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Tribal crosses caste border for his love

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Mysore: Braving all odds, a tribesman tied the knot with an orphan girl on Monday.

Aiyappa, 22, of Varithikadu in Periyapatna, married Shyamala, 21, who was rescued from human traffickers seven years ago. A tribal boy marrying a girl outside the community is a rarity.

Director of Odanadi Seva Samsthe, an NGO working against human trafficking, Parasu told TOI that the boy met the girl when she had visited his native place during a bicycle rally organized to create awareness about environment by the organization in May this year. They both entered into wedlock at Odanadi on Monday. The girl hailing from Tamil Nadu was rescued from human traffickers by an organization in Tamil Nadu seven years back. Later, she was brought to Odanadi for rehabilitation, since then she has been with the organization. Shyamala, who was then 14 years old, underwent training in tailoring and beauty treatment. Later, she began leading an independent life. She is now running a beauty parlour and also does tailoring works to eke out a living, Parasu said

Aiyappa, who belongs to Jenu Kuruba community, convinced his family members and elders in the community for the marriage, the director stated.

Over 300 relatives and friends of Aiyappa, who had come in three trucks were present. MP H Vishwanath and MLA Srinivas Prasad attended the marriage.



Aiyappa and Shyamala