

Children Parliament

Say No to Child Marriage

Key resolutions and actions plans

Seventy three young boys and girls from the Children's Parliament Forum participated in the World Day for Peace activity held on **14th November 2012** at the campus. As a follow up of the one day orientation, the members of the children parliament elaborately discussed about different ways and means of preventing child marriage in their respective villages and worked out strategies of spreading these messages among other school children and peer groups. The following were a few key resolutions and actions plans set as follow up actions.

1. Work closely with the members of Local Governance Body and encourage them to ban child marriage in the local community.
2. Organize rally and awareness campaigns to take the message about the ill-effects of child marriage and the importance of its preventions.
3. Install Message Boards declaring the community's stand against child marriages should be put up in prominent locations of the village.
4. Encourage school students to tip the Police, Heads of schools and Shanti Ashram about their friends' marriages being arranged and ensure that child marriages are effectively prevented.
5. Initiate dialogue with mothers (parents) who desire to arrange marriage for the young girls) and educate them about the ill-effects of child marriage and the legal implications. Seek the support of local body or Police if the talk and negotiation fails.
6. Use the Monday Morning Children's Assembly Meeting and encourages all members of children parliament to vow that they would not accept for child marriage and also the boy students would prevail upon their parents and elders and ensure 'stopping' of child marriage in their own and relatives' families.
7. Honour girls and boys with awards and certificates who were able to stop the child marriage either in family or community set up.