

BOOK SYNOPSIS

WHEN CHILDREN HAVE CHILDREN

TIPPING POINT TO END CHILD MARRIAGE

Three girls under 18 are married in India every minute. One third of the world's child marriages take place in India.

This book is an action plan to eliminate child marriage in India by 2030.

Why we should end child marriage?

Child marriage is a violation of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 (PCMA)

Child marriage has devastating and irreparable consequences on the health of both mother and child.

Child marriage drastically reduces the chances of a girl finishing her school education and acquiring livelihood skills.

Child marriage violates almost all the rights of a child.

How to end child marriage?

We can eliminate child marriage in India by 2030 by adopting a systematic, highly focused, and intensive intervention model

We have to enhancing the knowledge of children, especially boys, to say no to child marriage. When a young man refuses to marry a minor girl, he breaks the cycle of generations of conditioning. When girls have knowledge about laws, they will raise their voice and complain when they are forced for marriage against their will or in violation of law.

We need an ecosystem where child marriage is non-existent. A multi-pronged intervention at all levels is required.

The effective implementation and enforcement of existing laws and policies that prohibit child marriage along with swift and decisive justice delivery mechanism will help in checking the prevalence of this crime against children.

Investing in child protection institutions, education, healthcare, justice delivery, and rehabilitation will prevent and protect children from abuse and exploitation.

Incentives in the form of conditional cash transfers have shown impact in communities to keep girls in schools delaying marriage decisions.

All schemes and interventions geared towards the protection, prevention, education, health and awareness of children and adults affected by child marriage need to operate in sync with each other.

Use of technology to enable real-time attendance data analysis will help reduce child trafficking, child marriage and drop-out rate in schools.

