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**Programme:** Strategic Communication and Journalism

**Programme Code**: SBMMED

T.Y.B.A. (SCJ)

Specialization: Journalism

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# Programme Outline : TYBA (SCJ) Journalism (SEMESTER V)

Course Code	Unit No	Name of the Unit	Credits
SBMMEDJ501		REPORTING – I	4
	1	Reporting Basics	
	2	Reporting Tools	
	3	Finding and Developing Sources	
	4	Covering a Beat	
	5	Reporting Civic Issues	
SBMMEDJ502		EDITING	4
	1	Editing Basics	
	2	News Judgement and Hierarchy	
	3	Once the Story is Edited	
	4	Editing Different Types of Stories	
	5	Copy Editing or Subbing – The last line of defence	
SBMMEDJ503		BROADCASTING AND DIGITAL – I	4
	1	Introduction to Broadcasting:	
	2	Writing for the ear:	
	3	Introduction to Audio Recording & Editing:	
	4	Writing to pictures and shooting	
	5	Introduction to Videography and editing	
SBMMEDJ504		MEDIA LAW	4
	1	Introduction to Media Law	
	2	Speech & Expression	
	3	Public Order	
	4	Sedition	
	5	Defamation: Criminal and Civil	
	6	Hate Speech	
	7	Obscenity	
	8	Censorship & Prior Restraint	
	9	Privacy	
	10	Contempt of Court	

	11	Covering Court Proceedings	
	12	Covering legislature	
	13	Right to Information & Secrecy of Information	
	14	Source Privilege	
	15	Business Issues and Press Freedom	
SBMMEDJ505		SURVEY OF INDIAN JOURNALISM	
	1	Origin of the Press in India	
	2	Press in Independent India	
	3	Revolution in the Indian Press	
	4	Types of Information and News Media	
	5	Broadcast Journalism	
	6	Online Journalism	
	7	Journalism Today: Scope and Issues	
SBMMEDJ506		RESEARCH IN JOURNALISM	4
	1	Critical Thinking	
	2	Researching Stories	
	3	Finding Data	
	4	Numeracy & Statistics	
	5	Reading and Interpreting Data	
	6	Writing & Visualising Data	

# Programme Outline: TYBA (SCJ) Journalism (SEMESTER VI)

Course Code	Unit No	Name of the Unit	Credits
SBMMEDJ601		REPORTING – II	4
	1	Reporting Crime	
	2	Reporting Courts	
	3	Reporting Politics	
	4	Reporting Business Stories	
	5	Reporting Cinema, Arts, Fashion, Sports	
SBMMEDJ602		NEWS DESIGN	4
	1	Introduction to News Design (with a case study of a multilingual	
		publication)	
	2	What is Graphic Design?	
	3	Point, Line, Plane; Rhythm and Balance; Scale	
	4	Introduction to Type (in English, and in the Indian context)	
	5	Introduction to Colour	
	6	Elements of a Grid System	
	7	Structure in Design	
	8	Visual Hierarchy	
	9	Illustration & Photography, Infographics	
	10	Cover Design	
	11	Elements of Web Design	
SBMMEDJ603		BROADCASTING AND DIGITAL – II	4
	1	Writing news for TV	
	2	Reporting news for TV	
	3	Producing the news	
SBMMEDJ604		LONG FORMAT WRITING	4
	1	The difference between 'hard' news, feature stories and how the	
		demarcation is blurring	
	2	What is a feature	
	3	Writing a feature	

	4	Other aspects of feature writing	
	5	Outline of	
	6	The art of the interview	
	7	Outline and special techniques needed for the following	
		interviews	
	8	Writing reviews: format, ethics involved and qualities/ skilled	
		required	
	9	Obituary	
	10	Columns	
	11	Editorial page	
	12	Profile	
	13	Snippets	
SBMMEDJ605		MEDIA ETHICS	4
	1	Introduction to ethics or moral philosophy	
	2	Applied Ethics and its lenses	
	3	Journalism: Between responsibility and freedom	
	4	Truth, objectivity, accuracy and fairness	
	5	Between the public's right to know and the citizen's right to	
		privacy	
	6	Public Relations: the frenemy around	
	7	Steering the conflicts of interest within and without	
	8	Between the deadline and the bottom line	
	9	Reporter's dilemma: deception, sourcing and the occasional theft	
	10	Pictures, videos and the journalist	
	11	Journalism & individual autonomy of practitioners	
	12	Journalism & Diversity	
	13	Journalism as a Profession	
SBMMEDJ606		JOURNALISM & SOCIETY	4
	1	What is Journalism?	
	2	Journalism in a democracy	
	3	Journalism and Public Opinion	
	4	Journalism and Agenda Setting	

5	Journalism, Public Opinion, and Democracy	
6	Journalism and Conflict	
7	Journalism and Technology	
8	Journalism as a Business	
9	Models of Journalists	

#### Preamble:

Strategic Communication and Journalism are essential disciplines that explore the dynamic realms of media, information dissemination, and societal narratives, emphasizing how communication shapes perceptions, influences decisions, and fosters societal cohesion. By studying these disciplines, individuals gain insights into the power of media, rhetoric, and storytelling, which are fundamental for navigating today's complex global landscape.

The B.A. in Strategic Communication and Journalism program aims to equip students with comprehensive knowledge and practical skills in media, journalism, and strategic communication. The curriculum covers diverse subjects, from journalistic ethics and media law to digital storytelling and public relations strategies, catering to students from diverse backgrounds. Through a hands-on learning approach that includes traditional lectures, experiential activities, guest lectures by experts, workshops, and internships, students develop critical thinking, effective communication, and media literacy skills essential for successful careers in journalism, public relations, digital media, and strategic communication. Graduates emerge as adaptable professionals prepared to contribute to the evolving field of media and communication.

#### PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

PO 1	To give learners in the programme a clear introduction to mass media as an all-		
	encompassing ideological and communication experience globally		
PO 2	To enable learners in the programme to understand the political, economic, social, cultural and environmental implications of consuming media messages		
PO 3	To provide learners of the programme the opportunities to acquire the necessary skills to produce forms of media messages and content from strategic communication (including advertising, branding, public relations, media planning,		
PO 4	and digital marketing) to journalism across different platforms  To train learners in the programme through contemporary theory and practical application, in their role as future creators of media messages in a constantly evolving and demanding industry		
PO 5	To teach learners in the programme the need for the ethical application of the ideas taught in the programme to become responsible consumers and producers of media content		

#### PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTCOMES

PSO 1	Examine mass media as an all-encompassing ideological and communication experience globally
PSO 2	Discuss and investigate the political, economic, social, cultural and environmental implications of consuming media messages
PSO 3	Design and create media messages and content, from strategic communication (including advertising, branding, public relations, media planning, and digital marketing) to journalism across different platforms
PSO 4	Evaluate, through contemporary theory and practical application, their role as future creators of media messages in a constantly evolving and demanding industry
PSO 5	Prioritize the need for the ethical application of the ideas taught in the programme to become responsible consumers and producers of media content.

NAME OF THE COURSE	REPORTING – I	
CLASS	TYBASCJ- JOURNALISM	
COURSE CODE	SBMMEDJ501	
NUMBER OF CREDITS	4	4
NUMBER OF LECTURES PER WEEK	4	4
TOTAL NUMBER OF LECTURES PER	6	0
SEMESTER		
EVALUATION METHOD	INTERNAL	SEMESTER END
	ASSESSMENT	EXAMINATION
TOTAL MARKS		50
PASSING MARKS	50	20
	20	

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

A course where students will learn the basics of reporting and then go out and report from the field; the idea is to simulate a real-world news room.

CO 1.	1. To practise the basics of reporting – news gathering and news writing
CO 2.	2. To learn effective use of various reporting tools
CO 3.	3. To engage in reporting from various beats
CO 4.	4. To write stories for different media platforms

## **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

CLO 1.	The learner will analyze the key components of reporting
CLO 2.	The learner will use reporting tools to map out news stories
CLO 3.	The learner will identify the ways to find and develop contacts, cultivate sources, cover

	events
CLO 4.	The learner will examine the different reporting beats in detail
CLO 5.	The learner will synthesize the different skills to develop and write news stories

UNIT 1	Reporting Basics
	The story idea – difference between an idea and a story idea
	• Process of news gathering – observation, talking to sources, using documentary
	• sources
	Organizing and writing the story
	Structuring the story
	Essentials for reporting: attribution, accuracy, verification, completeness,
	fairness,
	balance, objectivity, brevity, clarity, selectivity
UNIT 2	Reporting Tools
	Observation
	Conversation and interviewing
	Using quotations and attributions
	Gathering and verifying: using basic references and digital resources, using the
	computer to gather and analyze information
	Writing stories using wire copies/news releases
	Evaluating the credibility of online and other information
UNIT 3	Finding and Developing Sources
	Developing contacts
	Speaking to domain experts, government officials, police, municipal corporation
	officials, local politicians, NGO workers, Public Relations officials, corporate
	representatives
	Attending meetings, news conferences, rallies, panel discussions
	<ul> <li>Conducting interviews and recording information: writing, audio, video,</li> </ul>
	photographs
UNIT 4	Covering a Beat
	Principles for reporters on a beat: preparation, background information, sources
	Beat reporting across media platforms
	• Reporting different types of stories: breaking news, first story, follow-up story,

	obituary, investigative story, series, entertainment, sports
UNIT 5	Reporting Civic Issues
	Knowing the beat
	Reporting on local transportation, amenities, roads, hospitals, sanitation
	Speaking to local government officials

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#### **ASSESSMENT DETAILS:**

#### **Internal Assessment (50 marks)**

Part 1: Project Work (40 Marks)

Part 2: Attendance – (10 marks)

#### Semester End Examination – External Assessment (50 marks)

- The duration of the paper will be two hours.
- Every question will have an internal choice.

NAME OF THE COURSE	EDITING	
CLASS	TYBASCJ- JOURNALISM	
COURSE CODE	SBMMEDJ502	
NUMBER OF CREDITS	,	4
NUMBER OF LECTURES PER WEEK	,	4
TOTAL NUMBER OF LECTURES PER	6	0
SEMESTER		
EVALUATION METHOD	INTERNAL	SEMESTER END
	ASSESSMENT	EXAMINATION
TOTAL MARKS		50
PASSING MARKS	50	20
	20	

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

CO 1.	To understand the basics of editing
CO 2.	To learn to write effective headlines, captions and other elements of a news story
CO 3.	To edit reports and stories of various beats
CO 4.	To simulate a real-world newsroom to understand the job of a copy editor, and edit a
	story per two class meetings

## **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

CLO 1.	The learner will analyze the key components of editing
CLO 2.	The learner will use style sheets when writing / editing a news story
CLO 3.	The learner will develop news judgment through newsroom simulations
CLO 4.	The learner will edit copies written by peers and classmates for practice
CLO 5.	The learner will rewrite existing stories for greater clarity
CLO 6.	The learner will compose headlines, sub-headlines, picture captions and

	kickers
CLO 7.	The learner will edit news stories across different beats

UNIT 1	Editing Basics
	<ul> <li>Understanding what editing stories entails – accuracy, grammar, style</li> </ul>
	Fact-checking and the importance of general knowledge: reading news from
	various sources, reading Malayala Manorama, taking general knowledge quizzes
	to test awareness
	Plagiarism
	Grammar and punctuation
	Numeracy
	<ul> <li>Using style guides – AP and Economist Style Guides</li> </ul>
	Distinguishing between editing copy and rewriting copy
UNIT 2	News Judgement and Hierarchy
	Simulating a news room
	<ul> <li>Copy tasting – to spike or not to spike is the question</li> </ul>
	• Determining story hierarchy – impact, importance, the balance between what the
	reader wants and what she needs
	Editing copies written by colleagues every week
	Editing copies with missing information, bad language
	Selecting stories for a news portal
UNIT 3	Once the Story is Edited
	Rewriting for specific word count
	Using wire copies
	Writing headlines
	Writing sub-headlines
	Writing captions
	Writing kickers
	Using blurbs
	Verifying information: coordinating with the reporter, attributing sources,
	checking official sources of information, available data from public records
	• Value-addition for a story: importance of infographics, illustrations and pictures

UNIT 4	Editing Different Types of Stories
	News briefs
	Editing stories of various beats: civic, crime, politics, court, education, health,
	sports, business, entertainment
	Editing stories for print and the web: editing stories based on audience
UNIT 5	Copy Editing or Subbing – The last line of defense
	Protect readers
	Protect publication
	Protect reporter
	Defamation
	• Ethics

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#### **ASSESSMENT DETAILS:**

**Internal Assessment (50 marks)** 

Part 1: Project Work (40 Marks)

Part 2: Attendance – (10 marks)

# **Semester End Examination – External Assessment (50 marks)**

• The duration of the paper will be two hours.

