

# COMPASSIONATE CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMS



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TOPIC: DOWRY

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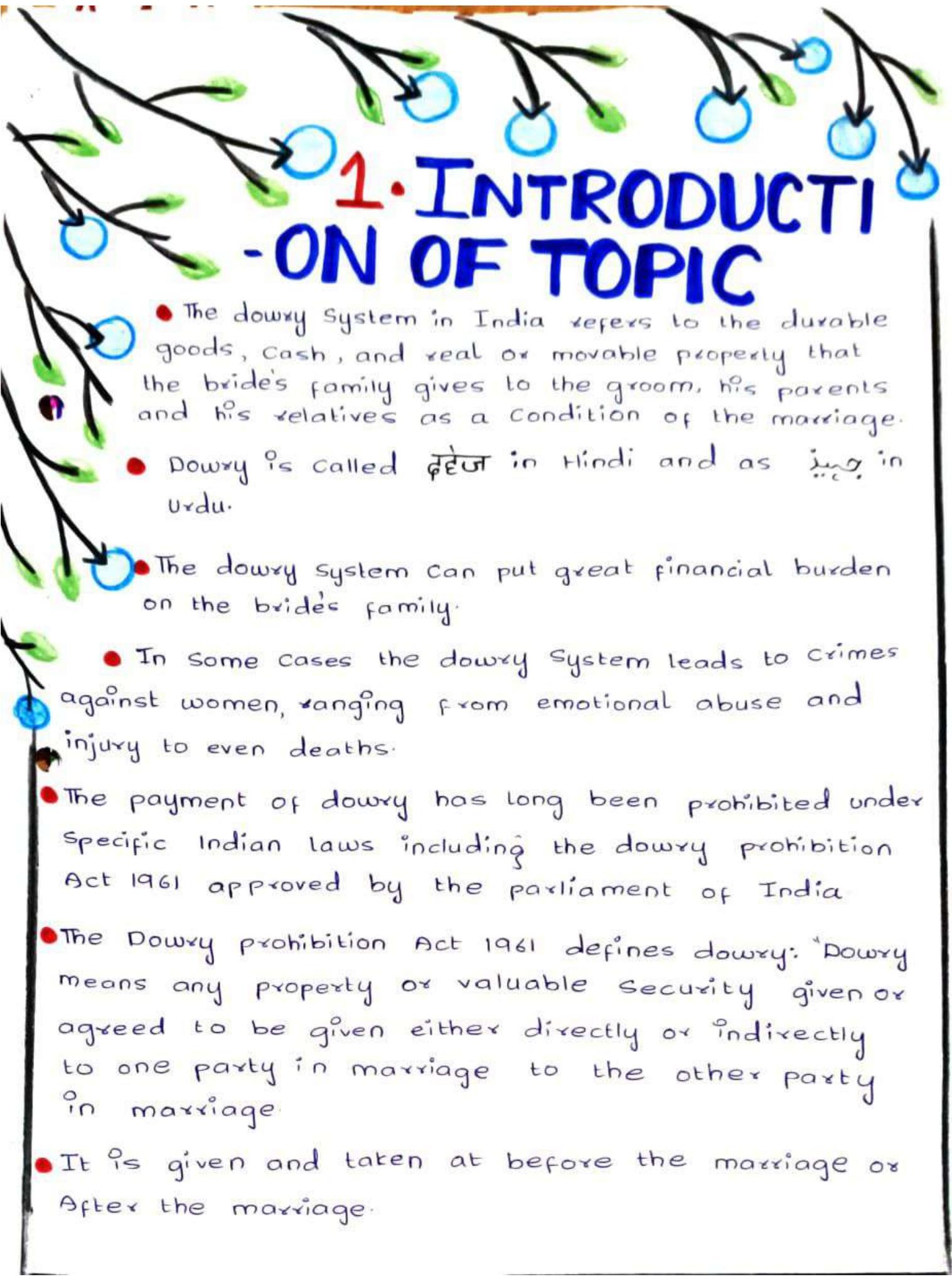
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# 1. INTRODUCTION OF TOPIC

- The dowry system in India refers to the durable goods, cash, and real or movable property that the bride's family gives to the groom, his parents and his relatives as a condition of the marriage.
- Dowry is called **दहेज** in Hindi and as **دہیز** in Urdu.
- The dowry system can put great financial burden on the bride's family.
- In some cases the dowry system leads to crimes against women, ranging from emotional abuse and injury to even deaths.
- The payment of dowry has long been prohibited under specific Indian laws including the dowry prohibition Act 1961 approved by the parliament of India.
- The Dowry prohibition Act 1961 defines dowry: "Dowry means any property or valuable security given or agreed to be given either directly or indirectly to one party in marriage to the other party in marriage."
- It is given and taken at before the marriage or after the marriage.

