



High Court Nullifies a Decade-old Forced Marriage

- The **Patna High Court** has nullified a **forced marriage**, commonly referred to as "**pakadwa vivah**," which occurred a **decade ago**.
 - The court decided that the marriage was invalid because the crucial "**Saptapadi**" ritual, involving **seven vows** around the **sacred fire** as required by the [Hindu Marriage Act, 1955](#), was not performed.
- The '**Pakadwa Vivah**,' is a kind of '**Forced marriages**'.
 - It is prevalent in **Bihar**, often involving the **kidnapping** of young male individuals for the purpose of **marriage**.
- These marriages are typically solemnized under threats, sometimes at putting the lives of the individuals and their families at risk.

Read More: [Hindu Marriage Act](#)

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