

# Department of English Journalism



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# **Indian Institute of Mass Communication**

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# Academic Calendar for PG Diploma Programmes- 2025-26

Commencement of Session	5 <sup>th</sup> August 2025
Registration & Document Verification	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2025
Orientation Lectures	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2025
Commencement of first semester classes	11th August 2025
Internal assignments etc.	8th to 12th December 2025
First semester examinations	15 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
Semester end break	20th December 2025 to 4th January 2026
Commencement of second semester classes	5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Internal assignments etc.	13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Second semester examinations	20th to 24th April 2026
One month compulsory Internship/Placements	May 2026
Submission of internship certificates	31st May 2026
Announcement of final result	Last week of May 2026

<sup>\*</sup> Attendance for the First semester will be counted up to 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

<sup>\*</sup> Attendance for the Second semester will be counted up to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

# **Programme Overview**

The programme provides extensive training in journalism and communication, integrating theoretical knowledge with practical skills across multiple areas. It includes studies in communication theory and research, history and ethics of journalism, reporting and editing methods, media management, advertising, public relations and corporate communication. Specialized courses in digital and broadcast journalism along with development journalism equip learners for the dynamic media landscape, ensuring they emerge as skilled, knowledgeable and ethically responsible media professionals.

# **Programme Objectives (PO)**

- To enable learners to understand and apply different communication theories and carry out detailed research leading to a project that highlights their analytical and research skills.
- To equip knowledge of historical evolution of journalism, laws that govern media and the ethical principles and regulations that ensures journalistic integrity.
- To train learners in the fundamental concepts, processes and techniques of reporting enabling them to produce accurate, engaging and well-researched news stories.
- To develop learners' skills in the concepts, processes and techniques of editing, ensuring they can effectively revise and enhance news content for clarity, coherence and impact.
- To provide hands-on experience in reporting through practical assignments, allowing learners to refine their reporting skills in real-world scenarios.
- To engage learners in practical editing assignment, developing their ability to critically assess and improve journalistic content.
- To provide in-depth knowledge of media management, advertising strategies, public relations techniques and corporate communication, preparing learners for various roles in the media industry.
- To train learners in the field of broadcast journalism such as production, presentation and dissemination of news through radio, television and digital platforms.
- To educate learners on the role of journalism in promoting social and economic development such as poverty, education, health and environmental sustainability.
- To equip learners with the skills to navigate and excel in the digital journalism landscape and the use of digital tools and technologies for news reporting and storytelling.

# **Programme Learning Outcomes (PLO)**

After successful completion of programme, learners will be able to:

- Demonstrate the ability to critically analyze communication theories and effectively apply research methodologies in their projects, producing a well-documented research report.
- Exhibit a thorough understanding of the historical context of journalism, legal frameworks and ethical standards to apply this knowledge to contemporary media practices.
- Develop advanced skills in reporting including newsgathering, interviewing and story writing to produce accurate and engaging news articles.
- Acquire proficiency in editing for accuracy, clarity and coherence ensuring high-quality journalistic output.

- Gain hands-on experience in reporting, enhancing their ability to produce well researched and timely news stories.
- Engage in editing assignments, improving their ability to critically assess and refine journalistic content for publication.
- Exercise media management principles, advertising strategies, PR techniques and corporate communication skills for diverse roles within the media industry.
- Acquire necessary skills in broadcast journalism, covering production and distribution of news across radio, television and digital platforms.
- Apply the principles of development journalism to create stories focusing on social and economic issues such as poverty, education, health and environmental sustainability.
- Exhibit expertise in digital journalism including abilities in web design, content creation, social media interaction and the effective use of digital tools for news reporting and storytelling.

# **Programme Structure**

	Course Code	Course Title	L*	T*	P*	Total Credits	Marks		
							Theory	Practical	Total
	PGDEJ001(A)	Communication Theory and Research # Research proposal and synopsis will be of one credit; research project will be of three credits and evaluated in second semester	3		1#	4	60	10	70
	PGDEJ002	History of Journalism, Media laws, Ethics and Regulations	3		1	4	75	25	100
ER I	PGDEJ003	Reporting: Concepts, Processes and Techniques	3	1		4	100	-	100
SEMESTER	PGDEJ004	Editing: Concepts, Processes and Techniques	3	1		4	100	-	100
SE	PGDEJ005(A)	Reporting: Practical (Assignments will begin in the first semester and will continue in the second Semester)			2	2		50	50
	PGDEJ006(A)	Editing: Practical (Assignments will begin in the first semester and will continue in the second Semester)			2	2		50	50

 $<sup>\</sup>star$  For theory, one class per week for one credit; For practical, two classes per week for one credit

	Course Code	Course Title	L*	T*	P*	Total Credits	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Total Marks
П	PGDEJ001(B)	Research project			3	3		30	30
	PGDEJ005(B)	Reporting: Practical (Assignments will begin in the first semester and will continue in the second Semester)			2	2		50	50
SEMESTER	PGDEJ006(B)	Editing: Practical (Assignments will begin in the first semester and will continue in the second Semester)			2	2		50	50
	PGDEJ007	Media Management, Advertising, PR and Corporate Communication	3		1	4	75	25	100
	PGDEJ008	Broadcast Journalism	3		1	4	60	40	100
	PGDEJ009	Development Journalism	3		1	4	70	30	100
	PGDEJ010	Digital Journalism	3		1	4	60	40	100
		Internship Report			2	2			
	TOTAL					45			1000

 $<sup>\</sup>star$  For theory, one class per week for one credit; For practical, two classes per week for one credit

# COMMUNICATION THEORY AND RESEARCH

Marks 100: Theory 60, Practical 40

Credit: 4

# **Course Objectives (CO)**

- To equip learners with a comprehensive understanding of fundamental communication concepts, processes, and elements across various contexts.
- To explore classical and contemporary communication models to understand their relevance, application, and impact.
- To investigate key theories and ideologies explaining media effects on individuals and society from psychological, sociological, critical and cultural perspectives.
- To provide tools and methodologies for conducting qualitative and quantitative research in communication and media studies, ensuring effective research design and analysis.

