

Psychopath: an unrevealed area in Indian Judicial system

Abstract

The offenders who are accused of horrendous crimes when under the influence of such mental disorders should be first identified for mental disease by competent psychologist. There are a lot of variants of mental diseases. But unfortunately, all are generally categorized as same. There is a serious need to recognize and discriminate them properly and accordingly judgment should be given.

All stakeholders' advocates, judges, social workers, the police and doctors not only need to know about different mental diseases and legal provisions, but should also to be aware of treatment options available to the mentally ill persons charged with criminal acts.

Many cases in India have been reported about serial killers, mental illness, incest & other sexual and violent crimes, but no case has been reported as committed by psychopaths. Psychopathy is one of the most dangerous types of mental disease which is unrevealed in Indian judicial system. There is an urgent need to identify and discriminate each mental disease and then take necessary steps. In U.K. and U.S. separate statutes have been made for the psychopaths. There should be proper recognition of psychopaths in India due to the severity of the disease and increasing incidences of psychopathic crime.

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