

## ABSTRACT

### *AN ANALYTICAL STUDY ON REVAMPING THE CRIMINAL LAWS WITH RESPECT TO CHANGING SOCIETAL STRUCTURE*

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It is an inevitable fact that criminal law is one of the most decisive stem of law which affects and governs the human behaviour in a society. This branch of law establishes a relationship between state and its citizens and probably this is the reason of keeping this subject in the concurrent list mentioned under 7<sup>th</sup> schedule of our law of land i.e Indian constitution. As society is dynamic and it is the most avant-garde feature as nothing remains static and needs of the society keep on changing. Since the time immemorial all the societies around the globe has witnessed and taken the note of certain code of conduct. In India the code of conduct for the society to regulate the behaviour of its members are defined by Indian Penal Code. This substantive law has secured the predominant place to control and regulate the crime in the society. In the series of many another important branch of legal tree is Criminal Procedure Code, which plays pivotal role to prescribe the procedure for the implementation of Indian Penal Code. Indian Evidence Act elaborates the manner of taking evidences to prove the guilt or innocence of an offender.

One common catch among these laws are that they all got into enactment from the British Era and even before that. Albeit since then number of amendments have been made and proposed in accordance with the contemporary changes in the society. Irrespective of how the efforts are paced up with the call of a time yet crime prevention system is ailed with many unresolved issues. Time and again questions have been raised about revamping these inviolable branches of criminal law. This paper seeks to address the need to reconcile the criminal law with continuously evolving society and its egalitarian realities and to make it more accessible, speedy and least of complexities with plausible solutions.

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**Key words:** criminal justice system, Indian Penal Code, Cr.P.C, overhaul of criminal laws, crime, prevention, dynamic society.

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY**

- To analyse the relevance of major criminal laws with respect to changing society.
- To draw the attention towards the need to revamp Indian penal code and criminal procedure code.
- To study the effect of bringing changes in the criminal laws.
- To suggest the new measures to make criminal laws more comprehensive and eloquent.

### **METHODOLOGY**

To make this research impactful, author has done a review based study including qualitative secondary data. Review is done by studying the available data chronologically such as law books, articles, newspaper editorials, various committee reports, e- resources such as accessing oxford online library, NCRB, BPRD, Jstore, google scholars etc.

### **LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY**

Since the study is purely review based it only suggests the analysis and changes to be brought to overhaul of criminal laws on the basis of changes suggested by laureate experts and committees, it does not include the overall impact of changes.