



PAKADWA VIVAH: An empirical study on social acceptance of such marriages in Bihar

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Abstract : *The study on GROOM KIDNAPPING, popularly known as 'Pakadwa Vivah' or 'Jabaria Shaadi' (with special reference to Bihar), is a research work done to study the rise in the number of forced marriages at gunpoint in Bihar and to analyze the reasons behind its occurrence. This research work has been carried out with certain objectives highlighting its existence in the society, the actual reason behind this practice, knowing the Government's stand/laws on Pakadwa Vivah, analyzing the success rate of such marriages and reaching out to the victims of this evil practice.*

For this, the hypothesis of our research work has been listed below:

1. *The number of cases of Pakadwa Vivah is on the rise*
2. *A boy from a well off family / highly educated is abducted for Pakadwa Vivah*
3. *To escape dowry, Pakadwa Vivah is practised*

We have used two major methodologies for our study:

1. *Primary research*
2. *Secondary research*

Referring to the Primary Research, we have carried out a survey among the masses, talked to victims of Pakadwa Vivah and recorded opinions from professionals in this field. Also, we went door to door for collecting the data for our research project.

In the context of Secondary Research, we took reference from the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 and The Dowry Prohibition Act 1961. We collected information from video clippings of different news channels, movies like Antardwand and Jabariya Jodi and from one of the episodes of Satyamev Jayate (a program which was broadcast on Star Plus).

After the completion of our research work, a conclusion would be drawn depending upon the outcome, that is, on the basis of our hypothesis which would either turn out to be correct or incorrect.

Keywords : *Pakadwa Vivah; Jabariya Shaadi; gunpoint; groom kidnapping; bride; forceful marriage; dowry; illiteracy; uneducated; Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961; bahubalis.*

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