

REPORT ON “ANTI-DOWRY SENSITIZATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAM”

Occasion	: “Anti-Dowry Sensitization and Awareness Program”
Date	: 15 th May 2026
Organised By	: NSS Unit, Kokrajhar University in collaboration with IQAC, SANKALP: HEW and District Legal Service Authority (DLSA).
Venue	: Kokrajhar University Gate.
No. of participant	: Around 70 participants (Including NSS Volunteers, Students and Teachers) took active part in the said event.
Objective	: The main objective of the “ANTI-DOWRY” Sensitisation and Awareness Programme organised by the National Service Scheme Unit of Kokrajhar University was to create awareness among students and society about the harmful social, economic and psychological impacts of the dowry system. The programme aimed to sensitise youths regarding gender equality, women’s dignity and social justice while encouraging them to stand against the practice of dowry in society. Another important objective of the programme was to educate participants about the legal provisions related to anti-dowry laws and to promote social responsibility among students and NSS volunteers. The programme also sought to inspire the younger generation to actively participate in awareness campaigns and work collectively towards building a society based on equality, respect and women empowerment free from social evils like “Dahej Pratha.”

Detailed Report:

The National Service Scheme Unit of Kokrajhar University organised an “**ANTI-DOWRY**” Sensitisation and Awareness Programme on **15th May 2026** in front of the University Gate with the aim of creating awareness among students, youths and the general public regarding the harmful effects of the dowry system and to encourage collective social action against this long-standing social evil. The programme was organised in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, SANKALP: Hub for Women Empowerment and District Legal Services Authority.

The awareness programme was conducted as part of the social outreach and community sensitisation initiatives of the NSS Unit of Kokrajhar University. The programme aimed to spread awareness about the social, emotional and legal consequences of the dowry system and to promote the values of equality, dignity, women empowerment and social justice among students and society. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from NSS volunteers, students, faculty members, university officials and members of the local community.

The programme commenced with the arrival of dignitaries and invited guests at the venue. The event was graced by the presence of Prof. Ganesh Chandra Wary, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of

Kokrajhar University; Dr. Banabina Brahma, Respected Registrar of Kokrajhar University; Dr. Sikhna John Wary, Academic Registrar of Kokrajhar University; Dr. Roselin Basumatary, Director, IQAC; Dr. Gauri Sankar Narzary, Director, Research and Development Cell; Dr. Bimal Kanti Basumatary, Dean of Students Welfare; Danswring Basumatary, NSS Programme Coordinator; Anupam Narjinary, NSS Programme Officer and Dr. Jili Basumatary, NSS Programme Officer, along with faculty members, students and NSS volunteers of the university.

The programme was further enriched by the presence of distinguished resource persons namely Madhab Prasad Upadhyay, Deputy Chief, LADC, DLSA Kokrajhar and Daiji Basumatry, DMC, SANKALP: Hub for Empowerment of Women, Kokrajhar. Their valuable insights and awareness-oriented speeches added immense significance to the programme.

The event formally began with a brief introduction regarding the purpose and objectives of the programme. The organisers highlighted the increasing need to sensitise society against the practice of dowry, which continues to affect the lives and dignity of women despite various legal measures and awareness campaigns. The audience was informed that the dowry system not only leads to social injustice and exploitation of women but also contributes to domestic violence, mental harassment, economic burden and gender discrimination in society.

During his address, Madhab Prasad Upadhyay elaborated on the legal aspects related to dowry and explained various provisions under the anti-dowry laws of India. He highlighted the importance of legal awareness among students and citizens and stressed that educated youths have a crucial role in eradicating such social evils from society. He encouraged the students to raise their voices against injustice and to promote equality and respect for women in all spheres of life. He also emphasised that dowry is not merely a family issue but a serious social problem that violates human dignity and women's rights.

In her speech, Daiji Basumatry spoke extensively about women empowerment, gender equality and the social consequences of dowry practices. She stated that social awareness and community participation are essential for bringing positive social change. She encouraged the students and NSS volunteers to become ambassadors of awareness in their respective communities and to actively participate in campaigns against gender discrimination, violence against women and dowry-related practices.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Ganesh Chandra Wary appreciated the initiative undertaken by the NSS Unit and collaborating organisations for organising such an important awareness programme. In his address, he emphasised the importance of value-based education and social responsibility among students. He encouraged the youth to become responsible citizens and to work collectively towards building an egalitarian and progressive society free from social evils like dowry. He also praised the NSS volunteers for their dedication and active participation in social awareness activities.

The Respected Registrar Dr. Banabina Brahma and other dignitaries also appreciated the efforts of the NSS Unit and highlighted the need for continuous awareness programmes on important social issues affecting society. They encouraged the students to uphold the values of humanity, equality and justice in their personal and social lives.