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CLASS	TYBASCJ- JOURNALISM	
COURSE CODE	SBMMEDJ503	
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SEMESTER		
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## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

CO 1.	To introduce the students to the specific forms of broadcast news, and
	online storytelling
CO 2.	To enable them to write for both radio and television
CO 3.	To enable them to write and produce simple stories for both radio and television

# **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

CLO 1.	The learner will analyse the key components of broadcast journalism
CLO 2.	The learner will write for the ear by understanding the principles of
	audio-visual storytelling
CLO 3.	The learner will write, edit and narrate for broadcast scripts
CLO 4.	The learner will shoot videos and record sound
CLO 5.	The learner will create and edit broadcast news packages

UNIT 1	Introduction to Broadcasting:
	Exemplars of radio and television broadcasting
	Orson Welles's War of the World
	Ed Murrow reporting the siege of London
	Story formats – readers, vosot, packages, two-ways
UNIT 2	Writing for the ear:
	Understanding sound and audio
	Simple, concise and conversational writing
	Stories: telling the story, reading the story
	Use of numbers
	Use of contractions
	Subject-Verb-Object
	• Sentences: using direct speech, re-writing, writing short, lean sentences; brevity
	in writing
	• Leads
	Attribution, Quotes, Time, Transitions, Locations, People
	Story length
UNIT 3	Introduction to Audio Recording & Editing:
	Use of natural sound
	Basic editing
	Narrating stories
	Interviewing: before, during and after; phone interviews
	Producing: newscast, public affairs
UNIT 4	Writing to pictures and shooting:
	Writing to visuals
	Television newscasts
	Rewriting wire copies

	Attribution in television
	<ul> <li>Avoiding TMI (too much information)</li> </ul>
	Writing compelling leads
UNIT 5	Introduction to Videography and editing
	Audio and video
	Basics of lighting
	Shooting B-Roll
	• Use of natural sound
	<ul> <li>Getting sound bites</li> </ul>
	Stand-up or Piece to Camera
	• Interviewing: before, during and after; man-on-the-street interviews; phone
	interviews, three-point lighting
	<ul> <li>Phrasing questions carefully</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Equipment and setting up the field</li> </ul>

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## **Semester End Examination – External Assessment (50 marks)**

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CLASS	TYBASCJ- JOURNALISM	
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TOTAL NUMBER OF LECTURES PER	6	0
SEMESTER		
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## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

CO 1.	Introduce students to the constitutional foundations of freedom of
	speech, expression and inter alia the freedom of the press, including the
	concept of balancing rights and limitations
CO 2.	Introduce students to the concepts and laws that journalists should be aware in plying
	their craft:
	a. Content-specific issues: sedition, defamation, hate speech, obscenity, secrecy of
	information
	b. Procedure-specific issues: prior restraint, privacy, contempt of court, covering court
	proceedings, covering legislature, right to information or sunshine laws, source privilege
	or shield laws
	c. Business: Circulation, pricing, broadcasting, internet and copyright

## **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

CLO 1.	The learner will examine the key components of media law
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The learner will analyse the relevant Supreme Court cases in the context
of speech and expression
The learner will analyse the relevant IPC cases in the context of public
order
The learner will identify the relevant cases in the context of sedition,
defamation, hate speech, obscenity, censorship, privacy and contempt of
court
The learner will discuss aspects of covering court proceedings and
covering legislature
The learner will discuss the right to information and secrecy of
information
The learner will examine and illustrate the themes that pervade
non-fiction prose writing
The learner will investigate business issues and press freedom

UNIT 1	Introduction to Media Law
	- Hierarchy of laws – constitution, statute and case law
	- A.K. Gopalan v. State of Madras, AIR 1950 SC 27. – Constitutional Balance
	- Constitutional foundations: Article 19 (1) and 19(2)
	- First Amendment (relevant cases)
	- Sixteenth Amendment
UNIT 2	Speech & Expression
	-Relevant Supreme Court cases for definition of speech, freedom of speech and
	expression
UNIT 3	Public Order
	- Section 295A of the Indian Penal Code
	- Section 153A, 153B of the Indian Penal Code
	- Section 508 of the Indian Penal Code
	- Section 66A of the Information Technology Act
	- Unlawful Activities Prevention Act criminalises participation even in meetings of
	associations
	- Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act
	criminalises'intentionally insulting' or 'intimidating, with intent to humiliate' any
	Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe person
	- Relevant Supreme Court cases to be included here
UNIT 4	Sedition
	- Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code
	- Relevant court cases on sedition to be listed here
UNIT 5	Defamation: Criminal and Civil
	- Section 499, 500 IPC, 1860
	- Relevant court cases on defamation to be listed here
UNIT 6	Hate Speech
	- Section 195A of IPC
	- Section 295A (insulting religious feelings)
	- Section 153A (causing disharmony or enmity between different castes and
	communities) of the Indian Penal Code
	- Section 66A of the Information Technology Act (offensive or 'menacing' speech)
	- Section 123 of the Representation of the People Act (restricting certain kinds of
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	speech during elections)
	- Section 3(1)(x) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of
	Atrocities) Act
	- Section 95 of Cr.P.C.
	- Relevant court cases on hate speech to be listed here
UNIT 7	Obscenity
	- Section 292, IPC
	- Cinematograph Act of 1952 (films)
	- The Dramatic Performances Act of 1876 (theatre)
	- The Customs Act of 1962
	-Post Office Act of 1898 (transportation of material)
	- Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act of 1896
	- Young Persons (Harmful Publications) Act of 1956
	- Information Technology Act of 2000 (online communication), and others
	- The Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986
	- The Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Rules, 1987
	- Relevant court cases on obscenity to be listed here
UNIT 8	Censorship & Prior Restraint
	- Relevant court cases on censorship to be listed here
UNIT 9	Privacy
	- Relevant court cases on privacy to be listed here
	- Ref: Consultation Paper-cum-Questionnaire on Undercover Sting Operations, Law
	Commission of India
UNIT 10	Contempt of Court
	- The Contempt of Courts Act, 1971
	- Rules to Regulate Proceedings for Contempt of the Supreme Court, 1975
	- Relevant court cases on contempt of court to be listed here
	- Ref: Articles 129, 142 (2), 215; entry 77, List I, Seventh Schedule, Constitution of
	India
	- The Contempt of Court Act, 1971 (as amended)
	- Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public
	Grievances, Law and Justice, the Contempt of Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2004 (Twelfth
	Report)
	- Paras 3.8.1 and 7.4, Report of the National Commission for the Review of the
	Working of the Constitution

