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Under the *mukhyamantri kanyadan yojana* of Chhattisgarh, 30,000 people participated in a wedding where 2080 couples were married on Jan 31, 2013. The Department of Women and Child Development conducts marriages of poor families' daughters who are over 18 years, giving away Rs 15,000 per couple. Through mass marriages which range from different castes and religions, the government discourages dowry, child marriages and lavish weddings.



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