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Topic:Responsibilities of Journalists :

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The press is no doubt an industry, a business, but with a difference.what is published in newspapers and magazines, conditions the minds of readers, men and women,children, adolescents and adults .Journalists,therefor

e,have some social obligations. They must act with a profound sense of responsibility towards the society. The responsibilities

of a journalist are many and varied.His primary duty is to serve his readers through fair,positive and timely information in a palatable,digestible and entertaining format. He must give special attention to the deprived and the weaker sections of society and try to involve them in the country 's process of development. He must act as a harbinger of social change.

Heads of journalist's responsibilities:

1.Social: The social responsibility of journalists is of paramount importance. It is now well recognized that "journalism is the mirror of society." The journalist acts as a spokesman of mankind. He must therefore, provide a truthful, comprehensive and intelligent account of the events in a context that gives meaning.

2Legal: publication of baseless,graceless and manipulated material should be avoided at all costs in order to safeguard yourself and your organization from the legal clutches. A journalist must be well aware of the various laws relating to the press such as official secret's Act Copyright Act, he must always act within the limits of the law and never infringe them.

3.Professional: Besides social and legal obligations, journalists have certain professional obligations to honour.

A journalist is expected to have his commitment to his profession. He must strictly adhere to the accepted professional norms. He has to know the limits within which to 0operate.whether working as a

reporter,sun editor, editorial writer or whatever else,he must keep his biases at bay and should endeavor to be fair and balanced in the projection of news and views.

It is to say that the most important responsibilities of a professional journalist is to ensure that in hurry and haste,accuracy in the language is not sacrificed. Avoiding of errors in the language is as much essential as avoiding of errors in the content.