



**Core Paper
MCJ-21103CR**

**Semester 1st
MEDIA ETHICS AND LAWS**

Course Objectives

- To develop basic understanding about laws relating to media so as to create thorough media professionalism
- To understand ethical and moral standards of media professionalism

Learning Outcomes

- To focus on ethical and legal dimensions of issues related to media
- To explore various legal issues and ethical dilemmas that confront media professionals and to know code of ethics of the profession

Unit-I

Ethics in Journalism

Classical Theories of Ethics

Fake News, Post-Truth & Infodemic

SPJ Code of conduct for journalists

Unit-II

Freedom of speech and expression, Restrictions

Officials Secrets Act, RTI

Press Council Act

Cable TV Regulation Act

Unit -III

Film Censorship

Defamation, Contempt of Court, Parliamentary privileges

Working Journalists Act

Information Technology Act 2000

Unit –IV

Ethical consideration in covering crime, violence, rape, HIV/AIDS while interviewing victims

Ethical dilemmas during war reporting

Ethical Challenges Post 9/11, 26/11 attacks & Post-Covid19

Case Studies



Suggested Readings:

- *Merino, N. (2013). Media ethics. Detroit: Greenhaven Press.*
- *Fortner, R. S., & Fackler, M. (2014). The handbook of global communication and media ethics.*
- *Ward, S. J. A., & ebrary, Inc. (2013). Global media ethics: Problems and perspectives. Chichester, West Sussex, U.K: Wiley-Blackwell.*
- *Neelamalar, M. (2017). Media law and ethics.*
- *Moore, R. L., Murray, M. D., Farrell, J. M., & Youm, K. H. (2018). Media law and ethics.*
- *Day, L. A. (2006). Ethics in media communications: Cases and controversies. Southbank (Australia: Thomson Wadsworth.*

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Total Marks: 100 (Term Examination: 80, Continuous Internal Assessment: 20)