UNIT 11	Covering Court Proceedings
UNII II	
	- Relevant court cases to be listed here
	- Trial by Media: Free Speech and Fair Trial under Criminal Procedure Code, 1973,
	200th Report, Law Commission of India
UNIT 12	Covering legislature
	- Article 361 A, Constitution of India
	- The Parliamentary Proceedings (Protection of Publication) Act, 1977
	- Relevant court cases on reporting legislature to be listed here
UNIT 13	Right to Information & Secrecy of Information
	- Official Secrets Act, 1923
	- National Security Act, 1980
	-The Right to Information Act, 2005
	- The Central Information Commission (Management) Regulations, 2007
	- Relevant court cases on RTI to be listed here
UNIT 14	Source Privilege
	- Relevant court cases on source privilege to be listed here
	- Law Commission of India. 1983. Report No. 93: Disclosure of Sources of Information
	by Mass Media
UNIT 15	Business Issues and Press Freedom
	- The Working Journalists and Other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service)
	and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955
	- The Copyright Act, 195
	- The Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Act, 1990
	- The sports Broadcasting Signals (Mandatory Sharing with Prasar Bharati) Act, 1993
	- Relevant court cases on freedom of speech and commerce to be listed here

## NOTE: All the case laws will be added to this document after verifying their details.

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#### **ASSESSMENT DETAILS:**

**Internal Assessment (50 marks)** 

Part 1: Project Work (40 Marks)

Part 2: Attendance – (10 marks)

#### **Semester End Examination – External Assessment (50 marks)**

- The duration of the paper will be two hours.
- Every question will have an internal choice.

NAME OF THE COURSE	SURVEY OF INDIAN JOUR	RNALISM
CLASS	TYBASCJ- JOURNALISM	
COURSE CODE	SBMMEDJ505	
NUMBER OF CREDITS	4	4
NUMBER OF LECTURES PER WEEK	4	4
TOTAL NUMBER OF LECTURES PER	6	50
SEMESTER		
EVALUATION METHOD	INTERNAL	SEMESTER END
	ASSESSMENT	EXAMINATION
TOTAL MARKS		50
PASSING MARKS	50	20
	20	

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

CO 1.	To introduce students to the present state of journalism as a profession
	and industry
CO 2.	To introduce students to news media in various languages
CO 3	To understand the relationship between the press and various stakeholders in India
CO 4	To understand the traditional and non-traditional news media
CO 5	To discuss the various problems/issues in journalism today

# **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

CLO 1.	The learner will map out the history of journalism in India
CLO 2.	The learner will examine key moments in the development of the press in independent India
CLO 3.	The learner will analyse the role of advertising and the changing economy on Indian news as a business

CLO 4.	The learner will compare and contrast the types of news media in the
	country
CLO 5.	The learner will evaluate the role and impact of broadcast journalism in
	India
CLO 6.	The learner will assess the challenges of online journalism in India
CLO 7	The learner will outline the scope and challenges in Indian journalism
	today

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UNIT 1	Origin of the Press in India
	-Pre-colonial traditions of information gathering – bhat, charan, akhbarat
	- Arrival of the press
	- Press during the British era
	- Role of the press: social, religious and political reform and criticism
	- Press and the national movement
UNIT 2	Press in Independent India
	-The Press Commissions – press in the hands of businessmen
	- Government & press relations – case of Bennett & Coleman
	- Press during the Emergency
UNIT 3	Revolution in the Indian Press
	-Role of advertising, technology in transforming journalism
	- Localisation and globalization: loss of the intermediate
	- News media as a business: concentration and ownership
UNIT 4	Types of Information and News Media
	-News magazines
	- Niche publications arts, sports, education, career, entertainment, fashion,
	automotive, financial and business
UNIT 5	Broadcast Journalism
	-The story of All India Radio, Doordarshan
	- Prasar Bharati and the promise of autonomy
	- Rise of private broadcasting news operations
	- Breaking news and prime time news
	- Economics of news gathering – debates and panel discussions
	- English and regional language news channels
UNIT 6	Online Journalism
	-News by stand-alone publications/organisations
	- Challenges of running news websites
UNIT 7	Journalism Today: Scope and Issues
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- -The role of journalism and journalists today
- Press and politics
- Commercialisation of news, reader as consumer
- Press freedom in India
- Citizen journalism
- Social media and fake news

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### **ASSESSMENT DETAILS:**

**Internal Assessment (50 marks)** 

Part 1: Project Work (40 Marks)

Part 2: Attendance – (10 marks)

#### **Semester End Examination – External Assessment (50 marks)**

- The duration of the paper will be two hours.
- Every question will have an internal choice.

