

CHILD MARRIAGE

Child marriage is defined as marriage before the age of 18. It is widely spread throughout the countries. In some country more than 50% of girls are married before they turn 18. This harmful practice is most common in poor and rural communities. The harmful consequences of child marriage are separate from family and friend, lack of opportunities for education. In the age of playing with their siblings they are forced to marry which takes on new domestic and family responsibilities. But actually they are not in the condition to uplift these responsibilities. A marital obligation is also imposed on them without their consent. It is not as much as imprisonment of the children in marriage.

Poor families sell their children into marriage either to settle debts or to make some money and escape the cycle of poverty by child marriage but they don't know about the fact that they are literally supporting and helping in the continuance of poverty, however as it ensures that girls who marry young will not be properly educated or take part in the workshop. The imposition of family honor on a girl's individuality, in essence robbing the girl of her honor and dignity, undermines the credibility of family honor and instead underscores the presumed protection's actual aim: to control the girl. There are so many causes like as cultural, social, economic and religious. In many cases, a mixture of these causes results the marriage of child which is very common in our society. Somewhere in our country it became custom as it been take place since a long time.

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"Child marriage is thus child abuse and a violation of the human rights of the child and educational rights as well. It has an extremely deleterious effect on the health as pregnancy is consistently among the leading causes of death for girls ages 15 -19. It is a denial of childhood and adolescence; it is a curtailment of personal freedom and opportunity to develop to a full sense of selfhood as well as a denial of psychosocial and emotional well-being and it is a denial of reproductive health and educational opportunities. The girl child is the most affected and suffers irreparable damage to her physical, mental, psychological and emotional development."

Girls who marry before 18 are more likely to experience domestic violence than their peers who marry later. In our country found that who were married before 18 were twice as likely to report beaten, slapped or threatened by their husband than girls who married later.

Child brides often show symptomatic of sexual abuse and post-traumatic of stress such as feelings of hopelessness, helplessness and severe depression.

Child marriage in India has grave implications for population control as adolescent brides are likely to have high fertility and a number of unwanted pregnancies. States where child marriage is most prevalent is also where there is the highest population. Child marriage is low among women who have had access to higher education and secondary education. Marriages in India are often unregistered, and are socially binding if not legally, which makes it hard to survey. In our country there are many societies which are bound to do child marriage because of practices which are followed since a long time. If any of them deny from these practice their neighborhood makes them shame on child marriage.

Everyone makes mistakes, including our parents and grandparents. We can learn from those mistakes we are not bound to follow in their footsteps. Certain customs are not traditions we have to keep. When we hear elders say, “we all got married this way. We all know that there is no purpose behind this custom other than it has been done in the past. Even when we know it’s wrong, tradition sometimes still wins out in the end.

Sometimes fathers claim they marry their daughters off out of a concern for her virtue and reputation. What type of reputation is earned from it? Yes, marriage is great, but when time is right, when her age is right and when the man is right. If these points are right, then everything will be right. The chances of scuffles between them become less because they can understand their feeling as both of them are major.

If we talk about child marriage, we are usually referring to female children because they tend to be marginalized in many ways in our society. Raise your daughter with dignity and kindness, and you won’t have to worry about marriage. Let them free to choose their goal and free for the education.

We need to address roots of the problem like poverty and tackle it as well as trying to shift people’s mindsets.

A few girls have found protection outside their families. They turned to people they knew, to the courts or to NGOs. These are brave girls. But what about the large number of girls around the country who can’t say no? Who can’t run away? Why don’t children have rights?

We have to change our legislation also here a minor cannot get identity card, but she’s allowed to get married.