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Students Lead the Voice Against Child Marriage in East Jaintia Hills

Young Minds Speak Up: Essay Competition Highlights Prevention of Child Marriage

100-Days Intensive Awareness Campaign for a Child-Marriage Free Bharat

under NALSA/ASHA SOP and Bal Vivah Mukh Bharat Campaign

Annexure-I

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SAY NO TO CHILD MARRIAGE: PROTECTING CHILDHOOD AND DREAMS

A big no to Child Marriage. It is a practice where girl children of just 12-13 years get married, and even at 2-3 months, and once they grow up a little, they are forced to learn to do the household work instead of studying and going to school. They wear sarees instead of normal clothes or school uniform. Their whole life gets spoiled because of child marriage, their dreams, their wishes and everything vanishes. Girl children do not even get the right to take a stand for themselves, to live their life in the way they want to, to study and be educated. They are forced to live like prisoners.

Child Marriage should be prevented, or the innocent girls childhood and dreams will get spoiled. Although it has been reduced now, there are still some girl children who are still being forced to do so. How unlucky they must feel about themselves. Society knows that Child Marriage is really wrong, but still, families force their kids to do that. Every girl has the right to live their life in a way they want to; they should get proper education so that their future does not get spoiled and they have a bright future.

At last, we all should take a stand to stop this, so that the girls do not feel like a burden to anyone. And thankfully, the Government has introduced an act to prevent child marriage in 2006, where a boy should be of 21 years and a girl should be of 18 years to get married, or else it is not allowed and they will get arrested. So, because of this act, now it has been reduced by a good number and most of the girl children are really happy and living their life in a proper manner, without any allegations and restrictions, and we are very thankful about that.

Annexure-II

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THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF CHILD MARRIAGE ON EDUCATION & HEALTH

India is a land of rich culture and heritage; it has a very good history of wars, trade, culture, dances and tradition, but as the coin has two sides, there were several bad practices prevailing at that time, and one of them was child marriage. Though this system faced criticisms by social reformers like Raja Rammohan Roy and was finally abolished by the Government of India, still the society has not abolished this fully.

Child Marriage not only ruins the life of a boy and a girl, but also has a very bad impact on their health as well as on the country. Imagine a girl who is still continuing her education and has so many dreams for her career, being married at a very young age due to the pressure of her parents and society. This has ruined her dreams and her passion; early pregnancy can also lead to a very bad impact on her mental and physical health.

Child Marriage cannot be abolished by just making laws, but it should be abolished from the mindset of society. Remember, a nation cannot be developed without empowered youth and specially females, cannot be empowered by Child Marriage.

Annexure-III

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MY ROLE AS A STUDENT IN PREVENTING CHILD MARRIAGE

Child Marriage is a very common factor that happens in our society and country. The main effect factor of this child marriage is because of believing in the old culture. Child Marriage affects the child during her adolescence and also the father has not become mature in providing sufficient need to the child or the family. To prevent this, the government has made a law and spread the news that child marriage is strictly restricted.

As a student, my role is to do and protest, campaign and encourage everyone to know about the effect of Child Marriage through posters, drawings and protesting. We should hold our hands together to spread the news that Child Marriage should be abolished and make sure that in every society, whether in rural or urban area, that child marriage has been abolished. Therefore, we should tell our parents, cousins, villagers or the whole citizen of the country to protest against Child Marriage, as it is a very dangerous and very effective to the child.

As a student, my vision for the future of the country is that we should stop and prevent child marriage. We should explain the illiterate family that every girl below the age of 18 is not able to get married and every boy below 21 is not able to get married. This law is strictly implemented by the government to stop child marriage. The Child Marriage Act, 2006 says that if every citizen or child is still practicing this, then the citizen should directly complain to the helpline or any office related to child marriage. If anyone is found who arranges their marriage, that person will also get arrested.

As a student, my role and my vision is to prevent child marriage and participate in a protest against child marriage, we should and everyone should know the Act of Child Marriage. As a student, I am clearly guided by my teacher that Child Marriage is strictly prohibited. And we should spread awareness about child marriage to every corner of the country.

As a conclusion, I want to say that

“SAY NO TO CHILD MARRIAGE, AND YES TO EDUCATION”