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Principles of journalism

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A former correspondent of the associated press of America Wes Gallagher has laid down the following principle,"Journalism requires a discipline of mind. It requires a sympathetic understanding of mankind, and also a cold objective analysis of how mankind meets the problem of this age."

"Facts are sacred ,comment is free."That is what the great editor of the Manchester Guardian,C.P.Scott had said. Facts must not be tampered with. News must not be reported with complete objectivity, without any distortion. A Journalist should not mix news and views.He must be careful enough to clearly distinguish between the two. A well-known American journalist Leonard Silk commenting on the New York Times, wrote:"Everybody talks about the separation of the church and the state, and at The Times church refers to the editorial page and state to the news department.

Maintenance of high professional standards is certainly a major responsibility of the publisher and the editor .

On the one hand journalists ought to be vigilant to safeguard the freedom of the press and on the other they must see that this freedom is used and never misused, that they always act with a great sense of responsibility.

Role of Journalists:

According to prof.JohnHohenberg ,a journalist should stick to the following four ideals:

- 1.He should imbibe a never-ending search for the truth.
- 2.He should be able to meet needs of the changing times,instead of waiting to be overtaken by them.
- 3.He should be able to perform services of some consequence and significance to mankind.
- 4.He should maintain a steadfast independence.

Hence, a journalist is an important unit of the democratic system in our country. He is supposed to gather facts, organize them and disseminate them to the masses. He also explains the significance of the facts and offers opinions on contemporary issues. He is expected to comment on matters of public interest in a fair,accurate, unbiased, sober, decent and responsible manner.