#### Unit I

# **Understanding Communication**

- Defining Communication, Scope, Importance, Need, Functions, Elements and Process of Communication
- Levels of Communication: Intrapersonal, Interpersonal and Group Communication, Mass Communication, Online Communication
- Verbal and Non-verbal Communication: Types and importance
- Importance of Language
- Semiotics: Signs and Symbols
- Language use in different mass media

#### **Unit II**

# Models of Communication: Classical, Intermediary, Interactive, Transactional Models

- Aristotle's definition of Rhetoric, Lasswell's Model, Berlo's SMCR Model, Charles Osgood Model
- Shannon-Weaver Mathematical Model,
- Newcomb's Model of Communication
- Gerbner's Model
- Wilbur Schramm's Interactive Model
- Dance's Helical Spiral Model and Ecological Models

#### **Unit III**

Theories and Ideologies of Mass Communica-

#### tion

- Media Effects: Hypodermic Needle, Two-Step/Multi Step, Flow Theory, Gatekeeping
- Psychological Theories: Individual Difference Theory, Selective Exposure, Selective Perception, Selective Retention and Cognitive Dissonance
- Confirmation Bias and illusory truth effect
- Sociological Communication Theories: Cultivation Theory, Agenda Setting Theory and Needs and Gratification Theory
- Critical and Cultural Theories: Hegemony, Political Economy & Propaganda Model
- Social Learning Theories and Social Change
- Indian Communication Theories: Concept and Process (Sahridaya and Sadharanikaran, Natya Shastra)
- Media Manipulation: Social Media Agenda Setting
- New Media Theories: Interactivity, Digitization, Convergence, Online Media & Network Society: Their Application, Uses & Limitations

#### **Unit IV**

#### **Communication and Media Research**

- Basic Concepts, Design & Methods
- Areas of Research and types of Research

- Research Problem: Questions and Hypotheses
- Theoretical Framework, Literature Review and Analysis
- Primary and Secondary Research data sources
- Research Design: Objectives, Study Area, Variables, Sampling

#### Unit V

#### **Research Methods**

- Quantitative Method: Survey Research methods: Structured/Semi-Structured Questionnaire, Case Studies, Content Analysis
- Qualitative Research Methods: Observation, IDIs and Interviewing Skills, FGD
- Data Analysis: Data Coding, categorizing and Interpretation, Parametric and Non-

#### Parametric tests

- Ratings research: Public Meters, Diary, Telephone Survey, Opinion Poll, MAP, TAM, TRP, RAM and IRS Media research using Internet.
- Digital Research Tools
- Referencing and Citation

#### **Practical**

# Research Project (1 credit for research proposal/synopsis in 1<sup>st</sup> semester; 3 credits for project in second semester)

Learners will conduct research under guidance of internal/external faculty members as allocated. Each learner will have to submit a synopsis for evaluation in 1<sup>st</sup> semester and dissertation by the end of the second semester. Learners can choose a topic related to Communication/ Media Studies/Media Organizations/ Print/ Electronic/Digital Media/ Development Journalism/ Entrepreneurship/ International Relations and related areas.

# **Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

After successful completion of this course, learners will be able to:

- Understand and explain different levels and types of communication, including verbal and non-verbal forms and address common communication barriers.
- Analyze and compare classical and modern communication models and apply models to real-world scenarios to enhance understanding.
- Evaluate media impact through various theories and discuss media power concepts like hegemony and political economy.
- ❖ Design and conduct research projects using various methodologies and develop skills in data collection, analysis and interpretation.

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# HISTORY OF JOURNALISM, MEDIA LAWS, ETHICS AND REGULATIONS

Marks 100: Theory 75, Practical 25

Credit: 4

# **Course Objectives (CO)**

- To understand key journalism terms, concepts, and functions, and their role in democracy.
- To analyze the growth and development of the press in India and compare it with global trends.
- ❖ To instruct learners on the key media laws in India, including their implications, importance of objectivity and ethical challenges.
- To delve into the principles, significance and complexities of media ethics, including ethical codes of conduct and strategies for resolving ethical issues.
- To acquaint learners with a variety of media organizations, professional bodies and regulatory authorities, both within India and on an international scale.

#### Unit I

### **Introduction to Journalism**

- Journalism: Terminology, Concept, Objective and Functions
- Elements and Foundations of Journalism
- Role of Journalism in Society: Journalism and Democracy: Concept of Fourth Estate
- Functions of Journalism: Credible-Informational Journalism and Critical-Investigative-Adversarial Journalism
- Transparency, accountability and citizenship

# Making Sense of News: Politics, Economics and Sociology of News

- Formulating Public Opinion and Role of Citizenship
- Journalism: Issues and Contemporary Debates
- Journalism in Changing Times: As a Mission, Profession and Business
- Future of Journalism

# **Types of Journalism**

 Watchdog Journalism, Advocacy Journalism, Investigative Journalism, Data Journalism, Community Journalism, Citizen Journalism, Alternative Journalism, Non-profit Journalism, Entrepreneurial Journalism, Solution Journalism

# Journalism and Critical Thinking

- Logic, Evidence and Rationality
- Observation and Questioning

- Arguments and Analysis
- Dealing with Numerical information and Data
- Searching Truth: Role of Research

