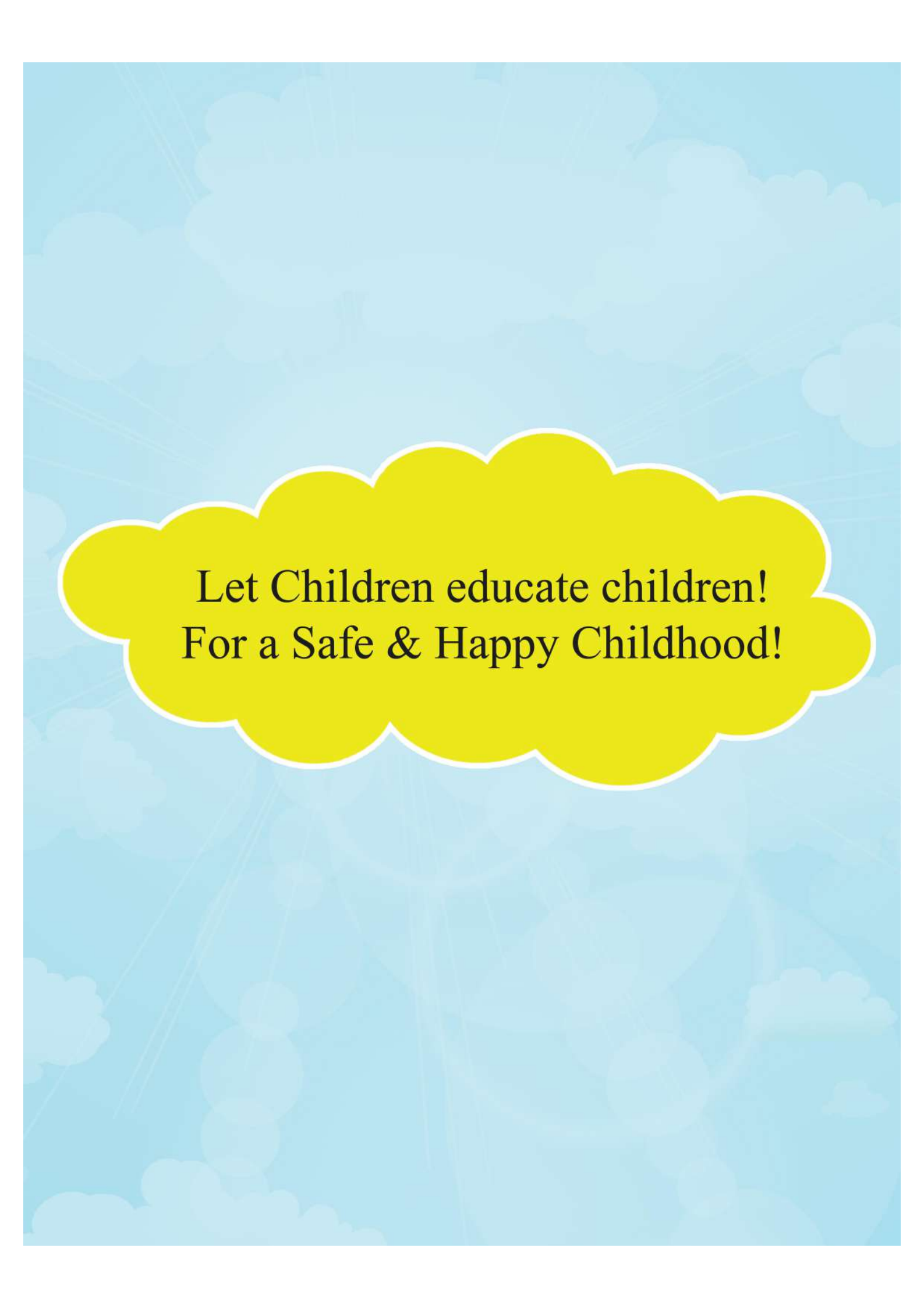




Sonu Monu & Child Trafficking





**Let Children educate children!
For a Safe & Happy Childhood!**



Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you well.

We are thrilled to introduce you to a groundbreaking initiative that addresses a pressing need in our society: Sonu Monu Comics. This innovative series is designed to educate children about their rights and protection through engaging storytelling.

Sonu Monu Comics follows the adventures of two 12-year-olds, Sonu and Monu, as they navigate critical issues such as child marriage, sexual abuse, child labor, the right to education, and trafficking. Created with the aim of making complex child protection issues accessible and understandable for young readers, this series empowers children with the knowledge and confidence they need to protect themselves and advocate for their rights.

This project was made possible through the collaborative efforts of many dedicated individuals. We extend our deepest gratitude to Roopak Chauhan for conceptualising this innovative project and to Dr. Antara Verma for naming Sonu Monu, the gender neutral characters of comics ensuring inclusivity. Special thanks go to Rahi Publishers for their expertise in transforming these concepts into vibrant and engaging comics. Special thanks are for Sushil Bharti, Mamta Soni, Manoj Pandit and Anita Pandit for their unwavering dedication at every step of the project.

We also wish to recognize graphic designer Ridhima Karwal, who designed the creative stories into a comprehensive set of comics and Anuradha Singh for her role in overseeing the book's development and orchestrating its strategic marketing to ensure it reaches and impacts its audience effectively.

Available in both Hindi and English, Sonu Monu comics are designed to captivate young minds with colorful illustrations and straight forward language, making essential lessons on self-protection and child rights accessible to all. They serve as a valuable resource for children and a powerful tool for educators, NGOs, and libraries, facilitating important conversations and self-learning opportunities in an educational and enjoyable manner.

We are excited about the potential of Sonu Monu Comics to make a meaningful difference in the lives of children across India. By providing this resource freely online, we aim to ensure that every child has access to the knowledge needed to safeguard their well-being and future.