#### **SEMESTER 5**

NAME OF THE COURSE	RESEARCH IN JOURNALI	SM
CLASS	TYBASCJ- JOURNALISM	
COURSE CODE	SBMMEDJ506	
NUMBER OF CREDITS	,	4
NUMBER OF LECTURES PER WEEK	,	4
TOTAL NUMBER OF LECTURES PER	60	
SEMESTER		
EVALUATION METHOD	INTERNAL	SEMESTER END
	ASSESSMENT	EXAMINATION
TOTAL MARKS		50
PASSING MARKS	50	20
	20	

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

CO 1.	Introduce students to critical thinking and to research tools necessary for	
	journalism	
CO 2.	Introduce students to logical reasoning, methods of sourcing information, analysing	
	research, data analysis, numeracy, basic statistical concepts, fact-checking, and the use of	
	Right to Information Act	

# **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

CLO 1.	The learner will identify the key components of critical thinking
CLO 2.	The learner will examine the role of research in journalism
CLO 3.	The learner will identify the problem and locate data sources
CLO 4.	The learner will tabulate data in tabular form using Excel
CLO 5.	The learner will conduct a research project and write a research report

UNIT 1	Critical Thinking
	-Structured thinking
	- Argument, Premise, Conclusion, Inference, Validity, Logical Form, Soundness
	- Syllogisms, Fallacies,
	- Language skills – translation
	- Background Knowledge – Information Literacy: locating information, evaluating
	information, organizing information, synthesizing information, communicating
	information
UNIT 2	Researching Stories
	-What is research in journalism?
	- Understanding your role
	- Asking questions and finding answers
	- Observation, interviews, and research
	- Numeracy skills
UNIT 3	Finding Data
	-From questions to a problem
	- Understanding research problems in journalism
	- From problems to sources
	- Sources and their uses
	- Types of sources:
	i. People
	ii. Written sources
	iii. Online sources
	iv. Government reports
	v. Ministry reports
	vi. Public records
	vii. Company records
	- Locating Sources on the Internet
	- Evaluating Sources for Relevance and Reliability
UNIT 4	Numeracy & Statistics
	-Specifics of counting and quantification
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	- Data in tabular form: the fundamentals
	- Sorting, summing and percentage change
	- Statistics: basics of inference, correlation, probability
	- Polling and surveys
	- Using Excel
UNIT 5	Reading and Interpreting Data
	-Challenges with data: finding and cleaning
	- Interpreting academic research
	- Scientific literature and data
	- Health, well-being and medical data
	- Crime and public safety data
	- Economic and business data
UNIT 6	Writing & Visualising Data
	-Visualisation basics
	- Data visualisation in journalism practice
	- Advanced visualisation techniques

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- Wheelan, C. J. (2014). *Naked statistics: Stripping the dread from the data*. W.W. Norton.

#### DATA SOURCES FOR FACULTY TO USE IN CLASS:

- Economic data
- Caste data
- ISER report
- NSSO
- National health survey
- Crime statistics
- NITI Aayog
- World Bank
- IMF report
- Census
- Election Commission
- Budget
- CIE
- Reading a balance sheet books of account of an entity
- Research from medical journals
- Household survey
- Market data
- Academic research

- Ministry reports
- RBI data
- Looking up case judgement (case laws)
- Older newspaper reports using data

#### **ASSESSMENT DETAILS:**

## **Internal Assessment (50 marks)**

Part 1: Project Work (40 Marks)

Part 2: Attendance – (10 marks)

## **Semester End Examination – External Assessment (50 marks)**

- The duration of the paper will be two hours.
- Every question will have an internal choice.

NAME OF THE COURSE	REPORTING- II	
CLASS	TYBASCJ- JOURNALISM	
COURSE CODE	SBMMEDJ601	
NUMBER OF CREDITS	4	4
NUMBER OF LECTURES PER WEEK	4	4
TOTAL NUMBER OF LECTURES PER	60	
SEMESTER		
EVALUATION METHOD	INTERNAL	SEMESTER END
	ASSESSMENT	EXAMINATION
TOTAL MARKS		50
PASSING MARKS	50	20
	20	

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

A course where students will learn the basics of reporting and then go out and report from the

field; the idea is to simulate a real-world news room.

CO 1.	To practice the basics of reporting
CO 2.	To learn to use various reporting tools effectively
CO 3.	To engage in reporting various beats
CO 4.	To write stories for different media platforms

### **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

CLO 1.	The learner will demonstrate basic skills required as a journalist
CLO 2.	The learner will report on a variety of beats
CLO 3.	The learner will use reporting tools effectively by covering stories on a regular basis
CLO 4.	The learner will craft stories for different media platforms

UNIT 1	Reporting Crime
	• Knowing the beat, types of crimes
	Reporting accidents, crimes
	• Interviewing victims/victim's kin
	• Reading an FIR
	Speaking to police officials: beat police, senior officials
	Basics of criminal law: IPC, CrPC
UNIT 2	Reporting Courts
	Basics of jurisprudence
	• Types of cases
	• Types of courts
	Reporting court proceedings, judgements
	• Reporting details of crime, on minority groups, juveniles
UNIT 3	Reporting Politics
	Interviewing local politicians
	Covering local rallies
	Speaking to a party representative and MLAs
	• Reporting on elections
UNIT 4	Reporting Business Stories
	How to cover business stories including labour issues
	Writing about personal finance, small businesses, economy
	Avoiding jargon
	Cultivating sources
UNIT 5	Reporting Cinema, Arts, Fashion, Sports
	Peculiarities of these beats
	• Subjects as sources
	Powder puff reporting

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### **ASSESSMENT DETAILS:**

**Internal Assessment (50 marks)** 

Part 1: Project Work (40 Marks)

Part 2: Attendance – (10 marks)

- The duration of the paper will be two hours.
- Every question will have an internal choice.

NAME OF THE COURSE	NEWS DESIGN	
CLASS	TYBASCJ- JOURNALISM	
COURSE CODE	SBMMEDJ602	
NUMBER OF CREDITS	4	4
NUMBER OF LECTURES PER WEEK	4	4
TOTAL NUMBER OF LECTURES PER	60	
SEMESTER		
EVALUATION METHOD	INTERNAL	SEMESTER END
	ASSESSMENT	EXAMINATION
TOTAL MARKS		50
PASSING MARKS	50	20
	20	

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

CO 1.	To introduce students to the principles of graphic design as it pertains to
	the presentation of news - in print (newspapers, magazines, journals,
	newsletters), in television, and on the Internet (websites and apps).
CO 2.	To introduce students to principles of design and then look at the specific demands of the
	form in which news is presented to the reader and viewer.