#### Unit II

# **History of Journalism**

- Early history of Press & the role of the Press in the Freedom Struggle
- Impact of Gandhi on Indian Newspaper
- Role of Language press in the making of modern India
- Press since Independence
- Censorship and Press during Emergency
- Growth and Expansion of Press in India (1977-1991); History of Mass Media
- Committees and commissions
- Prominent English and Language newspapers and magazines
- Case Studies-Indian Media Organizations.
- News agencies in India
- Print Media in other countries (US, UK, China and Indian sub-continent)
- Future of Newspapers: Trends and Debates
- International Media Scenario

#### Unit III

#### **Media Laws**

 Overview and Salient Features of Indian Constitution: Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy, Freedom of Speech and Expression: Article 19 (I) (a) and 19 (2) Fundamental Duties

- Official Secrets Act, 1923
- IPR and Copyright Act 1957
- Contempt of Court 1971
- Press Council of India Act 1978
- Privileges of Legislature
- RTI 2005
- Defamation: Libel, Slander
- Sedition and Inflammatory writings
- Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS)
- Broadcasting Laws
- Cyber Laws: IT Act 2000 and amendments 2008, Intermediary Guidelines 2011
- Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Codes) Rules, 2021
- Journalism as an Organized/Unorganized Sector, Working Journalists Act1955, Wage Boards Major Debates & Court Cases - Case studies /Majithia wage board 2019/Amendments in labour laws (Related/applicable to media persons)
- Framework and guidelines for use of social media for Government. Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, India
- Any new regulations (as amended from time to time)
- Regulatory Authorities

# **Unit IV**

# **Media Ethics & Regulations**

- Principles and Ethics: Role and Importance
- Values and Ethics of Journalism (Objectivity, Truth and Impartiality Balance and Independence), Conflict of Interest
- Ethical issues: notions and debates; post-Truth
- Understanding Information Disorder: Issues, Challenges and Techniques to deal with information disorder
- Hate speech

- Journalists' Code of Conduct: Some Model of Code of Conduct (RTDNA, SPJ, NBA etc.)
- Journalistic Norms by PCI
- Digital Ethics Code 2021
- Issues and Challenges of media regulation
- Journalists' Code of Conduct, Selfregulation, Ombudsman, Pros and Cons of Media Activism
- Trial by Media

# **Media Regulation**

- Regulatory practices in developed democracies
- Debates and Controversies related to Media Regulation: Ownership, Distribution, Investment and Content Regulation
- Regulation of Broadcast, Press and Web: Challenges and Issues
- Different forms of Regulation: State Regulation, Self-Regulation, Co-Regulation
- Press Ombudsman: Readers' Editor

#### Unit V

# **Media Organizations and Professional bodies**

- Press Council of India (1st and 2nd Press Commission recommendations)
- International Bodies: IPI, UNESCO
- Broadcast Regulatory bodies and TRAI, BRAI, IBF,
- Media Associations and Organizations: INS, Editors Guild, IFWJ, NUJ (I), IJU, NBA, BEA, etc. Trade Union Rights in Media
- Government Information Systems: Concept and Philosophy
- Government Media Organization set-up PIB, Bureau of Outreach & Communication
- (DAVP, DFP, Song and Drama Division) Films Division
- Supporting services like research, reference and feedback
- State Government Information and Public Relations Dept.

# **Practical Assignments**

• Learners have to do two case studies of media laws and study the recent cases.

- Learners have to submit a case study on any media organization- traditional/ digital/ Professional bodies/ News agencies (Regional/ National/ International)
- Learners need to submit stories/ case studies based on investigative stories/ data or evidence-based journalism.

# **Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

After successful completion of this course, learners will be able to:

- ❖ Demonstrate a thorough understanding of journalism's terminology, concepts, objectives, and its societal and democratic roles.
- Analyze key events and influential figures in the historical development of journalism, comparing the evolution of the press in India and globally.
- ❖ Interpret and apply the legal framework and ethical principles that govern journalism, addressing both laws and ethical challenges.
- ❖ Evaluate the importance of media ethics, utilizing ethical codes of conduct and strategies to resolve ethical dilemmas in journalism.
- ❖ Identify and describe the roles of various media organizations and regulatory authorities, analyzing their impact on journalism practices and media regulation.

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# REPORTING: CONCEPTS, PROCESSES AND TECHNIQUES

Marks 100: Theory 100

Credit: 4

# **Course Objectives (CO)**

- To develop foundational skills in news reporting, including diverse reporting techniques and writing styles.
- To introduce learners to specialized reporting areas such as politics, economics and culture, enhancing expertise in distinct reporting fields.
- To provide comprehensive knowledge of economic and financial reporting, covering terminology, market analysis, and economic indicators.
- To explore innovative journalistic approaches, including data-driven storytelling and emerging technologies like virtual reality and drones.
- To enhance proficiency in various writing forms such as feature articles, interviews, opinion pieces, and specialized reports for magazines and supplements.

