination of her pregnancy. Under the Act, the permissible ground of medical termination depends upon the mental and physical health of the woman. The MTP Act, applies to all women regardless of their marital status and therefore the term "pregnant woman" or "pregnancy" is used which does not indicate the marital status of the pregnant woman. The MTP Act 1971 allowed for the termination of pregnancy up to 12 weeks and in emergency cases, up to 20 weeks. Aborton

can now be performed until 24 weeks of pregnancy (only in exceptional cases) as per the MTP Amendment Act 2021. A woman's right to make reproductive choices is also a dimension of personal liberty as under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. It is important to recognize that reproductive choices can be exercised to procreate as well as to abstain from procreating and the crucial consideration is that a women's right to privacy, dignity, and bodily integrity should be respected.

When we talk regarding a woman's right in having or not to have a child, the rights of a man are ignored. Even though a woman is the one to bear the child, the man has equal right in having a say. It is unreasonable that, after fertilization has occurred women have several opportunities to legally opt out of pregnancy and parenthood; whereas men have none.

Another crucial point is that medical termination of pregnancy results in the death of a living being. The foetus's heart starts beating as early as 5-6 weeks. The Indian law speaks about the right to property of an unborn child. The fundamental question is: what is the right of an unborn child? Doesn't an unborn child have the right to life? As per Article 21 of the Indian Constitution, nobody has the right to take away any person's life except by the procedure of law, and hence, the unborn child deserves all the fundamental rights and he should be granted the "Right to life" as per "Article 21 of the Indian Constitution" similar to a normal person.

With this background the conference aims to address the following issues:

- 1. What are the legal aspects of a women's right to retain or terminate her pregnancy?
- 2. Whether the sole decision of a woman to terminate her pregnancy violates the rights of other stakeholders?
- 3. What are the ethical and legal dimensions of the MTP Act?
- 4. MTP Act and women's right to health.

Who can participate?

Academicians, Social Workers, Social Activists, Lawyers Research Scholars, Medical/Paramedical Professionals, etc.



Registration fee: No registration fee.

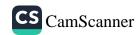
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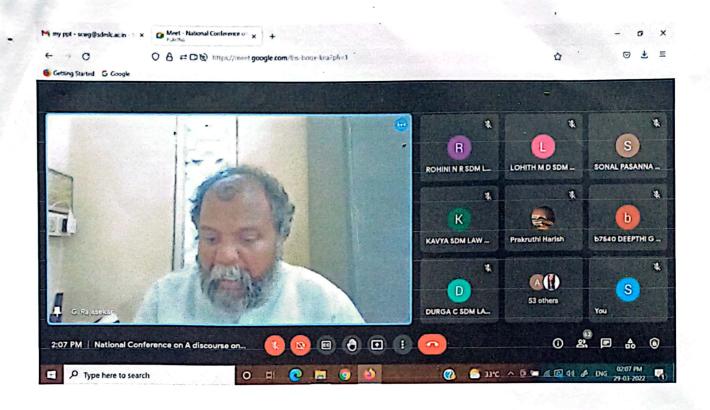
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Technical session 2	-Resource person:
Topic: Women's Health: Complex issues of pregnancy, termination, and MTP Act.	Dr. Deepa Kanagal V. Professor and HOD Department of OBG Father Muller's Medical College Mangaluru.
Technical session 3	Resource person:
Topic: MTP and Stakeholders' rights (Unborn child & father's rights)	Dr. G. Rajashekar Assistant Professor Department of Legal Studies, University of Madras.
Technical session 4	Resource person:
Topic: MTP Act: Legal and Ethical Dimensions.	Dr. A David Ambrose Professor and Head (Rtd) Dean, Legal Affairs (Rtd) Department of Legal Studies, University of Madras.

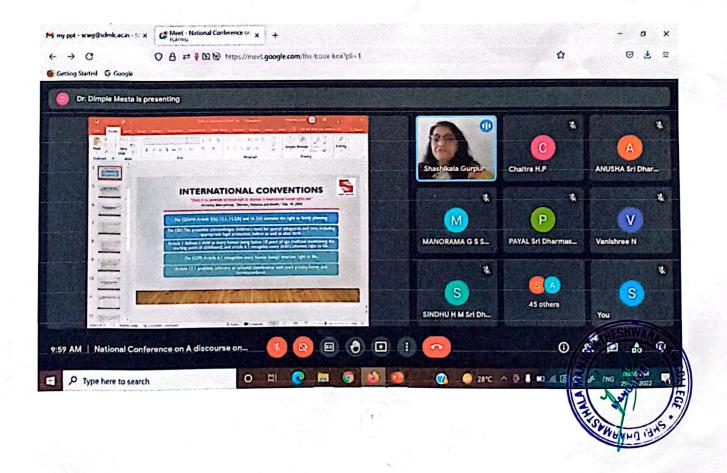
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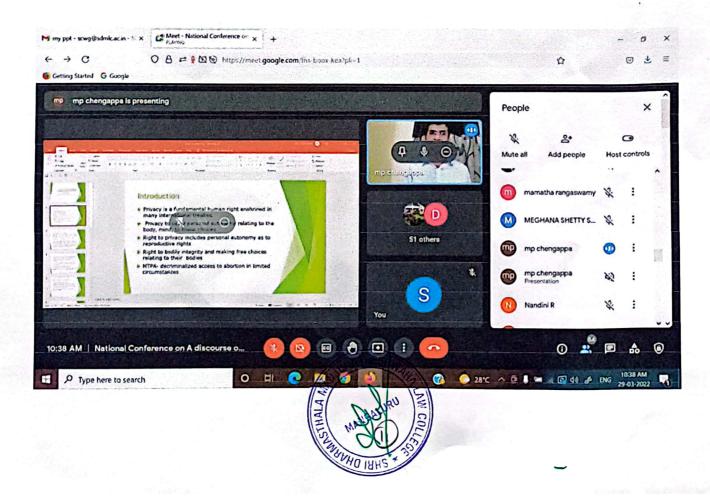




















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