

Marriages as a Form of Child Trafficking in India

An Abstract of the Thesis By
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The purpose of this thesis is to establish an understanding of child marriage trafficking in India especially in North India and Hyderabad through which girls are being exploited for sexual and slavery purposes in the guise of fake marriage. The primary data has been collected through interviews during spring/summer 2018 with social workers, survivors of child marriage trafficking and human rights activists working in the field of 'marriage trafficking' in India besides the media articles and documentaries. The theories of patriarchy and violence against girls are discussed in the context. The thesis focuses on the socio-economic factors perpetuating child marriage trafficking of the girls in an Indian context with an emphasis on gender factors and economic factors coupled with gender.

The thesis is divided into ten chapters. The first, second and third chapters form the introductory part where overview of my research study, research methodology and aims are presented. The fourth chapter elaborates on the literature review and the fifth chapter is where the theoretical framework is presented about patriarchy, gender based violence. The international and domestic framework on Child Marriage trafficking is given in the sixth chapter. The chapter seven on my research findings are further divided into sections for a clear understanding. Social work Implications are discussed in the chapter eight followed by chapter nine of recommendations emerged from my study. A final chapter ten gives a final conclusion of the thesis.