#### Unit I

# **Understanding News and Reporting Techniques**

- Fundamentals of Reporting
- Types of Reporting: Analytical reporting, Interpretative reporting, Descriptive reporting, Investigative reporting
- Concept of News: Elements, Values, Characteristics and Qualities
- Types of news: Hard and Soft
- News Leads and their types
- Inverted pyramid style, feature style, sand clock style and nut graph
- Covering press conferences and writing from press releases, events and meets
- Differences in reporting for Newspapers
   / News agencies, TV, Radio, Websites
   Cultivating, verifying and dealing with sources of news
- Sourcing News: Role and importance of news sources, attribution, Ethical aspect of Sourcing News and Reporting
- Assembly and post producing content depending on the medium
- Engagement with audience and distribution of content

# Sports, Travel and Food Reporting etc. Photo Journalism

• History and evolution of Photo journalism

• Understanding Beats and types of

• City reporting, Crime Reporting, Political

Parties and Politics, Government and

Parliamentary, Legislative, Legal and Court

Reporting, Defense, International Affairs,

Conflict and War, Science & Technology,

Education, Art & Culture, Environment,

Fashion & Lifestyle, Entertainment,

Sports, Health Reporting, Business,

Specialized Reporting

- Understanding camera, lenses and accessories
- Photographic Composition, principles and grammar
- Concept and techniques of Photo Feature and Caption Writing
- Photographic Coverage of News and Events

#### Unit III

# **Economy and Finance Reporting**

- Overview of economic reporting, Forms of Economic Reporting, Financial Reporting and Markets
- Terminologies used in financial markets such as NIFTY, SENSEX, commodities,

### **Unit II**

# **Specialized Reporting and Beats**

derivatives, exchange traded funds, BSE, NSE and several financial instruments. Knowledge of world markets such as NIKKEI, NASDAQ, NYSE, Wall Street etc.

- Macroeconomics: Concept of GDP, Growth and Inflation, Constituents of GDP, depreciation etc.
- Microeconomics with focus on development economics like agriculture, education, health etc. National Budget
- Indicators of Economy: Index of Industrial Production, Infrastructure Index, External Sector:
- Balance of Payments, Current Account, Capital Account
- How to read company balance sheets, P&L etc. to be able to anchor business shows and report on markets.
- Banking: Public Sector, Private Sector and Foreign Banks, PLR, Bank Rate, Repo and Reverse Repo Rate, CRR, SLR.
- Regulators: SEBI, EPI Index: Industry Bodies such as FICCI, CII, etc.

#### **Unit IV**

#### **Data Journalism**

- Introduction: Why is it essential for journalists to understand data? What is data journalism? How is it different from other journalism? What are different kinds of data-journalistic stories that are possible.
- Producing a data story: Understanding/

- reading data. Finding trends. Identifying gaps/asking for more information, and how to fill in those gaps. Planning your story -- reporting data. Through text and visuals. And then writing the story.
- Introduction to tools for data analysis, organisation and visualisation. Google sheets and Excel. Datawrapper. (With other tools mentioned as examples).
- The importance of good data for good data journalism: Identifying the right data sources and reporting data responsibly and accurately

### Unit V

# **Other Forms of Writing**

- Feature: Definition, characteristics, types: news and non-news features
- Process of feature writing: Ideas and Research
- Tools and Techniques of Feature Writing
- Interview: Types and Techniques
- Opinion Writing: Editorial, Op-ed page and Middle
- Special articles, Weekend pullouts, Supplements,
- Backgrounders, Reviews (Books/Films/ Documentaries)
- Magazine Reporting: Current trends, style and future

#### **WORKSHOPS**

- Concepts of Automated Storytelling
- Virtual Reality and Immersive Journalism

# **Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

After successful completion of this course, learners will be able to:

- ❖ Apply diverse reporting techniques and writing styles effectively across different media platforms.
- Demonstrate advanced skills in specialized reporting, producing in-depth coverage of diverse topics with depth and clarity.
- ❖ Interpret economic data and financial market information accurately for informed reporting and analysis.
- Utilize innovative storytelling methods and technologies to enhance journalistic practice and audience engagement.
- ❖ Produce high-quality feature articles, interviews, and opinion pieces, showcasing proficiency in various journalistic writing formats and genres.

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# **EDITING: CONCEPTS, PROCESSES AND TECHNIQUES**

Marks 100: Theory 100

Credit: 4

# **Course Objectives (CO)**

- To equip learners with essential skills in journalism editing, emphasizing ethics and the distinctions between print and broadcast media.
- To familiarize learners with the structure and operations of news desks, focusing on roles, responsibilities, and managing news flow in integrated newsrooms.
- To train learners in news selection, editing techniques, headline writing, and combating fake news.
- To introduce principles of visual communication, layout design, and newspaper printing crucial for effective news presentation.
- ❖ To prepare learners for strategic editorial planning, policy development, and effective human resource management in media organizations.

#### Unit I

# **Understanding Editing**

- Editing: concept, process and significance
- Editorial Values: objectivity, facts, impartiality and balance
- Concept of news and news making
- Difference between newspaper/ radio and TV copy editing
- Challenges for the Editor: bias, slants and pressures

#### Unit II

# **News and Editorial Desk**

- Editorial structure of newspaper/ magazines/ news agencies /radio and TV
- Editorial hierarchy and job of various functionaries
- Functioning of news desk
- Convergence and Integrated Newsroom
- News Flow and Editing: Role and Responsibility of Gatekeepers
- Sources of News
- Managing the news flow

### **Unit III**

# **Editing Process**

• News selection: News Value and other

### parameters

- Handling of news copy
- Planning and visualization of news
- Rewriting news stories
- Headlines and intro
- Stylebook and Style sheet
- Use of synonyms and abbreviations
- Importance of Grammar
- Dealing with information disorder (dis/ mis/mal
- Art of fact checking

# **Unit IV: Visual Communication**

- Concepts and Processes
- Principles and tools of visual communication
- Visual literacy and visual perception
- Use of visuals across media
- Visual Journalism
- Visual manipulation and ethics

#### **Layout Design**

- Principles of Layout, Design
- Typography, Color and Graphics
- Newspaper Printing Process and printing terminology
- Typography, colour and visual representation
- Principles of graphics and their importance
- Newspaper printing methods, Different types of printing machines.

