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A comparison of the difference between the joint and the nuclear families showed that the practice found greater spread in the nuclear families than in the joint families, indicating that nuclear families are more open to accepting new trends Lal, 1989. In much of India, especially in the north, a marriage establishes a structural opposition between the kin groups of the bride and groom--bride-givers and bride-takers.

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Most of the investigations in India suggest that the aged are respected, consulted on important decisions even if it is a token gesture, and continue to be heads of households. Lastly, this paper proposes to outline the impact of recent social changes — -such as the spread of edu- cation, economic prosperity and Islamization — on the marriage customs and ceremonies as well as the structure of marriage preferences among the Surati Vohras.

#### Vatuk, Sylvia J.

Meher or dower is a practice associated with Muslim marriage.

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This type of family is very common among the tribes. Family has been the dominating institution both in the life of the individual and in the life of the community. Although India boasts many eminent women and was once led by a powerful woman prime minister, Indira Gandhi, and while goddesses are extensively worshiped in Hindu rituals, statistics reveal that girls are, in fact, disadvantaged in India.

#### Muslims' Beliefs About Family Life

Malay wedding feasts are often held in the home, and feature a large banquet with several dishes eaten over rice prepared in oil to say one is going to eat oiled rice means that a wedding is imminent. Throughout this period they remained employed, and they continued to be so for another two years after the establishment of a karkhana in their house.

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