

# Awareness Programme on Child Marriages

**Name of the Institution:** SWR Government Degree College for Girls, Kanchikacherla

**Date of Programme:** 18-12-2023

**Venue:** Seminar Hall, College Premises

**Target Group:** Degree Students and Local Community

**Organized by:** NSS Unit , Women Empowerment Cell ,Child line centre and Vasavya Mahila mandali

**Participants:** 120 students + 30 community members

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## ● NEED:

Child marriage continues to be a **serious social issue** affecting the lives of girls, especially in rural and economically backward areas. Despite being prohibited by law, the practice persists due to poverty, lack of awareness, and social customs. There is an urgent need to **educate young students and community members** about the dangers of child marriage and to empower them with the **knowledge of their rights and available support systems**.

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## ● ACTION:

To address this, an **awareness programme on child marriages** was conducted on **18-12-2023** with the following activities:

- **Inaugural Session:**  
The Principal addressed the gathering, emphasizing the role of education in ending child marriage.
- **Guest Lecture by CDPO (Nandigama):**  
G.Jhansi explained the provisions of the *Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006*, and encouraged students to report such incidents using the **Childline (1098)** and local legal support.
- **Legal Awareness Session:**  
Advocate Ms. Latha Rani shared real-life legal cases and explained the **punishments and protections** under Indian law.
- **Health Awareness Talk:**  
Dr. G.Himabindu, Gynecologist, highlighted the **health risks** of early pregnancy and emotional effects on young girls.
- **Student Involvement:**

- NSS volunteers performed a **skit** portraying the dangers of child marriage.
- A **poster and slogan competition** was held to engage students creatively.
- A **pledge** was taken by all participants to stop child marriages.
- **Community Outreach:**  
Pamphlets and posters were distributed in nearby villages to extend the impact beyond the college campus.

### ● **ACHIEVEMENT:**

- Created awareness among **150+ participants**, including students and local citizens.
- Two suspected child marriage cases were brought to light by students and reported to authorities for preventive action.
- Increased legal and health literacy among girl students regarding their **rights and protections**.
- Strengthened the role of the college as a **community awareness hub**.
- Empowered NSS student volunteers as **peer educators and social influencers**.





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