# **Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

After successful completion of this course, learners will be able to:

- Demonstrate proficiency in ethical editing practices to enhance news quality and credibility.
- Evaluate and analyze the organizational structures and functions of news desks to optimize newsgathering and dissemination processes.
- Apply effective news selection, editing and headline writing techniques to produce clear, accurate and engaging news stories.
- Create visually engaging news presentations using principles of visual communication, layout design, typography and graphics.
- Develop strategic editorial plans and implement effective management practices to meet journalistic objectives and adapt to evolving media landscapes.

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# REPORTING PRACTICAL

Marks 50: Practical 50

Credit: 2

# **Course Objectives (CO)**

- ❖ To provide learners hands-on-skills in reporting
- ❖ To gain practical experience in conducting interviews, writing profiles, features and human-interest stories.
- To develop the ability to write across various genres including op-eds, editorials, articles, and academic research papers.

### **News Reporting**

- Intro/Lead writing, Headline writing
- Assignments on News reporting, covering events, speech/ meeting, covering writing based on press releases, press conferences
- Interviews, obituaries, profiles based on field assignments.
- Production of at least 5 Lab Journals
- Writing features and human-interest stories, backgrounders
- Op-ed articles/ Editorials/ Articles/ Middles/ Columns/ Research articles for academic journals
- Writing for news magazines/Letters to the Editor

# Learning basic skills of photography and shooting exercises

• Photo coverage of news events on the

# campus or outside

- Shooting and preparing Photo Feature along with write-up.
- A mini project: text+vertical video+social teaser

### Note:

- Assignments will be given by faculty members from time to time. For lab journals, class will be divided into groups, and groups will produce lab newspapers periodically.
- Editing stories and lab journals will carry marks.
- Out of 50 marks, 30 marks will be for assignments by internal faculty through continuous evaluation, and 20 marks will be for practical exam and viva to be conducted by an external examiner.

# **Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

After successful completion of this course, learners will be able to:

- Acquire practical skills in news reporting, including writing leads, headlines, and covering events and press releases.
- Gain hands-on experience in conducting interviews, writing profiles, features, and humaninterest stories.
- ❖ Demonstrate proficiency in writing op-eds, editorials, articles and academic research papers.
- Demonstrate proficiency in news gathering and reporting, covering events for multiple formats.

#### REPORTING PRACTICAL

Marks 50: Practical 50

Credit: 2

# **Course Objectives (CO)**

- To develop expertise in diverse topics through beat-specific lab journals (e.g., Defense, Science, Education) and innovative niche publications.
- To understand the role of public health communication in journalism, explore ethical considerations, and learn research methods for accurate health reporting.

# **Specialized Reporting**

- Production of 5 Beat specific Lab Journals: News and Specialized- Defense/ Science/ Education/Fashion and lifestyle/ Technology etc.
- Bring out any two niche publication (Innovative)
- Writing for websites /blogs/ mobile/radio, TV and digital.
- A live blog simulation under time pressure.

# Critical Appraisal Skills (CAS) in Public Health Journalism (With UNICEF)

- Overview of Public Health Communication
- Ethics and Values of Health Journalism/ Communication
- Research in Health Journalism

# Workshop on Mobile Journalism (MOJO) and Data Journalism

- Submission of 2-3 MOJO reports
- Submission of 2-3 evidence-based stories using data

#### Note:

- Assignments will be given by faculty members from time to time. For lab journals, class will be divided into groups, and groups will produce lab newspapers periodically.
- Editing stories and lab journals will carry marks.
- Out of 50 marks, 30 marks will be for assignments by internal faculty through continuous evaluation, and 20 marks will be for practical exam and viva to be conducted by an external examiner.

# **Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

After successful completion of this course, learners will be able to:

- ❖ Demonstrate specialized expertise through beat-specific lab journals and innovative niche publications, showcasing proficiency in journalistic research and reporting.
- ❖ Apply principles of public health communication in journalism, incorporating ethical considerations and research methods for accurate health reporting.

# **EDITING PRACTICAL**

Marks 50: Practical 50

Credit: 2

# Semester I (A)

# **Course Objectives (CO)**

\* To impart hands-on-training on copy writing, editing work and layout designing.

# **Editing Assignments**

- Copy editing
- Rewriting Headlines
- Rewriting Intro/lead writing
- Layout designing of Lab Journals
- Preparing the layout of the front, back and other pages of a newspaper and a magazine using Adobe CS (In-design, Photoshop, etc.).

• Editing assignments

# **Photography Assignments**

**Note:** Out of 50 marks, 30 marks will be for assignments by internal faculty through continuous evaluation, and 20 marks will be for practical exam and viva to be conducted by an external examiner.

# **Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

After successful completion of this course, learners will be able to:

• Demonstrate proficiency in copywriting, editing work and layout designing for effective journalistic practice.

Marks 50: Practical 50

Credit: 2

# Semester II (B)

# **Course Objectives (CO)**

❖ Provide hands-on experience in photography and videography assignments to enhance practical proficiency in capturing and editing visual media for journalistic applications.

# Learning various software used in editing and photography

- Application of various software like Indesign, Photoshop, Adobe Premier Pro and Audition
- Video editing
- Sound editing
- Image processing and colour correction
- Designing content for various media platforms.

Photography and Videography Assignments.

### Note:

• Out of 50 marks, 30 marks will be for assignments by internal faculty through continuous evaluation, and 20 marks will be for practical exam and viva to be conducted by an external examiner.