We Thank Adobe Community Fund for supporting this vital cause.

Warm regards,

Dr Mala Bhandari
Founder Director
SADRAG
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Himmatwale Sonu Monu

Sonu Monu and Child-Trafficking



Monu was on swings in the park when Sonu came running and said.....



Monu! the police has come to our locality



Why is the police here?

Tina, who was missing since a few days ago, has been traced by the police.



Okay!

Let's go and see.

They both ran and reached Tina's house where a large crowd had gathered.

Due to the crowd, they stood at a distance.



I don't understand, how did Tina reach the city.



Sheila aunty, our neighbour, told my mother that Tina's uncle used to give her expensive clothes every month



One day, he told Tina's mother...

Send Tina with me. I will get her a job in the city and she will send you money .



Tina's parents trusted their uncle and sent her with him. When in city they did not hear from Tina.

Then how was Tina found?



Tina was kept locked in a house

She was doing all the household work, looked after the owner's child and was not allowed to speak to anyone



Then ?

One day, Tina ran away from that house. She was found hungry, thirsty and crying on a roadside by the police.

Sonu Monu managed to get close to police uncle and SADRAG's Rekha aunty.



We appreciate that our courageous Tina escaped the violence and abuse her uncle had almost sold her off for money.



There are two types of people who exploit children. They are either your close relatives or the outsiders who



keep watch on you. These people stay around the village and lure children under a pretext.



Police uncle said in a firm voice.....

We should be responsible for the safety of our children.



We should not send our children alone with the known or a stranger .



This is called child trafficking. These are the gangs who gain the trust of child and family, show them big dreams.....



With the promise of good city life, work and money. They take children to the city and sell them for money. This is called Child Trafficking.



Do you know why children are sold?

The children are forced into child labour, begging, early marriage or other illegal activities. Their body organs like kidney, heart are marketed for money.



There was a complete silence.

Rekha ma'am broke the silence.

I want to tell the children... if someone tries to lure you in any way, immediately.....



Tell your parents, brother-sister, friends or teachers.

Sonu Monu looked at each other and nodded.



Every parent should watch - who their child is meeting and whom they are in contact....



Tina's parents thanked the police with folded hands.....

If any suspicion, immediately inform the police or an NGO like us.



We will find that person with the help of police.

Child trafficking is a punishable crime under the law.

Sonu Monu raised their hands together and said ...

Police Uncle Zindabad!



Thank you very much to you and SADRAG we have found our daughter. We will be careful now.



The children smiled and were happy.

Long Live ... long Live ...!



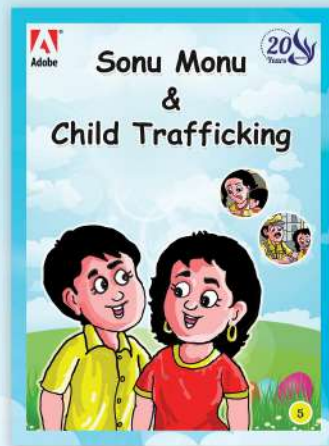
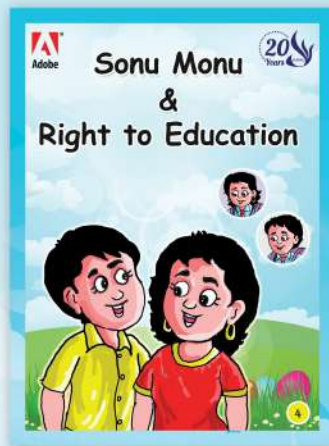
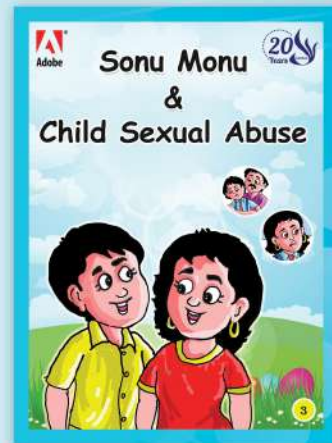
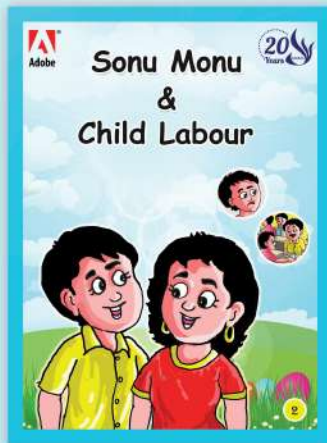
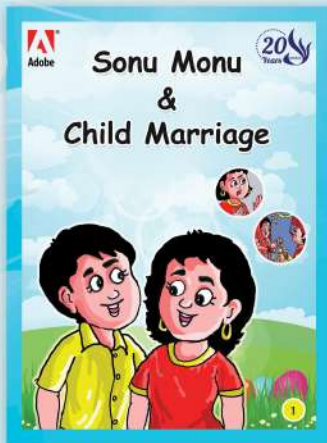
Major Laws on Child Rights in India

1. Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act (amended in 2015)
2. Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006
3. Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012 (POCSO)
4. Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986. (amended in 2016)
5. Right to Education Act 2009

What Makes Sonu Monu Comics unique !!

1. Engaging Stories: Short and precise stories narrated through colorful & vibrant pictures & easy to follow language
2. Relatable Characters: Sonu Monu are common and friendly names that the children can easily relate to.
3. Accessible to all: It caters to Hindi as well as English speaking populations and are shared at a pan India level.
4. A versatile resource: A valuable resource for teachers to use in school, NGOs to use in community and libraries to promote self reading. These comics are a perfect resource to trigger discussions and sharing of ideas.
5. Freely Accessible: The comics are available as free online resource that is accessible to all.

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