

# When they want to spread their wings, why should we stop them!

Do not let the dreams of children remain unfulfilled by getting them married early  
Educate them and let them reach for the skies



## Child marriage – a crime

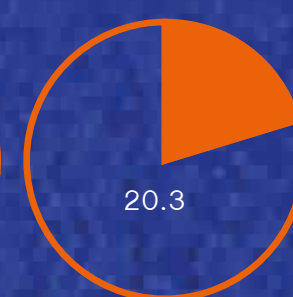
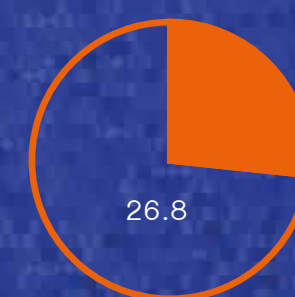
Getting a girl below 18 years and a boy below 21 years married is a punishable offence. As per the Child Marriage Prevention Act 2006, any one pressuring a child to get married at an early age is liable for punishment.

## Child Marriage related Statistics

### India

26.8 percent girls  
in our country get  
married below 18  
years of age

20.3 percent boys  
get married below  
21 years of age



(source: NFHS-4, 2015-16)

## Types of offences

- Encouraging or helping to get children married
- Not taking measures to stop a child marriage from taking place
- Participating in a child marriage

## Who all are guilty

- Any person or organisation participating in child marriage
- Parents
- Guardians

## Extent of Punishment

- 2 years imprisonment

## Fine

- Fine up to Rs 1 lakh

## Steps that can be taken

Become a responsible citizen. Stop a child marriage from taking place and report the case of child marriage to:

- Local Police Station or dial 100
- Child Marriage Prevention Officer
- District Child Protection Unit