National Consultation on Surrogate Motherhood
15-17 February 2009

organized by
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in collaboration with
Women’s Studies Research Centre
Calcutta University, Alipore

Venue
Centre for Social Sciences & Humanities Hall
Calcutta University; 10th Floor
1, Bhowanipore Street
Kolkata - 700032

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

DAY 1
10.30 Registration
11.00 – 11.45 Inauguration
11.45 – 12.00 Tea
12.00 – 12.30 The ART Bill and the Question of Surrogacy
12.30 – 13.00 Lunch
01.30 – 02.00 Medical Ethics, Surrogacy and the Health Rights of Women
02.00 – 03.30 Rajatkrishna Banik; Rajeshri Dasgupta; Sudha Sundararajan
03.30 – 03.45 Tea
03.45 – 05.00 Commercialization of Surrogacy: The Legal-Ethical Question
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DAY II

10.30  Tea

11.00 – 11.50  Adoption and Surrogacy
Nilanjan Gupta, Jadavpur University

11.50 – 12.40  Surrogacy and Medical Tourism
Madhumita Roy, Tufts University

12.40 – 01.30  Some cases of Commercial Surrogacy In and around Delhi
T.K. Rajalakshmi, Senior Assistant Editor, Frontline

01.30 – 02.00  Lunch

02.00 – 03.00  Presentation of major recommendations and discussion

03.00 – 03.15  summing-up

03.15  Tea
INAUGURAL SESSION

11.00 – 11.10 Welcome Speech: Dr. Malini Bhattacharya
Chairperson,
West Bengal Commission for Women.

11.10 – 11.20 Inaugural Speech: Professor Jasodhara Bagchi
Former Chairperson,
West Bengal Commission for Women.

11.20 – 11.30 Speech by Chief Guest: Sri Samar Ghosh
Principal Secretary,
Dept. of Health & Family Welfare,
Govt. of West Bengal.

11.30 – 11.35 Speech by Professor Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay
Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic),
Calcutta University.

11.35 – 11.40 Speech by Professor Amiya Bagchi
Director,
Institute of Development Studies Kolkata.

11.40 – 11.45 Vote of Thanks: Dr. Roma Das
Vice-Chairperson,
West Bengal Commission for Women.