





for wrongful death, then let it not be allowed this liberty in the first place.

However, it is a well known fact that in India, lawmakers are not all that diligent or scrupulous when it comes to either making laws or abrogating them. Therefore, pressure must be brought to bear upon them to do the right thing. It is high time

that civil society, the judiciary and other institutions involved in protecting the rights of the citizens pressurise the government into repealing the death penalty. Only then can India acquire one of the most significant markers of any civilised state, namely, that of being an abolitionist and a strong protector of human rights. •