



# CLUSTER UNIVERSITY SRINAGAR

UG- 4th Semester (NEP)

Subject: Journalism and Mass Communication

**Course Title: Media Ethics and Laws (CT-01)**

**Course Code: UGJOR22J401**

**Total Credits: 04; (Theory: 03; Tutorial/Practical: 01)**

## Objectives:

- To introduce students to media ethics
- To cultivate a strong ethical foundation applicable to the media profession.
- To foster unbiased and responsible reporting for diverse perspectives.

## Learning outcomes:

- Students will be able to develop critical thinking and strong ethical knowledge of laws.
- Students will be able to navigate the ethical dilemmas encountered by journalists in the field.
- Students will be able to apply ethical principles to real world scenarios.

<b>Unit I</b>	<b>Media and Ethics</b>
	a) Media Ethics- Concept, Meaning b) Relevance and Importance of Media Ethics c) Understanding Ethical Dilemmas in Journalism d) SPJ Code of Ethics
<b>Unit II</b>	<b>Media Laws</b>
	a) Freedom of Speech & Expression in Indian Constitution (Article 19) b) Defamation and its Types, Yellow Journalism c) Media Laws in India: Press and Registration of Books Act 1867, Official Secrets Act 1923 d) Copyright Act 1957, Contempt of Court Act 1971, Right to Information Act 2015 (Amendment 2019)
<b>Unit III</b>	<b>Media Regulations</b>
	a) First & Second Press Commissions in India (recommendations), Press Council of India b) Media Trial; Paid news, Plagiarism c) Fake news- Disinformation vs Misinformation d) Media and Right to Privacy, Sting Operation
<b>Unit IV</b>	<b>Tutorials</b>
	a) Classroom discussion on the importance of ethical journalism b) Group presentations on case studies c) Screening and analysis of relevant documentaries

## Suggested Readings:

- Plaisance, P. L. (2014). Media ethics: Key principles for responsible practice. Sage Publications.
- Thakurta, P. G. (2011). Media ethics: truth, fairness, and objectivity. Oxford University Press.
- Basu, D. D. (2010). Law of the Press. LexisNexis Publication.
- Foreman, G., Biddle, D. R., Lounsberry, E., & Jones, R. G. (2022). The ethical journalist: Making responsible decisions in the digital age. John Wiley & Sons.