



REPORT ON THE AWARENESS PROGRAMME: "MENACE OF DOWRY & STOP DOWRY ABHIJAN"

Date of Event: May 16, 2026

Time: 12:30 PM

**Organized By:
Women's Cell
Jagannath Singh College**

**in collaboration with
Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)
Jagannath Singh College, Udharbond, Cachar, Assam**

Venue: Jagannath Singh College, Udharbond, Assam

On May 16, 2026, the Women's Cell in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Jagannath Singh College successfully organized an institutional awareness programme titled "Menace of Dowry & Stop Dowry Abhijan." The primary objective of the event was to sensitize students, faculty, and the local community against the deep-rooted social evil of dowry, while advocating for gender equity, mutual respect, and legal literacy.

The programme commenced at 12:30 p.m with a brief introductory address outlining the core mission of the campaign: "Say NO to Dowry, Say YES to Respect and Equality." Dr. Susmita Mitra, Coordinator of the Women's Cell, delivered the welcome address. She highlighted the persistent vulnerabilities women face due to patriarchal traditions like the dowry system. Dr. Mitra emphasized that higher education must serve as a tool for economic independence and social transformation, urging students—especially young women—to refuse to participate in any matrimonial transactions that diminish their dignity.

Dr. Koushik Nath, Joint Coordinator of the IQAC, delivered a comprehensive speech addressing the socio-legal aspects of the issue.

Socio-Economic Impact: Dr. Koushik Nath discussed how the dowry system perpetuates gender inequality, financial strain on families, and psychological distress, often culminating in domestic violence.

He educated the audience on the legal frameworks available in India, including the Dowry Prohibition Act, and emphasized the role of academic institutions in fostering an environment of zero tolerance toward dowry.

Speaking from an IQAC perspective, Dr. Koushik Nath underlined that institutional excellence is not merely academic but is deeply tied to creating socially responsible and ethically conscious citizens.

The speeches were followed by an interactive session where students actively engaged with the speakers, discussing practical ways to challenge regressive customs within their social circles. The event concluded with a collective pledge taken by the participants to completely reject the practice of dowry in their personal lives and to spread awareness within their respective communities.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Susmita Mitra, acknowledging the support of the college administration, faculty members, and students whose efforts made the awareness drive a resounding success.



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