



Role of media and handling of internal security issues

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Introduction : Media, the means of communication that reaches or influences people widely has a significant place in the statecraft machinery especially in the age of information revolution. It is the source of information for a

society regarding any issue be it local, regional or global, people rely and even trust on what is presented to them by media. Therefore, this dimension / value of media increases its significance as an influential and instrumental tool with regards to building confidence or promoting mistrust among people on issues related to national security. This significance of media can be witnessed at the times of crisis of national level. It turns out to be evident that governments desperately need enhanced media support for projection of their clear stance and moral dominance.

Any communication channel through which any kind of information, news, entertainment, education, data, promotional messages etc. can be disseminated is called media. Media could be broadly classified as:

1. Print Media (newspapers, magazines, books, etc.)
2. Electronic Media (news websites, social networking sites, mass SMS schemes, television, internet, radio, cinema etc.) Besides there are many other forms of mass communication which can't be classified in either of the above forms like various forms of dances etc.

Principles governing media : The experience of freedom of press with the British made our founding fathers realize its importance and hence it was included in the constitution in the form of freedom of speech and expression as articulated in the constitution in Article 19(1) a.



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