## ROLE OF MEDIA IN CRIMINOLOGY

- The importance of media in influencing human mind has been repeatedly emphasised by some experts.
- Mass media channels such as radio, television, video- films, pictures, newspapers, magazine etc have an overriding influence on family, social culture, moral values etc and thus contribute directly or indirectly to the rate of criminality.
- The exaggerated reports of crime and distoring news appearing in the newspapers create painc among the public with respect to crime and criminals but the persistent presentation of crime through mass media perserve an attitude of indifference to criminal offence among the people.



However, information conveyed by media regarding sensation crime's does awaken public concern and activate criminal law of administration to initiate step to prevent reoccurrence of such crimes.

- The relationship between crime and media perception about it are essential to formulate criminal justice system.
- Media play a crucial role in public policy making and the media coverage
  of crime news stories help to set the agenda and reinforce support fo
  punishment.



• The media defines the public image of police, prosecutors, courts and corrections by acting as gatekeeper of crime coverage.



- Media has become an important part of police investigation as it helps investigation with the release of CCTV footage and other similar sources.
- Broadcasting of criminal trials in recent times has added an extra level of transparency in the overall justice delivery system.



- When informing a community about a crime problem, introducing targethardening measures or warning of increased police patrols this can lead to an increase in self protection and decrease in offenses.
- By way of using media law of enforcement can target two audiences Which would be potential victim's and offender.

