Report on Open Forum

Case Discussion on X v. Principal Secretary Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of NCT Delhi & Anr. Civil Appeal No 5802 of 2022 (Arising out of SLP (C) No 12612 of 2022), October 2022.

Date: 28.10.2022

Organized by: Prof. N R Madhava Menon Chair on Legal Education & Centre for Women and law, Mar Gregorios College of Law.

Speaker: Swathy Nair A, LLM Student of Mar Gregorios College of Law

The Open Forum organized by the Prof. N R Madhava Menon Chair on Legal Education & Centre for Women and Law at Mar Gregorios College of Law on 28th October 2022 provided a significant platform for in-depth discussion on the case of X v. Principal Secretary Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of NCT Delhi & Anr.

Swathy Nair A, an LLM student at Mar Gregorios College of Law, who is actively engaged in research regarding the abortion rights of marital rape victims, served as the speaker. The forum aimed to analyse the legal implications and societal ramifications of the judgment, particularly focusing on reproductive rights aspects such as bodily autonomy, reproductive autonomy, sex before marriage, and the rights of rape victims.

One of the central themes of the discussion revolved around the intersection of reproductive rights and gender justice. Participants critically examined the implications of denying MTP rights to marital rape victims, highlighting the perpetuation of further trauma and violation of bodily autonomy. The discourse underscored the urgent need for legal reforms to uphold the reproductive rights of women, particularly those subjected to sexual violence within marital relationships.







The Open Forum served as a pivotal platform for fostering critical dialogue and advocacy efforts aimed at advancing reproductive justice and gender equality. The case discussion illuminated the pressing need for legal reforms to safeguard the MTP rights of marital rape victims and uphold the principles of bodily autonomy and gender justice in the realm of reproductive healthcare. The insights shared during the forum are expected to contribute significantly to ongoing discussions surrounding reproductive rights and gender justice, both within academic circles and the broader legal community.



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