

VKV GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE KOTHAPETA

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT CELL

NATIONAL GENDER CAMPAIGN

CHILD MARRIAGES

(9/12/2024 to 15/12/2024)

Women empowerment cell conducted an awareness programme on Child Marriages 14th December 2024 at VKV Government Degree College Kothapeta. Under the chairmanship of Principal Dr.K.P Raju addressing the students to explain the Prohibit the option of girls being married off with parental consent. This puts children at high risk as in many rural communities, people respect customary leadership more than national law, and continue to marry off their children.Vice Principal T.Rama Devi , Programme Coordinator V.Naga Deepika, PVVS Bramarambha,Sukruda Valli and other women faculty members and students were participated in this programme.

OBJECTIVES

- To lay the foundation for development of children below 6 years with focus on nutrition, health and non formal pre-school education and awareness and capacity building for mothers about nutritional and health needs of the child .To empower adolescent girls (11-18 years) through nutrition, health care and life skill education. To Provide a safe and secure environment for overall development of children who are in need of care and protection and those in conflict with the law .
- To create awareness and to provide support services to aggrieved women/families about the protection of women from Domestic

Violence Act 2005, Dowry Act 1961 ,The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006..To remove the bias against girl children, to correct adverse sex ratio and eradicate social evils affecting women adversely.To prevent women and children from being abused and trafficked.To enable Economic and Social Empowerment of women.

- **To Provide relief and rehabilitation to vulnerable and disadvantaged women including skill development and economic development To create awareness about gender concern in policies and schemes of Govt. and to undertake research training and capacity building as well as improvement in internal mechanism for better understanding of issues related to women and children and to improve efficiency in delivery of services.prove efficiency in delivery of services.**

Impact of Early marriage on Education :

- **Discontinued Education**
- **Poor economic conditions**
- **Difficulties in taking care of children and family**
- **Malnutrition of both the girl and her children**
- **Increased helplessness**

Impact of Early marriage on Health :

- **Poor Health condition**
- **No resource in the hands of the girl**
- **Loss of shelter on being thrown away from in-laws home and getting shelter in parental home**
- **Impact of child marriage on violence**
- **Physical, spiritual and psychological sexual exploitation /harassment**

Impact of Early marriage right to choice:

- **Discontinued Education**
- **No skill acquired**

- No control over own body and reproductive health
- Trapped in gendered poverty cycle

Points to remember

The discussion may bring out various issues and debates. For example we may hear stories on domestic violence, how parents do not act as support systems would rather let their girls suffer as opposed to offering safety and support.