## Note:

- Readings are limited to introducing principles and the rest of the class will be devoted to understanding these principles from observation. Students are expected to sketch or doodle their ideas and then to convert them using software. Students are expected to know Adobe Photoshop and Adobe InDesign.
- The readings in the class are expected to introduce students to the key concepts that will determine and guide the design process.
- This paper does not have a written exam. There will be a viva voce examination conducted by a qualified external examiner to assess the project elements conceived and produced by each individual student at the end of the semester, along specific news design and layout parameters.

# **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

CLO 1.	The learner will demonstrate understanding of basic principles of design
CLO 2.	The learner will design a newspaper
CLO 3.	The learner will design a news magazine
CLO 4.	The learner will design a news website

UNIT 1	Introduction to News Design (with a case study of a multilingual publication)
UNIT 2	What is Graphic Design?
UNIT 3	Point, Line, Plane; Rhythm and Balance; Scale
UNIT 4	Introduction to Type (in English, and in the Indian context)
UNIT 5	Introduction to Colour
UNIT 6	Elements of a Grid System
UNIT 7	Structure in Design
UNIT 8	Visual Hierarchy
UNIT 9	Illustration & Photography, Infographics
UNIT 10	Cover Design
UNIT 11	Elements of Web Design

## Weeks I & II:

- Golombisky, K & R. Hagen. White Space is not Your Enemy: A Beginner's Guide to Communicating Visually through Graphic, Web & Multimedia Design. A K Peters CRC Press, 2017, 138-180.
- Arntson, Amy E. *Graphic Design Basics*. Cengage Learning, 2011, 41-57; 187-211.

## Week III:

• Lupton, Ellen and Jennifer Cole Phillips. *Graphic Design: The New Basics*. Princeton Architectural Press, 2008, pp. 13-51.

### Week IV:

- Golombisky, K & R. Hagen. White Space is not Your Enemy: A Beginner's Guide to Communicating Visually through Graphic, Web & Multimedia Design. A K Peters CRC Press, 2017, 87-114.
- Arntson, Amy E. Graphic Design Basics. Cengage Learning, 2011, 89-109
- Heller, Steven. Design Literacy. Understanding Graphic Design. Skyhorse Publishing, 2014, 151-190.

### Week V:

- Lupton, Ellen and Jennifer Cole Phillips. *Graphic Design: The New Basics*. Princeton Architectural Press, 2008, pp. 71-83.
- Golombisky, K & R. Hagen. White Space is not Your Enemy: A Beginner's Guide to Communicating Visually through Graphic, Web & Multimedia Design. A K Peters CRC Press, 2017, 115-136.

## Week VI:

- Graver, Amy and Ben Jura. Best Practices for Graphic Designers, Grids and Page Layouts: An Essential Guide for Understanding and Applying Page Design Principles. Rockport Publishers, 2012, pp. 12-25
- Lupton, Ellen and Jennifer Cole Phillips. *Graphic Design: The New Basics*. Princeton Architectural Press, 2008, pp. 174-183.

### Week VII:

- Graver, Amy and Ben Jura. *Best Practices for Graphic Designers, Grids and Page Layouts: An Essential Guide for Understanding and Applying Page Design Principles*. Rockport Publishers, 2012, pp. 26-53.
- Lupton, Ellen and Jennifer Cole Phillips. *Graphic Design: The New Basics*. Princeton Architectural Press, 2008, pp. 158-173.

## Week VIII:

• Graver, Amy and Ben Jura. Best Practices for Graphic Designers, Grids and Page Layouts: An Essential Guide for Understanding and Applying Page Design Principles. Rockport Publishers, 2012, pp. 54-77; 92-156.

### Week IX:

- Lupton, Ellen and Jennifer Cole Phillips. *Graphic Design: The New Basics*. Princeton Architectural Press, 2008, pp. 114-126.
- Graver, Amy and Ben Jura. Best Practices for Graphic Designers, Grids and Page Layouts: An Essential Guide for Understanding and Applying Page Design Principles. Rockport Publishers, 2012, pp. 68-90.

## Week X:

- Arntson, Amy E. Graphic Design Basics. Cengage Learning, 2011, 151-171
- Golombisky, K & R. Hagen. White Space is not Your Enemy: A Beginner's Guide to Communicating Visually through Graphic, Web & Multimedia Design. A K Peters CRC Press, 2017, 138-180.

# Week XI:

• Heller, Steven. *Design Literacy. Understanding Graphic Design*. Skyhorse Publishing, 2014, pp. 53-54, 58-65, 75-147, 370-372.

## Week XII:

• Krug, Steve. *Don't Make Me Think: A Common Sense Approach to Web Usability*, 2nd Edition. New Riders Press, 2005, pp. 11-19, 21-29, 51-93.

## Week XIII:

- Golombisky, K & R. Hagen. White Space is not Your Enemy: A Beginner's Guide to Communicating Visually through Graphic, Web & Multimedia Design. A K Peters CRC Press, 2017, 198-244.
- Heller, Steven. *Design Literacy. Understanding Graphic Design*. Skyhorse Publishing, 2014, pp. 53-54, 58-65, 75-147, 370-372.

## ASSESSMENT-

# **Internal Assessment: (50 marks)**

This part of the paper will be assessed by the faculty that teaches the paper based on the design work done in class.

# **External Assessment: (50 marks)**

Each student will have to submit the following project pieces as part of their final external assessment:

- a. A newspaper (broadsheet)
- b. One multilingual magazine (12 pages in English + 4 pages in any Indian language)
- c. A news website

NAME OF THE COURSE	BROADCASTING AND DI	GITAL – II
CLASS	TYBASCJ- JOURNALISM	
COURSE CODE	SBMMEDJ603	
NUMBER OF CREDITS	4	4
NUMBER OF LECTURES PER WEEK	4	4
TOTAL NUMBER OF LECTURES PER	60	
SEMESTER		
EVALUATION METHOD	INTERNAL	SEMESTER END
	ASSESSMENT	EXAMINATION
TOTAL MARKS		50
PASSING MARKS	50	20
	20	

# **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

A course where the students will learn the basics of broadcast and digital journalism, and then go

out, gather news, edit, and present it for both; simulating a real-world news room.

