

# Express with Ease: Students Speak. Journalism in Democracy.

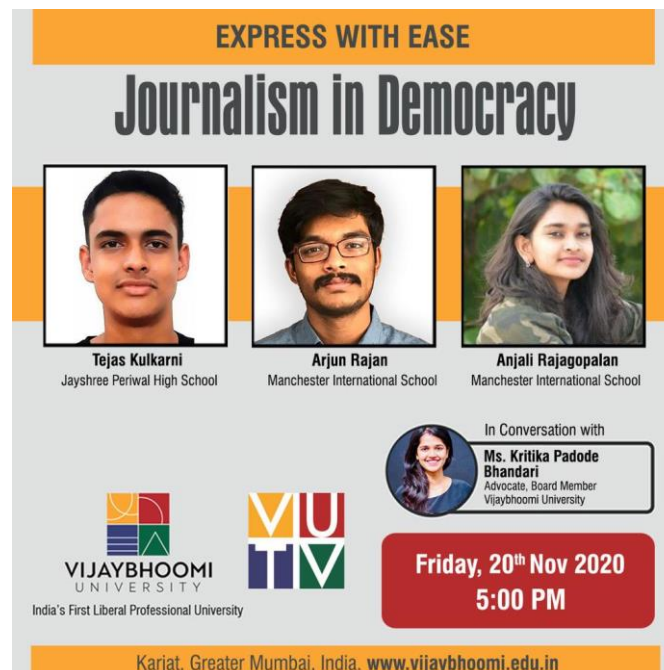
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*Main  
Takeaway*

**Media has been no exception to corruption- Twisted ethics and erased principles are all that is left.**


## Introduction

VUTV is proud to announce a brand new episode of the series "Express with Ease" on the topic- 'Journalism in Democracy'. Is the democratic functioning of journalism under threat in India? Is freedom of speech being subjected to unreasonable restrictions? In the last 30-40 years there have been numerous situations where journalists have been threatened or harassed or detained. Are the press and politics getting inextricably linked in our country? We will be discussing this and more with our student panelists in this episode on 20th November at 5.00 pm.




**EXPRESS WITH EASE**


## Journalism in Democracy



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*Takeaway* **Learnings**

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- Constructive criticism, creating awareness through news, and analysing from different viewpoints are the three principal roles of Journalism in a Democracy. Healthier elections and voting processes are the outcomes.
- Media in India is selectively objective; Influenced by economic and political powers, leading to paid and biased media.
- The only difference between a monarchy and democracy is the objectivity of its press.
- The rudimentary function of Journalism is to report facts for people to develop opinions. Nowadays, they propagate judgments forcing people to adopt those views.
- The medium poses no problem; it is the presentation that adulterates the message.
- Political parties now own media houses that make it impossible for unbiased news.
- Sensationalism and focus on one story to entertain people for TRP is what drives media. However, creativity, on the other hand, puts an individualistic touch without forsaking accuracy.
- Practices of Ethical journalism promote well-being in a country. Eliminating jargon and increasing accessibility should be the focus of such endeavours.
- Journalism, as a profit-driven business, hurts democracy in a country.
- Some new-age sources of information are Twitter, Tumblr, Instagram, and YouTube.
- Schools have begun to build integrity in their students through various interventions such as debates, researches, Newspapers in Education (NiEs), and others that include students in the process of learning.

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## Speakers

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