One of the major highlights of the programme was the impactful **Nukkad-Natak (Street Play)** performed by the NSS Volunteers of Kokrajhar University. Through their energetic and emotionally engaging performance, the volunteers portrayed the harsh realities of the dowry system and its devastating impact on women and families. The street play depicted incidents of social pressure, harassment, discrimination and suffering caused by dowry demands and conveyed a strong message against the practice of “Dowry Pratha” in society.

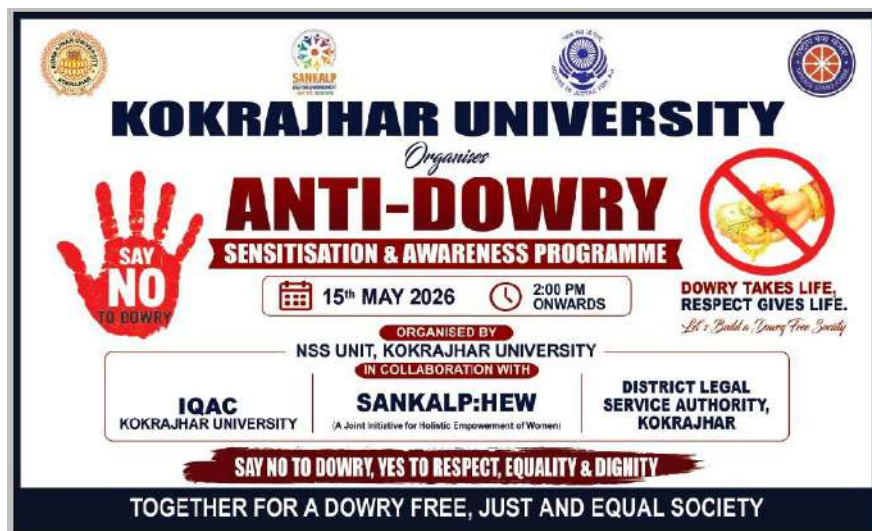
The Nukkad-Natak attracted the attention of students, staff members and passers-by near the university gate and effectively communicated the message that dowry is a social evil that must be completely rejected by society. The performance also encouraged youths to take a pledge against accepting or giving dowry and to support marriages based on mutual respect, equality and understanding rather than material demands. The audience highly appreciated the efforts, acting and message delivered by the NSS volunteers through the street play.

The programme successfully created awareness among students and participants regarding the importance of standing against dowry practices and promoting women’s dignity and rights. The active participation of NSS volunteers and students reflected the commitment of the university community towards social welfare and community engagement.

The programme concluded with words of gratitude towards the resource persons, dignitaries, collaborating organisations, NSS volunteers and participants for making the event successful. The organisers reiterated the importance of continued awareness and sensitisation programmes to eradicate social evils and promote a safe, equal and respectful society for all.

Overall, the “ANTI-DOWRY” Sensitisation and Awareness Programme organised by the NSS Unit of Kokrajhar University proved to be highly meaningful and impactful. The programme not only educated the participants about the social and legal dimensions of dowry but also inspired students and youths to become socially responsible citizens committed to creating a society free from discrimination, exploitation and injustice.

Photographs of the Event





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7.	Gauri Sankar Narzary	Director, R&D, K.V.	Gauri Sankar Narzary 15/05/2026
8.	Raselin Basumatary	Director, IGAC, KU	Raselin Basumatary 15/05/2026
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41	Mohan Debnath	" "	Mohan Debnath
42	Vaishnavi Basumatary	" "	Vaishnavi Basumatary
43	Pradip Barman	" "	Pradip Barman
44	Fajakhang Basumatary	" "	Fajakhang Basumatary
45	Chandan Boro	" "	Chandan Boro
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49	Jasakhang Basumatary	NSS volunteer	Jasakhang Basumatary
50	Pengben Basumatary	NSS Volunteer	Pengben Basumatary
51	Guhumthan Basumatary	NSS volunteer	Guhumthan Basumatary
52	Ruinyap Muthahary	NSS Volunteer	Ruinyap Muthahary
53	Bodosa Mathahary	NSS volunteer	Bodosa Mathahary
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59	Pikangseri Narzary	"	Pikangseri Narzary
60	Harsitha Nzy	"	Harsitha Nzy
61	Soniya Bty	HS 1st year	Soniya Bty
62	Thunlai Brahma	"	Thunlai Brahma
63	Bedangseri Narzary	"	Bedangseri Narzary
64	Dipanjali Brahma	"	Dipanjali Brahma
65	Nayami Narzary	"	Nayami Narzary
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