

# Death Penalty is An Effective Deterrent for Heinous Crimes - A Critical Study

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**Abstract:** *Death Penalty can be defined as the lawful infliction of death as a punishment for a wrongful act. It is only applied in cases where the crime is of such nature that it cannot be vitiated without a penalty of death. The trend is most industrialised nations have been first to stop executing prisoners and then to substitute long term of imprisonment for death as the most severe of all criminal penalties. In the recent past, however, many western cultures have abolished this practice, considering it grossly inconsistent with human rights requirements. No society wants to kill a person, but on the other side there are some heinous crimes like Nirbhaya also within the same society. The main aim of the paper is to study the effectiveness and requirements of death penalty in India. The objective of this paper is to know the reason for the requirement of capital punishment, effectiveness of capital punishment in the criminal justice system, the impact on society and the position in India . The sample size covered by the research is 304. The results observed from the analysis of the study is that the death penalty is required and real justice requires people to suffer for their wrongdoings.*

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