CO 1.	To introduce the students to the specific forms of broadcast news, and
	online storytelling
CO 2.	To enable them to write for radio and television
CO 3.	To enable them to write and produce simple stories for both radio and television

# **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

	The learner will demonstrate the skills and tools used by broadcast journalists
CLO 2.	The learner will research, script, anchor, shoot, and produce news stories
CLO 3.	The learner will create news packages for radio

CLO 4.	The learner will create news packages for television
CLO 5.	The learner will create news packages for digital platforms

UNIT 1	Writing news for TV
	Writing to visuals
	Television newscasts
	• Slugs
	Rewriting wire copies
	Conversational style
	Removing unnecessary words
	Reading copy aloud
	Avoiding TMI (too much information)
	Writing compelling leads
	Attribution, Quotes, Time, Transitions, Locations, People
UNIT 2	Reporting news for TV
	Audio and video
	Words and pictures
	Voiceovers, packages, story formats, sound bites
	Interviewing: before, during and after; person-on-the-street interviews; phone
	interviews
	Phrasing questions carefully
	Equipment and setting up the field
	Reporting planned events
	Reporting live
	Scripting the voiceover
	The package
UNIT 3	Producing the news
	One-way communication
	Reading the teleprompter
	• Listening to yourself
	Correct pronunciation

- Kalbfeld, B., & Kalbfeld, B. (2001). *Associated Press Broadcast News Handbook*. McGraw-Hill. Lanson, J., & Stephens, M. (2008). *Writing and reporting the news*. Oxford University Press.
- White, T. (2001). *Broadcast news writing, reporting, and production*. Focal.
- Wulfemeyer, K. T. (2009). *Beginning Radio and TV newswriting: A self-instructional learning experience*. John Wiley & Sons

## **ASSESSMENT DETAILS:**

**Internal Assessment (50 marks)** 

Part 1: Project Work (40 Marks)

Part 2: Attendance – (10 marks)

- The duration of the paper will be two hours.
- Every question will have an internal choice.

NAME OF THE COURSE	LONG FORMAT WRITING	r
CLASS	TYBASCJ- JOURNALISM	
COURSE CODE	SBMMEDJ604	
NUMBER OF CREDITS	4	4
NUMBER OF LECTURES PER WEEK	4	4
TOTAL NUMBER OF LECTURES PER	60	
SEMESTER		
EVALUATION METHOD	INTERNAL	SEMESTER END
	ASSESSMENT	EXAMINATION
TOTAL MARKS		50
PASSING MARKS	50	20
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# **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

CO 1.	To learn the differences between reporting and feature writing
CO 2.	To understand other types of soft stories
CO 3.	To learn the skills for writing features/ opinion/soft stories and of interviewing

# **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

CLO 1.	The learner will demonstrate skills required for feature writing
CLO 2.	The learner will apply the various techniques used in long-format writing
CLO 3.	The learner will write long-format pieces for various media
CLO 4.	The learner will use the skills learnt to write long-format pieces for different audiences

UNIT 1	The difference between 'hard' news, feature stories and how the demarcation is blurring
UNIT 2	What is a feature
	Difference between news reports and features
	Difference between features for newspapers and magazines
UNIT 3	Writing a feature: formulating a story idea and writing a pitch
UNIT 4	Other aspects of feature writing:
	Collecting facts and opinions/anecdotes/quotes
	• Types of leads
	Adding colour and imagery
UNIT 5	Outline of:
	Seasonal stories
	Nostalgic stories
	Human interest stories
	• Trend stories
UNIT 6	The art of the interview:
	Preparing for face-to-face interviews
	Structuring the questions
	Attitude during interview
	Transcribing: notes or recording
	Writing the interview: question-answer format and descriptive format
UNIT 7	Outline and special techniques needed for the following interviews:
	• Phone
	• Email
	Television
UNIT 8	Writing reviews: format, ethics involved and qualities/ skilled required
	• Books
	• Films
	• Eateries
UNIT 9	Obituary:
	• What is an obituary
	How to write an obituary
	Can obituaries be critical?
UNIT 10	Columns:

	What is a salaran
	• What is a column
	Types: analytical, advisory, interactive and agony aunt columns
	• Ethics involved
UNIT 11	Editorial page:
	• What is an editorial
	• Importance of the editorial page
	• Layout of an editorial page
	• Transformation of the page: fading of op-ed, middle
	Erosion of editorial independence with growing commercialisation
UNIT 12	Profile:
	• What is a profile
	How to write a profile
	Profile of: Kumar Ketkar, Vinod Mehta, P. Sainath
UNIT 13	Snippets:
	• What are snippets?
	Writing snippets with catchy headlines

- Blundell, William E. *The Art and Craft of Feature Writing: Based on The Wall Street Journal Guide*. USA: Penguin, 1988.
- Boynton, Robert. The New New Journalism: Conversations with America's Best Nonfiction Writers on Their Craft. Vintage, 2005.
- Brande, Dorothea. Becoming a Writer. Tarcher Perigee, 1981.
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- Remnick, David. Editor. Life Stories: Profiles from The New Yorker. RHUS, 2001.
- Sumner, David E., and Holly G. Miller. *Feature and Magazine Writing: Action, Angle and Anecdotes*. Wiley-Blackwell, 2009.
- Wells, Ken, and Michael Lewis. Floating Off the Page: The Best Stories from The Wall Street Journal's Middle Column. Simon & Schuster, 2003.
- Zinsser, William. On Writing Well: The Classic Guide to Writing Nonfiction. Harper Perennial,
   2016

# **ASSESSMENT DETAILS:**

**Internal Assessment (50 marks)** 

Part 1: Project Work (40 Marks)

Part 2: Attendance – (10 marks)

- The duration of the paper will be two hours.
- Every question will have an internal choice.

