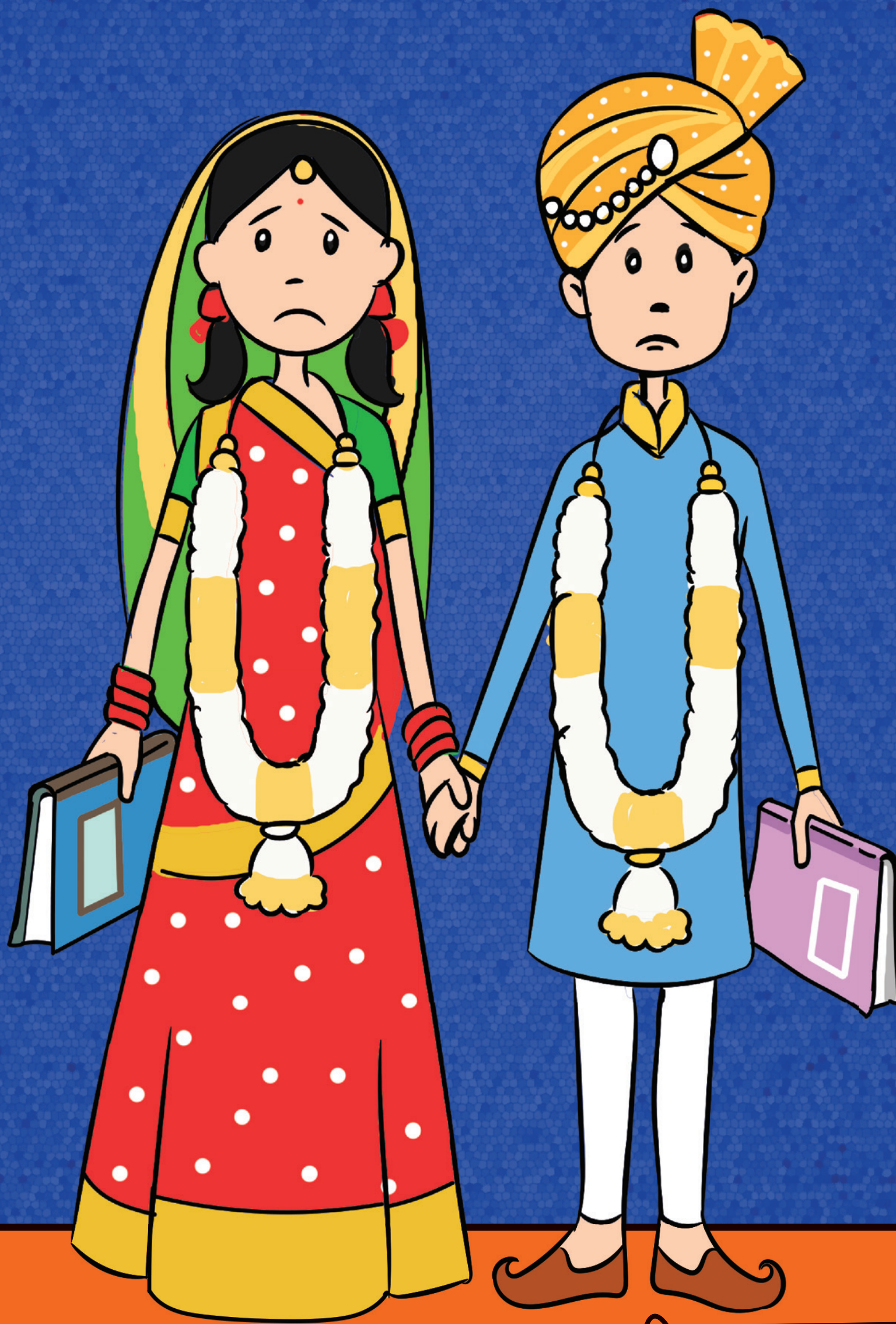


When they want to spread their wings, why should we stop them!

Do not let the dreams of children remain unfulfilled by getting them married early
Educate them and let them reach for the skies



Child marriage – a crime

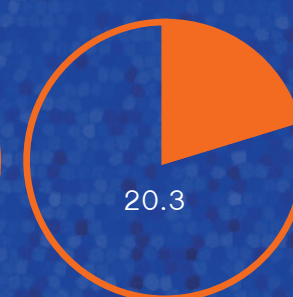
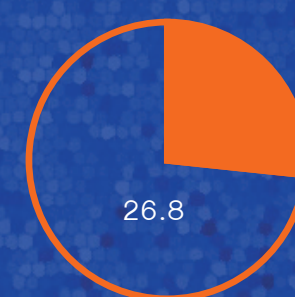
Getting a girl below 18 years and a boy below 21 years married is a punishable offence. As per the Child Marriage Prevention Act 2006, any one pressurising a child to get married at an early age is liable for punishment.

Child Marriage related Statistics

India

26.8 percent girls
in our country get
married below 18
years of age

20.3 percent boys
get married below
21 years of age



(source: NFHS-4, 2015-16)

Types of offences

- Encouraging or helping to get children married
- Not taking measures to stop a child marriage from taking place
- Participating in a child marriage

Who all are guilty

- Any person or organisation participating in child marriage
- Parents
- Guardians

Extent of Punishment

- 2 years imprisonment

Fine

- Fine up to Rs 1 lakh

Steps that can be taken

Become a responsible citizen. Stop a child marriage from taking place and report the case of child marriage to:

- Local Police Station or dial 100
- Child Marriage Prevention Officer
- District Child Protection Unit