TAKING DOWRY IS A  
CRIME.

TAKE DOWRY,  
INVITE WORRY

MEN WHO ARE  
COWARDLY,  
DEPEND ON A GIRL'S  
DOWRY

NO NEED TO BE GREEDY,  
DON'T TAKE DOWRY FROM YOUR  
LADY.

START MARRYING A WOMEN FOR  
LOVE AND STOP DIVORCING A  
WOMEN FOR MONEY.

- Sir P.S Jagdeesh Kumar -

● A court judgement clarifies the legal definition of dowry as: Dowry in the sense of the expression contemplated by Dowry Prohibition Act is a demand for property of valuable security having an inextricable nexus with the marriage. i.e it is a consideration from the sides of the bride's parents or relatives to the groom or his parents for the agreement to wed the bride-to-be.

Article 3 of the Dowry prohibition Act, 1961 specifies that the penalty for giving or taking dowry does not apply to presents that are given at the time of a marriage to the bride or groom if when no demand for them has been made.



## 2. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

● This research is carried out based on primary data. The data which is collected through the questionnaire and personal interview is used for this research. And also books and articles are used as secondary data.

● It is an analytical and descriptive research because it collects statistical data and finds the reasons of effects of dowry and then recommends the solution for the issues.

### DOWRY DEATHS IN INDIA



7,141  
years 2019.



6,966  
years 2020.



6.8 thousand  
year 2021.



6,450  
years 2022.

wikipedia: <https://www.rightsofequality.com>.

<https://www.britannica.com>.

# 3. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

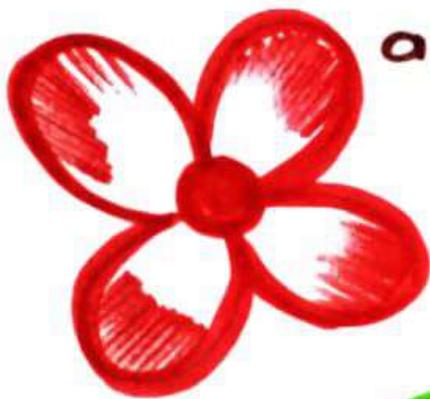
- Nature created woman different from men with a definite purpose. Balance is stillness and stagnation; imbalance is motion and progress. Nature designed life and action by means of the imbalance brought about in the traits of men and women.
- In the progress, women find themselves at the receiving end. They ended up as the weaker half of society by their very nature and are naturally handicapped in a world of men, for men.
- In theory they are respectable but in practice they are the subjects of cruelty, and ill-treatment.
- All sorts of misbehavior of males.
- The vulnerability of the women as a class has nothing to do with her economic independence.
- The women have been a victim irrespective of her economic background.

● The present study force and focuses about the problem of Dowry violence.

● So keeping this in view the researcher had attempted to review the literature related with the practice of dowry in the society and related with the dowry case.

● Dowry and women against women-though, assumed importance as indicators of women's status- could generate few studies, particularly, in the metropolitan areas.

**Any young man, who makes a dowry a condition to the marriage, discredits his education and his country and dishonours womanhood.**



# REFERENCE

The Dowry prohibition Act 1961 defines dowry: "Dowry means any property or valuable security given or valuable security given or agreed to be given either directly or indirectly, by one party in marriage to the other party in marriage, but it is a crime if someone give or take the Dowry will be punishable and can be prison. So please say no to dowry.



# 5. FIELD OBSERVATION/ REPORT

● We observe that in field observation when we asked questions some people are awkward and some answer in a good way.

● Some people said lie, because they not wanted to accept their crime (they have taken dowry) some people cry while we asking the question because the groom family asked very much dowry. they taken many loans and their financial condition was very bad, still they taken loans and taken help from friends, family, relatives and neighbours etc.

Their family faced many problem for their (daughter marriage).

● Some people did not know about dowry prohibition Act, when we said about that they were very happy when listen that.

● Some people know about the prohibition Act but they do not follow that, when we say about it is a crime they and their faces were fearfull and they said sorry they never take or give dowry to anyone.

● Some people learn something about dowry (that that dowry is a crime and they never take it or give it because bride family faced many problems. and they do suicide. they felt that and they also say that with us

**"SAY NO TO DOWRY"**

# 6. RECOMMENDATION FOR SOLUTION

- Educate the daughters
- Encourage them to have their own careers
- Teach them to be independent & responsible
- Treat them (your daughter) equally without any discrimination.
- Do not encourage the practice of giving or taking dowry.
- Social and cultural awareness, and economic empowerment of women
- Help them (to daughters) to achieve their goal
- Give freedom to them.

# 7. SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTION.

\* If any person, After the Commencement of this Act, gives or takes or abets the giving or taking of dowry, he shall be punishable.

