

Tribal Development Project

Tribal Couple Marriages 2020

BROAD GUIDELINES FOR SELECTING THE COUPLES

Respected Sairam Sir,

AS PER THE DIVINE BLESSINGS OF BHAGAWAN SRI SRI SRI SATHYA SAI BABA VARU and as directed by our Respected All India President, It is planned to conduct Mass Marriages for the couple from the tribal areas where we are involved as an Organization. This will be conducted at Prashanthi Nilayam between August and October 2020 in connection with Bhagawan's 95th Birthday Celebrations. Total number of couples planned for this Mass Marriage is approximately 300.

As advised by the All India President we are enclosing herewith the broad guidelines for choosing the couples in the tribal villages.

BROAD GUIDELINES

Step 1	Office Bearers of the Organization to visit personally to tribal villages and meet the village headman, committee, people and share regarding Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations Tribal Marriage Project – Village Meeting.
Step 2	Survey and identify suitable couples in consultation with village leader, committee and parents of the couples. While identifying the couples it is desirable that the office bearers can go with a doctor who can see the physical fitness of the couples.
Step 3	Ensure consent of the boy and girl and obtain Joint declaration.
Step 4	Consent Letter from the parents of the boy and girl.
Step 5	Consent Letter from Village Leader/ Committee and tribal associations/ Tribal Council of that region.
Step 6	Collect copy of the Aadhaar Card/ Voter ID/ Birth Certificate of Boy and Girl and ensure the age of the boy above 21 years and the age of the girl above 18 years.
Step 7	Community certificate of Boy and Girl or An official letter from the District Tribal Welfare Officer attached to the District Collector to confirm the couples are tribes.
Step 8	Prepare final list and write to the District Collector / Tribal Welfare Department for their notice.
Step 9	After Marriage - To legalize the marriage, arrange for Marriage Registration Certificate at the local Registrar Office of that area. (A model Registration form is enclosed for reference. Registration forms can be obtained from the local registrar office of the respective States)

Tribal Hindu Marriage

Most of the tribal people are Hindus. While selecting the couple we can follow the conditions laid in the Hindu Marriage Act. (The essential conditions mentioned in the Act is enclosed in Annexure-1)

Tribal people also have their own Tribal Customary law, where the Village Committee/ Tribal Association/ Tribal Council can approve the marriage. We need to get declaration from the above tribal body. After the marriage we can do the registration at the local registrar office.

Tribal Christian Marriage

In case of Tribal Christian Marriage there is no constitutional law. They abide by their customary law. They will go to the local Church and their marriage is solemnized in the Church. After their marriage they can do the marriage registration in the local registrar office.

With Kind and Loving Regards

Yours ever in Sai Service

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Hindu Marriage Act 1955

Hindu Marriage Act – Essential Conditions of Valid Marriage

The Hindu Marriage Act 1955 provided five conditions as pre-requisites for a valid Hindu Marriage. These conditions are essential for the validity of marriage. Section 5 of the Act lays down that marriage may be solemnized between any two Hindus if the following conditions are fulfilled.

(1) Monogamy:

Neither party has a living spouse at the time of marriage;

(2) Soundness of Mind:

Neither party at the time of marriage

(a) Is incapable of giving a valid consent to it in consequence of unsoundness of mind; or

(b) Though capable of giving a valid consent has been suffering from mental disorder of such a kind or to such an extent as to be unfit for marriage and the procreation of children; or

(c) Has been subject to recurrent attacks of insanity or epilepsy.

(3) Age of Marriage:

According to the clause, at the time of marriage the bride must have completed at the age of 18 years and the bridegroom of 21 years. Thus a child marriage is prohibited under the Hindu Marriage Act.

(4) Prohibition as to Prohibited Degree of Relationship:

Marriages between person falling within the prohibited degree of relationship have been prohibited unless customs or usage governing each of them permits of a marriage between the two.

(5) Beyond Sapinda Relationship:

This clause provides that no marriage is valid if it is made between parties who are related to each other as Sapindas unless such marriage is sanctioned by usage or customs governing both the parties.

If parties to the marriage are governed by such custom which permits marriages between Sapindas, the said prohibition would not apply and the marriage would continue to be valid.