

# **Surrogacy in India: A Legal Perspective – A Literature Review**

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**Abstract:** *Surrogacy, a reproductive practice where a woman carries a child for another individual or couple, has gained legal and ethical attention in India due to its implications on parenthood, women's rights, and the commercialization of reproduction. India emerged as a global surrogacy hub in the early 2000s, prompting legal reforms to regulate the industry. This literature review synthesizes scholarly discourse on the legal, ethical, and socio-economic dimensions of surrogacy in India. The analysis draws upon 30 academic sources to trace the evolution of surrogacy laws, examine judicial interventions, and highlight the impact of the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021. It also discusses challenges such as exploitation, citizenship issues, and the rights of surrogate mothers. The findings emphasize the need for balanced legislation that upholds reproductive rights while preventing abuse and exploitation.*

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