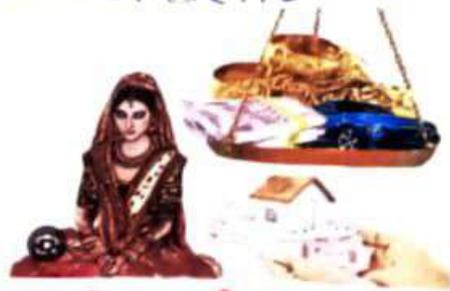
\* With imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than [ five years, and with fine which shall not be less than

○ fifteen thousand rupees or the amount of the value of such dowry.

\* Create awareness in your

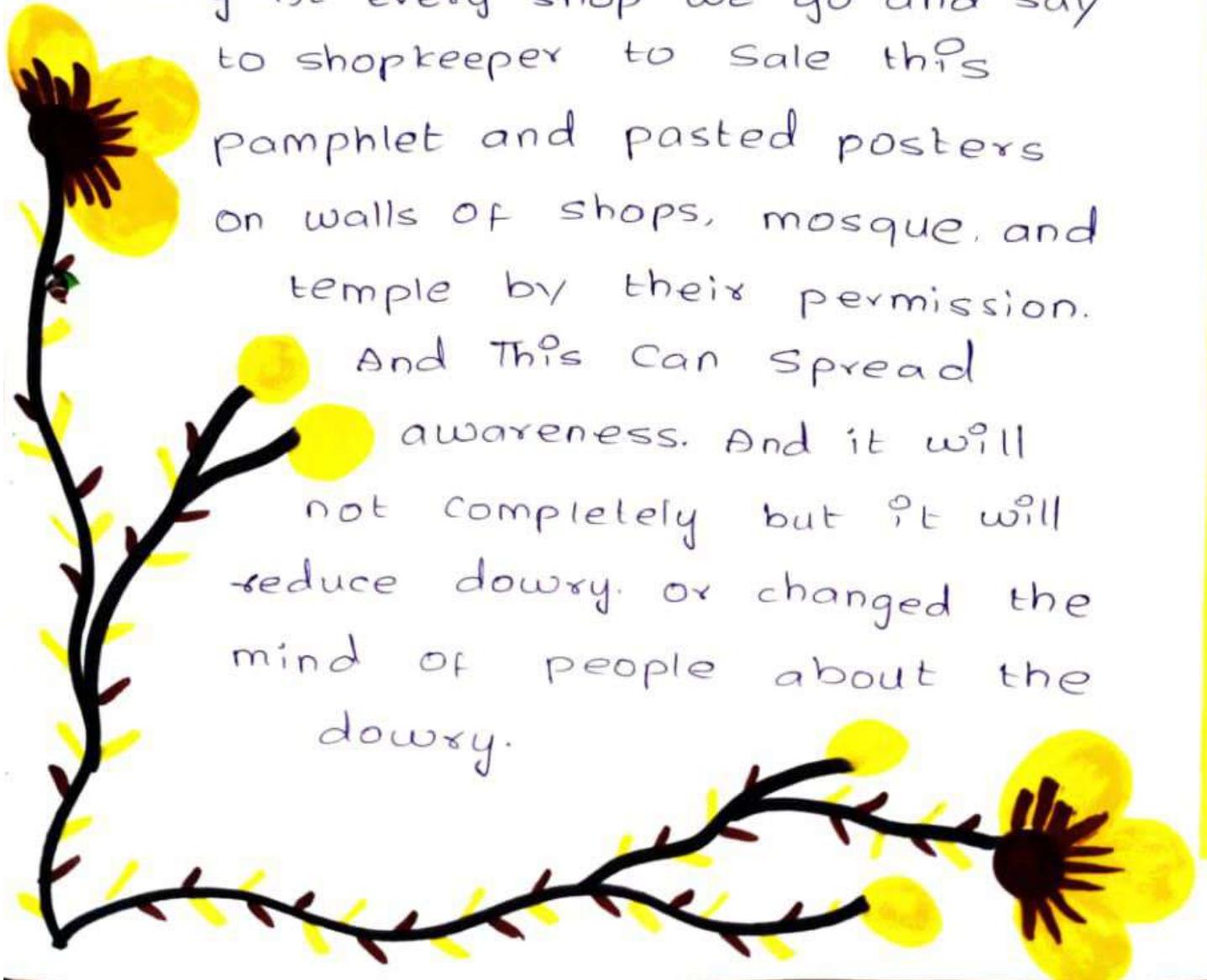
○ community against dowry.

\* Help your daughter to become confident and independent.



## 8. ACTION TAKEN BY SELF.

\* We had taken no violence action and that is we had make many posters on dowry chart works on dowry drama skit play on dowry pamphlet on dowry. At every shop we go and say to shopkeeper to sale this pamphlet and pasted posters on walls of shops, mosque, and temple by their permission. And This can spread awareness. And it will not completely but it will reduce dowry. or changed the mind of people about the dowry.



