

# **A Study on Honor Killing and Its Impact with Special Reference to Tamil Nadu**

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**Abstract:** *Honor killing is the act of killing a person—a male or female—who chooses his or her spouse in accordance with his or her wishes. The head of the family, who is responsible for upholding the family's honor, considers the status and reputation of the clan, but disregards its members' feelings of love and affection. The objective of the study is to identify the main reasons for honor killings in our society, determine the major consequences of the honor killings, identify the most suitable prevention methods for reducing honor killings. The research method for this research is empirical research and used convenient sampling. The total number of samples collected is 221. The findings are that most people are aware about honor killings taking place in the society and that rigid caste systems and parents considering their prestige and status more important than their children are the main causes of honor killings and these can create a social stigma and gender disparity and other effects to the people. Therefore, in conclusion, a public education campaign is required to raise awareness of this heinous type of crime among the populace. Special initiatives should be taken, particularly in rural areas, to educate the populace. educating the public about the fact that such killings do not provide a solution to society's problems. To punish the offenders, assist the impacted family in rehabilitation, and punish the criminals, a separate law on Honor killings is required.*

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