



Khap Panchayat resolution in 1950

Media should read this, especially those factions of media who don't even think before comparing Khap with any crossroad gathering of people. The same resolution again passed in 1963 which was published in **Nawbharat Times**, dated March 15, 1963.

- 1) People should not incur heavy of ornaments by groom's father aexpenditure on daughters' marriages, particularly on extending hospitality to the grooms' parties.
- 2) Display the time of 'the ceremony of welcome' held at the bride's house should stop.
- 3) Not more than five persons should accompany a marriage party.
- 4) No relations should be invited by a bride's father at the time of her marriage, except her maternal uncle (mother's brother), for this custom entails heavy expenditure which the bride's father can ill-afford.
- 5) The feast of mandha (final feast before the departure of the marriage party) should be discontinued.
- 6) The engagement ceremony should be performed only with one rupee and the old custom of incurring heavy expenditure or this ceremony should be diseontinued.
- 7) The groom's father should not present more than 3 tolas (weight measurement for precious metals) of gold and 50 tolas of sliver ornaments to the bride. The bride's father should not give more than one tola of gold and 25 tolas of silver ornaments.
- 8) Only 5 items of clothes and 5 of kitchen ware should be given in dowry.
- 9) The boy and the girl should be fully satisfied with each other before the marriage takes place. After the marriage, the husband should not leave his wife.
- 10) The marriageable age for a boy should be 25 years, and for a girl 16 years. Child marriages should be stopped.
- 11) In the bhat ceremony (when presents are given by the bride's mother's brother to the parents of the bride) not more than 50 rupees should be given in cash and presents of cloth and kitchen utensils should be discontinued.
- 12) The custom of sending presents to daughter's husband's place on every festival after marriage should be discontinued.
- 13) In the ceremony of gauna (when the bride goes to her husbands place for the second time after marriage) only five items of doth and one set of bedding should be given by the girl's father. All other presents in cash or kind should be discontinued.
- 14) Other malpractices now prevalent in marriage ceremonies should also stop; and the money thus saved should be spent on education of boys and girls.