# **Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

After successful completion of this course, learners will be able to:

❖ Demonstrate proficiency in capturing and editing visual media using photography and videography techniques for journalistic purposes

# MEDIA MANAGEMENT, ADVERTISING, PR AND CORPORATE COMMUNICATION

Marks 100: Theory 75, Practical 25

Credit: 4

# **Course Objectives (CO)**

- To understand the evolution and management of media globally and in India, including ownership patterns and organizational functions.
- To explore the fundamentals of advertising including theories, ethical considerations and the impact of digital technologies on advertising strategies.
- To study the principles and practices of public relations, examining its role in shaping public opinion, utilizing various communication models and tools.
- ❖ To define corporate communication roles, focusing on internal and external communication, crisis management and digital media integration.
- To analyze the role and operations of government media organizations in public communication and support services.

#### Unit I

### Media as an Industry

- Concept of Media management, Origin and Growth
- Media management in the Global Scenario
- Development of Media Organization as an Industry in India
- Characteristics of Media Industry, Consolidation and Convergence
- Ownership Patterns in India
- Functions of various Departments of Media Organizations
- Media Management models

# Media and creative Industry

- Advertising/ PR Industry in India
- Ownership patterns in the Ad/ PR Industry
- Mergers and Acquisitions in the industry
- Changing Advertising Revenue Models in the Industry etc.
- Diversifying Business Models in Media Industry

#### **Unit II**

# **Advertising Concepts**

- Definitions, Meaning, Genesis, History and Nature
- Role, Objectives, Functions, and Significance

- Advertising as a tool of communication
- Role of advertising in Marketing mix, PR
- Types of Advertising and Classification of Advertising, Factors determining advertising opportunity of a product/ service/idea, Types of Appeals and Advertising Messages
- Advertising Theories and Models- AIDA Model, DAGMAR Model, Maslow's Hierarchy Model, Communication theories applied to advertising
- Copy writing for advertising
- Advertising and Society, Economic, Cultural, Psychological, Gender, Ethical aspects
- Embedded Advertising and Surrogate advertising
- Advertising Statutory Bodies in India, Role of AAA and ASCI and the study of various codes of conduct and case studies
- Laws and Ethics in Advertising

# Advertising in the Digital Age

- New Advertising Formats
- Programmatic Advertising
- Artificial Intelligence, Machine learning and RPA- Robotic Processes in Advertising Industry.
- Mobile-first advertising, App Marketing

- Brands and Branding
- Integrated Marketing Communication
- Profiling the Target Audience
- Creative Appreciation

#### **Unit III**

# **Understanding PR and Emerging Trends**

- PR-History, Definitions, Concepts, Role, Scope, Functions, New Emerging Trends
- Difference and Similarities between PR, Marketing and Advertising and how they are relevant to each other
- Understanding various concepts, viz., PR, Press Agentry, Publicity, Propaganda
- Models of Public Relations
- Public Relations Theories: rhetoric and persuasion, dialogic theory, systems theory, critical theory and structuration theory
- The Power of Public Opinion and Persuasion
- Defining publics/stakeholders
- PR Practice and Process In-house and PR Consultancy
- PR as a Source of News
- Tools of Media Relations Press conferences, Press meet/tours, Press releases, Backgrounders, Rejoinders, Feature writing, Video news releases, Blog writing, etc.; Selection of media in reaching out to its various publics

#### **Unit IV**

# **Corporate Communication**

 Concept & functions of Management, Basics of Planning and Decision Making,

- Organization management
- Corporate Communication: Definitions, Concepts, Role, Scope, Functions
- Internal and External Communication
- Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development
- Crisis Communication
- Media Relations
- cross-cultural and intercultural communication
- Digital Media in Corporate Communication

### Unit V

# Government Information and Publicity System

- Need for Government Information and Publicity System
- Basic Philosophy and Percepts of Government Information and Publicity System
- Management and Operations
- Supporting Services like backgrounds research, reference and feedback
- Govt. Media organizations in India and their working

#### **Practical**

- Case Studies of Advertising and PR Agencies in India
- Media Management Case studies
- Crisis Communication simulation on a current issue
- Production of theme-based Campaigns (Group exercise)
- Event Management- Organize an Event for EJ Department

# **Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

After successful completion of this course, learners will be able to:

- Develop understanding on global and Indian media evolution, management, ownership patterns and organizational functions.
- Acquire insights into advertising, ethical implications and the transformative impact of digital technologies on advertising strategies.
- Gain proficiency in public relations practices through various communication models and strategic tools.

❖ Analyze government information systems, emphasizing their role in public communication strategies including research and feedback mechanisms.

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# **BROADCAST JOURNALISM**

Marks 100: Theory 60, Practical 40

Credit: 4

# **Course Objectives (CO)**

- To understand radio broadcasting evolution and operational characteristics, including AM, FM, Community Radio and Internet Radio.
- To learn radio production techniques from analogue to digital formats and develop skills in writing for radio news, features, interviews and discussions.
- To explore the role and management of community radio stations, focusing on local broadcasting and podcasting.
- To study the history and characteristics of television in India, including TV news channel structures and production functions.
- To develop skills in writing for television, including news gathering, audio-video editing, and production techniques for news, talk shows, and documentaries.
- To develop skills for streaming on apps/web now

#### Unit I

# **Radio Broadcasting**

- Introduction to Radio: The world of sound and main features of radio broadcasting
- Understanding Sound medium: Sound scape, Sound culture, Characteristics of Radio
- Radio Frequencies: SW, MW, FM transmission; Different types of radio: AM, FM, Community Radio, Internet Radio.
- Evolution and growth of broadcasting in India: Public Service Broadcasting/FM broadcasting
- Functioning of organization and structuring
- Understanding social-audio rooms for news chats

