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EXPERT LECTURE

**Topic: Legality of Live-in Relationships in India: Laws
and Challenges**



Adv. Prerana

(Advocate, High Court, Delhi)
Mediator, Member, CII-IWN Delhi
POSH Trainer



22nd September, 2023 | Friday | 12:30 PM Onwards

Venue: Smart Class Room, Room No. 1007, Block 1

ADGITM-CLE , New Delhi

A REPORT ON GUEST LECTURE

TOPIC: LEGALITY OF LIVE-IN- RELATIONSHIPS IN INDIA: LAW AND CHALLENGES

Date: 22.09.2023

Day: Friday

Venue: Classroom

Attendees: 39

Coordinators: Ms. Priyanka Singh

Objective

The objective of the guest lecture on the legality of live-in relationships was to educate the students about the legal rights and protections of couples in live-in relationships

Brief Report

Centre of Legal Education organized a guest lecture on “Legality of Live-in- Relationships in India:Law and Challenges”. To fulfill the prescribed aim, the guest lecture was organized for the students of B.A.LL.B and B.B.A.LL.B students of third semester.

The session commenced by welcoming the guest Adv. Prerana, Advocate High Court, Delhi) Mediator, Member, CII-IWN Delhi, POSH Trainer. The welcome address was given by Dr. Navneet Kansal, Principle, CLE ADGITM.

The speaker emphasized that legality of live-in relationships in India is a complex and evolving topic. While there is no specific law that governs live-in relationships, there are a number of laws and judicial pronouncements that provide protection to couples in such relationships. One of the most important laws in this regard is the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (PWDVA). The PWDVA defines "domestic relationship" to include "a relationship between two adults who are or have at any point of time been in a live-in relationship." This means that couples in live-in relationships are entitled to the same protection under the PWDVA as married couples. Another important law is the Supreme Court of India's judgment in the case of *KS Puttaswamy v Union of India* (2017). In this case, the Supreme Court held that the right to privacy is a fundamental right under the Constitution of India. This right to privacy includes the right to make one's own choices about one's personal life, including the choice to live in a relationship with a partner of one's choice.

While there is no specific law that governs live-in relationships, the laws and judicial pronouncements mentioned above provide significant protection to couples in such relationships. Couples in live-in relationships have the same rights as married couples under the PWDVA, and they also have the right to privacy under the Constitution of India. At the end of the session all the questions of the students were addressed by the speaker.

Further, the session was concluded by giving a Vote of Thanks.

Learning Outcome:

The guest lecture on the legality of live-in relationships would have been a valuable learning experience for the students. It would have helped them to increase their awareness of their rights, reduce the stigma associated with live-in relationships, and prepare for the future.

The lecture would have also helped the students to understand the following:

- The difference between a live-in relationship and a marriage.
- The rights of couples in live-in relationships under the PWDVA.
- Couples in such relationships are entitled to the same protection as married couples under a number of laws and judicial pronouncements.

Beneficiary: The students of B.A. LL.B (H) and B.B.A. LL.B. (H), Second Year.

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