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A Sensitization Program: A Report

Date: 02/05/2026

Name of the Program: Evils of Dowry System in Our Society

Organising Committee: Women's Cell

Members of the Committee: TIC Sir, IQAC Coordinator, Convener of Women's Cell, and all women members of the college

Details of the Activity:

As per the order of the Higher Education Department (Memo No. Ed 104/2026, dated 28/04/2026), a sensitization program was organized on 02/05/2026 by the Women's Cell of Asannagar Madan Mohan Tarkalankar College. The objective of the program was to sensitize young minds about the evils of the dowry system prevalent in our society.

The program was conducted in the context of the judgment and final order dated 15/12/2025 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Criminal Appeal Nos. 132–133 of 2017 (State of Uttar Pradesh vs. Ajmal Beg & Others). The session aimed to help students understand dowry-related laws, their misuse, and the judicial responses to such issues.

The program witnessed active participation from approximately 68 students. It commenced with the inaugural speech delivered by the

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Hon'ble TIC Sir, who reflected on the presence of such social evils in various literary sources and texts.

The keynote lecture was delivered by Smt. Anuradha Mondal, Advocate, Legal Aid (Nadia District Judges' Court, Krishnanagar). She provided an insightful and comprehensive discussion on the issue, highlighting both the positive and negative aspects of dowry-related laws along with important landmark judgments of the Supreme Court. She elaborated on various legal provisions under the Indian Penal Code concerning dowry and discussed the concept critically, noting that the present form of dowry has evolved differently from its earlier socio-cultural context.

Her lecture was simple, illustrative, and highly engaging. She emphasized the social factors responsible for the persistence of dowry practices and highlighted the importance of the aforementioned Supreme Court judgment in addressing both justice and misuse of legal provisions.

How Students Benefited:

The lecture proved to be highly informative and engaging. It emphasized the importance of proper education in raising awareness about the evils of the dowry system and the legal rights of both men and women. The speaker also discussed the procedures and methods of filing cases to ensure protection for women while preventing misuse of legal provisions, which could otherwise lead to what is often termed "legal terrorism." She stressed the urgent need to

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change societal mindsets, particularly among the younger generation, to prevent misuse of laws. Such misuse can result in harassment of innocent families, breakdown of marriages, and increased burden on the judicial system.

Overall, the program was successful in creating awareness, encouraging critical thinking, and promoting a balanced understanding of both the social and legal dimensions of the dowry system.

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