NAME OF THE COURSE	MEDIA ETHICS	
CLASS	TYBASCJ- JOURNALISM	
COURSE CODE	SBMMEDJ605	
NUMBER OF CREDITS	4	4
NUMBER OF LECTURES PER WEEK	4	4
TOTAL NUMBER OF LECTURES PER	60	
SEMESTER		
EVALUATION METHOD	INTERNAL	SEMESTER END
	ASSESSMENT	EXAMINATION
TOTAL MARKS		50
PASSING MARKS	50	20
	20	

# **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

CO 1.	To introduce students to the concept of ethics as a discipline.
CO 2.	To introduce students to applied ethics and subsequently journalism ethics.
CO 3.	To introduce students to the debates on journalism ethics encompassing issues related to sources, ownership, conflict of interest, pressure from interest groups and government, public relations, individual belief systems among others.

# **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

CLO 1.	The learner will explain the meaning of ethics
CLO 2.	The learner will analyse the role of ethics in journalism
	The learner will synthesise their understanding of different lenses used to study ethics
CLO 4.	The learner will investigate ethical and unethical practices in the

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UNIT 1	Introduction to ethics or moral philosophy
	• What is ethics
	• Law and ethics
	Cultural specificity in ethics
UNIT 2	Applied Ethics and its lenses
	Deontological
	• Utilitarian
	• Subjective
UNIT 3	Journalism: Between responsibility and freedom
	Purpose of journalism
	Negative and positive liberty vis-à-vis the press
	Social responsibility theory
UNIT 4	Truth, objectivity, accuracy and fairness
	Searching for truth
	Objectivity as method and goal
	Accuracy as a veridical aim
	Fairness as balancing principle
UNIT 5	Between the public's right to know and the citizen's right to privacy
	• Public vs Private – mapping the terrain
	Distinguishing the public figure and private citizen
	The accidental public figure
UNIT 6	Public Relations: the frenemy around
	Press Relations as advocacy
	Press Relations as gatekeepers
	Public Relations vis-à-vis consumer or citizen
	Public Relations as paymasters – money and non-money considerations
UNIT 7	Steering the conflicts of interest within and without
	Ideological conflicts
	Monetary conflicts

	• Institutional Conflicts
UNIT 8	Between the deadline and the bottom line
	Revenue models
	Advertising pressures
	Circulation pressures
	• Underwriters' pressures
UNIT 9	Reporter's dilemma: deception, sourcing and the occasional theft
	• Source – reporter relationship
	Deception at the service of newsgathering
	• Plagiarism
UNIT 10	Pictures, videos and the journalist
	• Pictures as representations of truth
	Anchoring and tethering
	Cropping and correcting as manipulation
UNIT 11	Journalism & individual autonomy of practitioners
	Conscience as touchstone
	Individual preferences
	• Institutional demands
UNIT 12	Journalism & Diversity
	• Diversity in the news
	Diversity in the newsroom
UNIT 13	Journalism as a Profession
	What constitutes a profession
	Does journalism meet that standard
	• Can journalism be a vocation?

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NAME OF THE COURSE	JOURNALISM & SOCIETY	7
CLASS	TYBASCJ- JOURNALISM	
COURSE CODE	SBMMEDJ606	
NUMBER OF CREDITS	4	4
NUMBER OF LECTURES PER WEEK	4	4
TOTAL NUMBER OF LECTURES PER	60	
SEMESTER		
EVALUATION METHOD	INTERNAL	SEMESTER END
	ASSESSMENT	EXAMINATION
TOTAL MARKS		50
PASSING MARKS	50	20
	20	

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

CO 1.	To study the importance of journalism for democracy	
CO 2.	To introduce students to understanding the relation between journalism, nationalism, and	
	technology	
CO 3.	To introduce students to the relationship between journalism and society as a way of	
	forming public opinion, influencing policy, and legislation	
CO 4.	To introduce students to the idea of journalism as a watchdog, as conversation, and	
	journalists as interpretative community	
CO 5.	To introduce students to the debates on the role and purpose of journalism	

<u>Note</u>: Students should note that while the readings for the course are drawn from scholarship in the field conducted in the United States and Europe, the examples and class discussions, including the final project and potentially some of the questions in the exams, will focus on India. Hence, it is imperative that the students should familiarise themselves by reading newspapers, magazines and websites. It is to that end that this class has a required pre-class reading.

**Required Pre-Class Reading:** Guha, Ramchandra. *India after Gandhi*. New Delhi: Harper Collins, 2007.

# **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

CLO 1.	The learner will examine the relationship between journalism and society
CLO 2.	The learner will analyse the role of journalism in forming and shaping public opinion
CLO 3.	The learner will discuss the purpose of journalism in a capitalist world
CLO 4.	The learner will discuss the relation between journalism and technology

UNIT 1	What is journalism
	• Origins
	Technology, linguistic community and nationalism
UNIT 2	Journalism in a democracy
	• Fourth estate
	• Watchdog
	• Conversation
	• Interpretation
UNIT 3	Journalism and Public Opinion
	History of Public Opinion
	Why does Public Opinion matter
	• Sources of public opinion – psychological and social
	Public opinion, perceptions and social reality
	Measuring Public Opinion
UNIT 4	Journalism and Agenda Setting
	Agenda Setting
	• Framing
UNIT 5	Journalism, Public Opinion, and Democracy
	• Engineering consent: Lippmann – Dewey Debate
	Manufacturing consent: Noam Chomsky
	• Journalism and the state
UNIT 6	Journalism and Conflict
	• Information, mediation and peace
	• Dissent and consent
	Peace Journalism
	The public opinion industry
UNIT 7	Journalism and Technology
	Propaganda and technology
	Global publics and local politics
	• Internet and the possibilities of global news media
	Social media as echo chambers
	• Fake news, lies, propaganda

UNIT 8	Journalism as a Business
	Who pays for the news
	Platform companies as news media entities
	Social Media and journalism
UNIT 9	Models of Journalists
	As story tellers
	As advocates
	As activists
	• As partisan

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