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Bijnor Woman Seeks Divorce After Disputed Minor Marriage

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A woman signs a Nikah nama. Representative image. (Kunal Patil/Hindustan Times via Getty Images)

CASE SUMMARY

Disappearance	The girl went missing on 4 May 2018 after leaving for school in Bijnor district, Uttar Pradesh.
Police action	Police confirmed she was with the man she later married and changed the named suspect in the case diary.
Age inquiry	On 1 August 2018, the Allahabad High Court ordered a bone ossification test to determine her age and stayed the man's arrest.
Commission directive	The commission directed police to investigate on the basis that she was a minor.
Separation affidavit	On 30 December 2021, the couple filed a joint affidavit stating that they were separating by choice.

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