

India

National and Local Legislation

National Legislation

- The Indian Penal Code, 1860,
Source: http://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text.jsp?file_id=201592
 - **Age of consent:** The age of consent for girls in India is 16. There is no specified age of consent for boys.
Source: Section 375 of the Penal Code
 - **Age of criminal responsibility:** The age of criminal responsibility in India is 7. However, for children with an “immature understanding” of his or her offence, the age of criminal responsibility is 12.
Source: Section 82 of the Penal Code
- Goa Children’s Act, 2003,
Source: <http://www.childlineindia.org.in/CP-CR-Downloads/Goa%20children's%20act%20and%20rules.pdf>
- The Protection of Children From Sexual Offences Act, 2012
Source: <http://wcd.nic.in/sites/default/files/childprotection31072012.pdf>
- The Prohibition of Marriage Act, 2006
Source: <http://wcd.nic.in/sites/default/files/cma2006.pdf>
 - **Age of marriage:** The legal age of marriage 21 years of age for men and 18 years of age for women.
- The Information Technology Act, 2008, Section 67B
Source: http://www.tifrh.res.in/tcis/events/facilities/IT_act_2008.pdf

Local Laws

- The Karnataka Devadasis Act, 1982
Source: [http://dpal.kar.nic.in/1%20of%201984%20\(E\).pdf](http://dpal.kar.nic.in/1%20of%201984%20(E).pdf)
- The Andhra Pradesh Devadasis Act, 1988
Source: <http://latestlaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Andhra-Pradesh-Devadasis-Prohibition-of-Dedicated-Act1988.pdf>