#### **Unit II**

# **Radio Production and Writing**

- Introduction to Radio production: Radio formats- Analogue to digital, Types of Sound-Sync, Non-sync, Natural sound, Sound sourcing, Radio Studio- Studio layout, mixer, control Panel etc.
- Writing for radio; Sources, Elements, News gathering processes, Writing a radio News copy Compiling radio news bulletins; Techniques of editing and

# presenting radio news

 Radio news magazine, News features, Discussion and talk programmes, Interviews, Sound bytes & dispatches and Radio Bridge programme production

#### Unit III

# **Community Radio**

- Community Radio: Role and Function of CR, management of community radio/ Radio news organization, structure and function.
- Podcast

#### **Unit IV**

#### **Television Broadcasting**

- Introduction to Television: Characteristics of Television broadcasting; History of TV in India:
- Understanding visual medium: Image-Still to moving, Visual Culture & Politics of Image, Electronic Image, Television Image, Television News Image, Idea of Figuration, Edited Image /Digital image, Changing Ecology of Images Today, Characteristics of Television medium
- AR graphics for weather, elections, sports
- SITE, Terrestrial, Cable and Satellite;

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Channel Distribution: MSOs, CAS, HITS, DTH, IPTV; TV on mobiles: 3G & Notebook, 4G; Contemporary Trends in the Indian TV industry: Public service TV Broadcasting; Commercial broadcasting

 Organizational structure of TV news channel: TV newsroom and TV news production desk and functions

- Movement, Visual Grammar- Type of Shots, 180-degree rule, continuity, shot/reverse shot/cut away/in/Jump/Match.
- News bulletins; News features; News and current affairs; Talk shows and magazine programmes; Anchoring: delivery, pronunciation, voice modulation and diction

#### Unit V

# **Television Production and Writing**

- Writing for the visual medium: Sources/ Elements/News gathering Processes-ENG, SNG, OB, PTC, VO/VT, Anchor link
- Thinking audio and video; Writing anchor leads; Editing bytes, procuring and editing visuals; Broadcast styles and techniques of writing
- Introduction to TV Production: Television formats-analogue to digital, Portable television camera, Camera Accessories, Lens and Visualization, Camera

#### **Practical**

- Radio news
- Reporting of events and recording of sound bytes
- Recording of voice casts
- Production of bulletins in groups TV news
- Writing, presenting and recording of PTCs
- Copy editing and video editing of news reports
- Writing and recording of voiceovers
- Writing and recording Voice-first news for smart speakers (Alexa, Google)
- Packaging, production of bulletins in groups
- Documentary Production (short)

### **Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

After successful completion of this course, Learners will be able to:

- Analyze the evolution and growth of radio broadcasting in India, and understand technological aspects of radio broadcasting.
- Produce and edit radio content effectively, utilizing sound sourcing and editing techniques to create engaging radio programs.
- Demonstrate practical skills in operating community radio stations, focusing on community engagement and local content creation.
- ❖ Understand TV broadcasting technologies and production workflows, identifying key roles within a TV newsroom environment.
- ❖ Apply principles of visual grammar and production aesthetics in television programming, including camera operations, editing, and presentation skills.

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# **DEVELOPMENT JOURNALISM**

Marks 100: Theory 70, Practical 30

Credit: 4

# **Course Objectives (CO)**

- \* To understand development paradigms and perspectives of media and communication.
- \* To evaluate the roles and contributions of international organizations and NGOs in development.
- ❖ Analyze India's economic, social justice, and environmental development challenges.
- Explore the political and social dimensions of India's social sectors along with governmental programs and social development indices.
- Develop practical skills in developmental journalism and apply reporting techniques across print, broadcast and digital media platforms.

# Unit I

# **Development: Theory and Practice**

- Development Discourse: An overview of different Paradigms and Perspectives: Dominant, Dependency and Participatory
- Development Yardsticks/Indices: Sustainable Development, Human Development, Gender sensitive, Conflict- free, etc.
- Rights-based approach to Media and Development: Right to Information, Right to Free Expression,
- Diversity, multiplicity, participation, accountability, transparency Development and Communication (Rogers, Schramm, etc.)

#### **Unit II**

# **Development Organizations**

- UN organizations, SDGs, Digital Divide, NGOs, Civil Society
- Evaluation of Government/ Public Sector Flagship Programmes, International Policy Initiatives for Developmental Journalism: UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF, Asian Development Banks and Commonwealth of Learning (COL)
- Community and Alternative media
- Communication for National Development

### **Unit III**

# **India's Development Paths and Dilemmas**

• Economic Development and Social Justice:

- Development, Freedom and Opportunity; The Government, the State and the Market; Public Policy and poverty
- Environment and Development: Environmental Issues in the development era; Environmental Governance; Environmental Politics and Issues; Valuing Nature; Environmental Rights, Urbanization Issues, Climate and Disaster Reporting
- Growth, Poverty and Unemployment: Economic Growth in India; Issues of Poverty and Unemployment in contemporary India; Poverty Alleviation and Equality; the Market and Common Goods; Wealth Creation and Distribution

#### **Unit IV**

#### **Social Sector**

- Education and Health as Political Issues:
   Basic Services and Rights; Constitutional Rights; Education, Health and Social Change; India in a Comparative Perspective;
   Liberalization, Market and Basic Services
- Livelihood Issues: Land, Agriculture, Food, Water, Biodiversity, Energy: Livelihood Right
- Agricultural workers and Farmers in India;
   Land, Water and Livelihood; Energy
   and Livelihood; Urban Livelihoods;
   Community Rights
- Gender Issues: Gender equality and social

