

# **Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous**

## **Journalism**

### **Syllabus for SEMESTER V**

#### **Core Paper V - Media Law and Ethics**

**Theory 48 hours**

**Practical 48 hours**

**Number of Credits: 4**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- To introduce students to legal and ethical issues related to mass media
- To help students gain an understanding of media laws in India and their implications on the profession of Journalism
- To identify and analyze ethical questions pertaining to Journalism

#### **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- Students gain an understanding of laws pertaining to media
- Students gain an analytical knowledge into ethical issues related to media
- Students learn to apply media laws to case studies and evaluate the relative merits and demerits of laws and ethical questions pertaining to media
- Creating an understanding among students about the importance of responsible Journalism which works within the framework of laws and ethics

## Media Law and Ethics

<p><b>Concepts and contemporary practices</b></p> <p><b>UNIT 1 (8 hours)</b> <b>Indian Media and the Constitution:</b> Media Roles, Responsibilities and Privileges - Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy; Media Freedom in a Democracy</p> <p><b>UNIT 2 (10 hours)</b> <b>Indian Media and the State:</b> Parliamentary Privileges and Contempt of Court; Official Secrets Act, Sedition laws, Defamation; Working Journalists Act, Copyright Act, Right to Information</p> <p><b>UNIT 3 (10 hours)</b> <b>Broadcasting Law:</b> Press Council of India, Prasar Bharati Act, Cable TV Network (Regulation) Act, Advertising code, Cinematography Act 1952 and Film Censorship</p> <p><b>UNIT 4 (10 hours)</b> <b>Cyber Law:</b> IT Act of 2000; Amendment of IT Act in 2008; Measures against digital piracy; Social Media and OTT self-regulation</p> <p><b>UNIT 5 (10 hours)</b> <b>Ethical Issues in Indian Media:</b> Code of Ethics, Media Bias, Censorship, Privacy issues, Obscenity, Violence, Hate speech, Fake news and post-truth, Trial by media, Women and Children in media, Pressures on Media Freedom (Political, Commercial, Legal)</p>	<p><b>Continuous critical exercises</b></p> <p>Students are required to work in groups and present case studies pertaining to media law and ethical issues related to media as a part of their assignments</p> <p><i>[This activity helps students insight into real-life ethical issues and applications of media laws.]</i></p> <p>At the end of the semester, students work in groups on a term paper on issues pertaining to media law and ethics under the guidance of a faculty member, who would mentor them and guide them through the process. <i>[This activity helps students gain in-depth understanding of a particular law or ethical consideration and how it affects society, as a whole.]</i></p>
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### End Semester Practical Examination

A viva voce is conducted wherein students present their term paper and are evaluated on the same.

#### References:

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- Media Law and Ethics – M. Neelamalar, Prentice Hall India Learning Private Limited, 2009
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- Journalism Ethics and Regulation (Longman Practical Journalism) - Chris Frost, Third Edition, Longman, 2011