

SARVAJANIK EDUCATION SOCIETY

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Report on

NRI MARRIAGE AWARENESS SEMINAR

Organised by

WOMEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE,

SARVAJANIK UNIVERSITY

Held on

16th January 2026



Objectives of NRI MARRIAGE AWARENESS SEMINAR

- To create awareness regarding the legal, social, and practical aspects of NRI marriages
- To critically analyze the sociological allure of settling abroad that often leads families to overlook basic due diligence, highlighting the reality of isolation and cultural dissonance faced by females.
- To educate students on the common problems in NRI marriage proposals such as hurried engagements, reluctance to share employment details and pressure for a secret wedding.

Details of Seminar

Date & Time	16 th January 2026 from 10:00 am to 1:00pm
Venue	Smt. Ushaben Jayvadan Bodawala Taramoti Hall, Sarvajanik University, Surat
Targeted Audience	Students of all constituent colleges of Sarvajanik University
Co-ordinated by:	Dr. Kaushika Pal
Organised by:	Women Development Committee, Sarvajanik University
Participation:	350+ students
Guest of Honour	Dr. Parul Vadgama, Professor & Head, Respiratory Medicine, New Civil Hospital Surat
Esteemed Speaker	Smt. Pritiben Joshi, Advocate, Supreme Court of India

Introductory Speech by Registrar Sir: Mr. Ashish Desai

The seminar commenced with a powerful keynote address by the Registrar sir of Sarvajanik University. He formally introduced the speakers to the Sarvajanik Education Society (SES), marking its historic 110-year journey since its inception in 1912. He emphasized that the society has remained a citizen-managed entity for over a century, maintaining a democratic and inclusive spirit. He framed the NRI Marriage Seminar not just as an academic exercise, but as a continuation of institution's duty to protect the community's social and legal interests.



Speech by Provost Sir: Dr. Kiran Pandya

The speech delivered by Provost sir of Sarvajanik University, which shifted the focus from institutional history to the human and practical dimensions of marriage in the modern world. He noted the lack of a traditional "social safety net" (parents and friends nearby) is often used to exploit females. Provost sir urged students to view marriage not just as a social milestone, but as a life-altering legal and personal contract that requires rigorous scrutiny.



Session 1: Dr. Parul Vadgama

The seminar transitioned from legal and institutional frameworks to a deeply personal session led by Dr. Parul Vadgama, Professor and Head, Respiratory Medicine, New Civil Hospital, Surat. This session focused on the importance of physical, mental, and emotional self-care for young women considering international marriages. She highlighted the importance of females undergoing a complete medical check-up regularly and taking proper diet.

The most critical part of the session addressed the psychological aspect of marriage negotiations. Dr. Parul warned against the dangers of being swayed by emotions or the initial glamour of a proposal.



Session 2:

Advocate Pritiben Joshi, Supreme Court of India, introduced a streamlined verification protocol that every family should follow before finalizing an alliance including passport/visa details, marital status of the partner and document custody. Advocate Pritiben concluded the session by sharing case studies from her own practice highlighting the hidden first marriage.



Key Learnings

The seminar provided a comprehensive roadmap for navigating the complexities of NRI alliances. The core learnings emphasized that families must prioritize character and long-term compatibility over the foreign dream. It empowered young women to maintain emotional objectivity and mental resilience while mandating compulsory marriage registration and the strict safeguarding of personal documents.



We are grateful to our honourable Provost, Dr. Kiran Pandya; Registrar and Shri Ashish Desai for their support and permission to conduct this event. We are thankful to SGCCI for arrangement of speakers.

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