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Report on webinar on Evils of Dowry system on 02.05.2026

Introduction: In many part of India, the dowry system is a long-standing social custom that entails the bride's family giving money, goods, or property to the groom's family at the time of marriage. The Dowry Prohibition Act of 1961 made it illegal in India, yet the practice still exists in many forms. Over the past couple decades, awareness of the dowry system has grown dramatically, mostly as a result of government initiatives, media attention, and education. Many people are aware that dowries are against the law and detrimental to society, especially in urban regions. Discussions on social justice and gender equality are frequently held at College and universities, helping to mould young people's ideas.

Organization: As a part of the society, IQAC, Nikhil Banga Sikshan Mahavidyalaya organized an awareness programme on **Evils of Dowry System** by conducting Webinar on **“When Gifts Become Demands: Dowry, Gender, and Power in Indian Marriages”** on 02.05.2026 through Google meet vide link <https://meet.google.com/xpq-eeez-zvk>. **Dr. Ritushree Sengupta**, Assistant Professor, Patrasayer Mahavidyalaya, Bankura delivered her inspiring thought on the issue as Resource person. She highlighted the different issue on Dowry system, its legal provision and its affect on the development of the society. Students specially girls students interacted with the resource persons regarding the issue and put their views. **10 faculty members** and **80 students** participated in the programme.



In conclusion, there is still a lot of work to be done even if knowledge of the dowry system and its negative impacts has increased, particularly among educated and urban communities. Stronger law enforcement, ongoing education, and a group effort to question and alter social norms are all necessary to close the gap between awareness and action. The dowry system can only be completely eliminated by persistent and broad efforts.

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