## 9. REPORT OF REPRESENTATION TO ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND OFFICIALS.

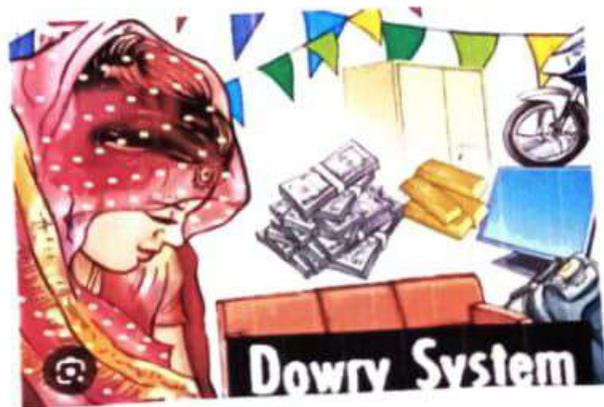
- We can take help from officials to reduce dowry
- We can take interview of officials to about dowry. We can show about dowry prohibition Act To the people.
- We can filled the F.I.R in the nearest police station. with officials. who ever taking the dowry
- We can consult with a good advocate or legal Consultancy firm like litem along with the help of officials



# 10. RESULT

The first all-India legislative enactment relating to dowry to be put on the statute book was the Dowry prohibition Act, 1961 and this legislation came into force from 11 July 1961. It marked the beginning of a new legal framework of dowry harassment laws effectively prohibiting the demanding giving and taking dowry.

From our pamphlets posters chartworks and from drama people changed their think towards dowry and some people promised us that they will never take or give dowry. Our hard work had gives changed people think on dowry.



## II. CONCLUSION

In Conclusion, the practice of dowry & the resulting dowry deaths are major issues in India, and they reflect a broader problem of gender inequality and violence against women. While there have been efforts to address these issues, much more needs to be done to effectively eradicate dowry and to prevent dowry deaths.



A comprehensive approach is needed, including improved enforcement of the law, education and awareness campaigns, empowerment of women, and a change in societal attitudes only by working together and by taking a multi-pronged approach can we hope to create a brighter future for women in India and to bring an end to this harmful practice.

# KEY LEARNING FROM COVA

- This program is very interesting. We perform skits, chartworks and poster to end this social evil dowry. By this project we are very much thankful to this team and our principle sir for giving this interesting project for doing it will end this social evil.

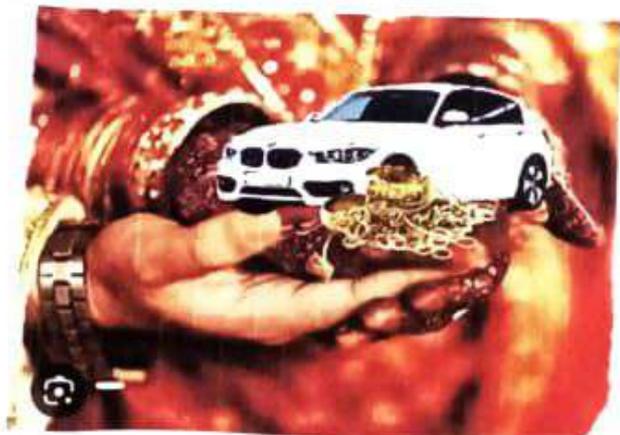
And we also learn very much about Dowry & Dowry prohibition Act. And How to reduce it, How to end this. And it will changed the thoughts of people about Dowry.



## 13. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We have taken efforts in this project. Our Group members Sameeha Hameed (me) My friend Alina Ansari and Bibi Aameena. We had work hard were this is very informative project. We had done surveys, we had make chart work, poster etc. We are very much thankful to our teachers principle Sir and CoVA group for giving this interesting project and help in them. Our hardwork will never get waste people will changed their thoughts towards dowry and it will end soon as soon as possible. And also they will say with us that.

**SAY NO TO  
DOWRY...**



AVOID DOWRY,  
MARRY FOR HARMONY  
AVOID TAKING DOWRY,  
LEAD TO A GLORIOUS LIFE.

DOWRY IS A SOCIAL  
EVIL, LET'S BREAK THE  
CHAINS AND SET  
OURSELVES FREE.  
REAL WEDDINGS ARE  
ABOUT LOVE,  
NOT ABOUT DOWRY  
NEGOTIATIONS.

# FIELD VISIT PHOTOS



# BUSTER

STOP  
DOWRY

TAKING

STOP  
DOWRY

THINK TWICE

IT IS A  
CRIME

DOWRY

NO GIVING  
NO  
TAKING.

SAY NO TO  
DOWRY

IT IS  
A CRIME

STOP!

