

WHAT IS JOURNALISM?

Journalism is the art of investigating and reporting of events which include illustration. The reporting may come in form of documentary, article or in a photo. Journalism is the mirror held to life and the mirror should reflect only what is real. It connects people with the news and through the news to the larger world. It monitors the universe on our behalf.

According to Mencher (1994), he says journalism captures the success, failure, and sadness of daily lives locally, nationally and internationally. He asked that the body of journalism is fact but people are at its very heart.

They give it life, warmth and meaning. What people do, what affects them, what they are involved in, constitute what journalism reports on everyday. Therefore, people shape the direction of destiny of journalism. The purpose of journalism is to make the world a better place for all.

According to Kamath (2008), a professional journalist is the one who is on the pay-roll of a newspaper, magazine, radio or a television station. He reports or he may write feature, editorial or edit a copy. He is known by different names such as reporter, feature writer, news editor etc. The range of work is as wide as the world around him. He may report on crime, law and order, political development, the executive, the legislature, people, fashion, music, drama, indeed whatever makes news. A journalist does more than merely report or edit what others write. He comments and criticises and puts together the news. A journalist must be a specialist. As all he thinks, there is no end to a journalist learning because you will be informing and educating others who heavily rely on the media to be introduced to places and events beyond their immediate world.

Even if Mass Communication and Journalism seem similar, both are entirely different streams. The two are clearly discussed below for easy clarification.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MASS COMMUNICATION AND JOURNALISM

1. Mass Communication deals with the procedure of conveying or transmitting a message to the general population through media like radio, newspapers, magazines, television, internet and so on. However, Journalism is concerned with the compilation and transmission of news through the print media and electronic media.
2. The circulation of information to a wide range of populace remains the key function of mass communications whereas journalism requires investigation and coverage of any incident, occurrence or contemporary affairs, through mass media like the print, television or new media, whereby lots of people all through the world may be able to know what is happening all over the world.
3. Also careers in Mass Communication is a vast sector that comprises of so many branches. Aspirants can study their interesting subjects in mass communication. There are many graduate and postgraduate programs in Mass Communication. Numerous leading educational institutions