



Attitude towards Marriage and its Relation to Dowry System among Students

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Abstract : *Attitude has always played an important role in Marriage and Dowry system in the Indian society which varies from people to people. The objective of the present study entitled "Attitude towards Marriage and its relation to Dowry System among students" was to find the relationship between Attitudes, Marriage, and Dowry system among students. Three hypotheses were formulated – (1.) Attitude towards marriage and dowry will be negatively co-related. (2) The marriage attitude of girls will differ significantly from the boys. (3) Girls will have negative attitude towards dowry than boys. The study was conducted on a sample of 200 students, 100 male and 100 female students, and age ranging from 21 to 25*

years through incidental cum purposive sampling method. The data were collected from Patna Women's College, St. Sophia Hostel and CIMAGE College. The research tools used were - Pramod kumar: Marriage Attitude Scale (MAS) and Dr. R.R Sharma: Dowry Attitude Scale (DAS). The result was analyzed quantitatively and qualitatively. The mean, co-efficient of correlation, Standard Deviation (SD), critical ratio (t-ratio) were computed to assess the attitude towards Marriage and Dowry system. The bar diagrams was also prepared for clear perception of the data. The obtained result for the first hypothesis revealed that, the marriage and dowry have a positive co-efficient of correlation but it was not significant even at 0.05 level. The obtained result of the second hypothesis revealed that, there is a significant difference ($t = 7.58, P > 0.01$) in the attitude of marriage among the male and female students. On the basis of percentile, the obtained result for the third hypothesis revealed, a positive attitude of female and neutral attitude of male towards dowry. Hence, the hypotheses 1 and 3 were rejected and hypothesis 2 got support.

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