

'Surrogacy bill needs review'

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Ahmedabad: Experts participating in a panel discussion on Tuesday said that the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill will have several contradictions and therefore a review was needed.

The central government in February approved the bill with a few key changes. Compared to the earlier law, the bill is under scrutiny for points ranging from rights of same-sex couples to unwed women. The theme of the discussion was 'Surrogacy: The Ethical Dilemma.' The panel consisted of Dr Nayana Patel, surrogacy expert, Tanishtha Samanta

from IIT-Gandhinagar, K Parameswaran from Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), and Kelly Dhru, a doctoral scholar at Hamburg University. They discussed medical, legal, sociological, and bioethical aspects.



Patel said that surrogacy is allowed for divorced and widowed women but not for unwed women. The panel said that may discourage doctors. GNLU launched India Bioethics Project that will carry out research in fields such as contraception, abortion, pre-natal diagnosis for sex selection. "Through this project, GNLU intends to contribute soft laws to such vital areas," said Dr S Shanthakumar, director of GNLU.