

Do you think raising age of marriage for women guarantee favourable outcomes for society? Critically analyse.

The cabinet has mullied to ~~increase~~ the marriage age for women to 21 years from 18 years on par with men. This was based on the recommendation of Jaya Jaiy task force.

### Motive and outcomes

Increasing the marriage age would help the women continuing their education and reduce poverty.

Undernourished mothers gave birth to undernourished children. The NFHS-5 data says that undernourished in children is 67% and for women it is 57% a sharp jump from previous survey. Increasing the marriage age can reduce the

anaemia burden on women.

Also NFHS-5 says 23% of women

in the age group of 20-29 years married before 18 years. So, by increasing the marriage age could bring more women

into the formalisation of work force.

The increase in marriage age can increase the participation of women in STEM careers - 40% of women are enrolled and only 14% are employed currently.

Though the motive may be progressive, in order to reap full benefits, access to women education may be improved.

promoting safe transport to education centres, clean sanitation and availability of sanitary napkins are fundamental. ~~is~~