- progress; Women, Employment and Economic Growth;
- Women and Land Rights; Women: Deprivation and Critical Issues; Women's Movements
- India's Social Development and Government Programmes: A Critical Overview: Social Development: Key Issues; Social Development programmes and their impact; Social Development: A Comparative perspective; Social Development and Reforms; Social Development Index

#### Unit V

# Skills and Techniques for Developmental Journalism

 Developing Story Ideas: Balancing multiple perspectives, different angles, bringing a human-interest angle, looking for qualitative evidence, unsung heroes and sheroes, both criticism and appreciation of development initiatives, Positive/ Constructive Journalism

- SDGs-focused story planning
- Sources for Developmental Stories-Governmental and Non-Governmental Sources such as corporate, non-profits, social entrepreneurs and institutions, Research and Documentation, Interviews and Group Discussions
- Use fo mobile data collection tools for Developmental Stories
- Reporting Skills for Developmental Stories; Tools and Techniques of Reporting and Writing Developmental stories, Safe interviewing of vulnerable groups, Features and Articles for Print, Broadcast and New Media.
- Tracking a story's real-world impact.

#### **Practical**

### **Assignment on Development related issues**

• Each student will have to submit three assignments on Major development Issues in India. The assignments will be of 1500-2000 words each

# **Course Learning Objectives (CLO)**

After successful completion of this course, learners will be able to:

- ❖ Analyze and critique different development paradigms and perspectives.
- Evaluate the roles and impacts of international organizations, NGOs and governmental programs in development.
- ❖ Interpret and explain India's economic and social development challenges.
- Assess the effectiveness of governmental programs and policies in promoting social development and equality.
- ❖ Apply advanced reporting skills and techniques to produce well-researched and balanced developmental stories across various media platforms.

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# **DIGITAL JOURNALISM**

Marks 100: Theory 60, Practical 40

Credit: 4

# **Course Objectives (CO)**

- To understand the fundamental concepts of digital media with an emphasis on navigating and securing the digital landscape.
- To explore the evolution and current trends in online journalism and the use of digital tools for reporting and data analysis.
- To analyze social media policies and practices while understanding the ethical and practical aspects of social media use.
- \* To develop skills in content writing, editing, and management for new media.

#### Unit I

# **Introduction to Digital Media**

- Overview of the Digital Industry
- Introduction to Web-designing: Role of Navigation, Colour, Text, Images, Hyperlinks, Multimedia elements and Interactivity
- Web Content Management System, Wordpress/Joomla
- Real-time analytics dashboards (Chartbeat, Parsely)
- Digital Tools for Journalists (Document Cloud, Overview, Timelines, Wordle, etc.)
- AR storytelling basics (360 video, simple filters)/
- Overview of open-source culture and software, Open-Source Licenses (Creative Commons)
- Security issues in using digital technology Cybercrime, Malware, Phishing and Identity Theft.

- Media literacy
- Misinformation and Disinformation; Misinformation defense (deepfake detection)
- Google news labs- Digital tools
- Computer Assisted Reporting (CAR),
   Open-source data collection and analysis.
- Challenges and opportunities for a newsman: gatekeepers to news guides;
- Awareness regarding techniques of Digital Marketing: News Aggregator: Search Engine Optimization, Search Engine Marketing, Email Marketing and Digital Audience

# **Unit II**

# **Online Journalism**

- Concepts and evolution of Internet as a medium
- Convergence News on the web: newspapers, magazines, radio and TV newscasts on the web
- Changing paradigms of news; emerging news delivery vehicles; job profiles; integrated newsroom
- Application for Journalists: Blogs, Portals, Websites, Social Media platforms, Wikis, etc.
- AI Tools (for transcription, summarization, headline ideas)

#### **Unit III**

# Social Media (SM)/ Policies and Citizen Journalism

- Social Media Policies
- Social networking; Introduction to social profile management products: Meta, LinkedIn.
- Social media publishing- Content writing and Audience: Facebook, Twitter, Threads, Instagram, YouTube, Sound cloud
- How to build and grow a news letter

- How to create a professional profile
- SM Etiquettes. How to write / share content on SM
- Social Media monitoring
- How to use hash tags; Tagging
- Social Collaboration: virtual community, wikis, blogs, instant messaging, collaborative office and crowd sourcing
- Citizen Journalism: Concept, Case studies
- Net Neutrality

# **Unit IV**

# **Content Writing for New Media**

- Overview of Web writing
- Linear vs. nonlinear form
- Writing for the screen vs. writing for print
- Structure of a web report
- Web page writing techniques
- Content writing, editing, reporting and its management

- Web page style, Editing web text
- Storytelling structures that work on the Web
- Content for different delivery vehicles
- Multi-media and interactivity
- Writing with hyperlinks
- Content management & content management systems
- Planning and designing of WebPages, Blogs, e-newspaper, e-magazine

# Workshop

• Workshop on Generative AI tools

#### **Practical**

- Creating and designing content for online platforms, blogs, developing web designs including web version of lab journals.
- Assignments related to fact checking/ online verification
- Writing stories using data

# **Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

After successful completion of this course, learners will be able to:

- ❖ Apply the fundamental concepts of digital media, including web design, content management systems and digital tools.
- Analyze the evolution and current trends in online journalism and demonstrate proficiency in media literacy and fact-checking.
- \* Evaluate social media policies, create and manage professional social media profiles and understand the ethical and practical implications of citizen journalism.
- ❖ Develop and edit content for new media platforms and manage multimedia storytelling using content management systems.
- \* Explore and leverage emerging technologies such as AI, VR and data visualization in journalism and pursue opportunities in digital entrepreneurship.

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