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PREFACE


The realm of Arts contains an enormous range of ideas, theories, perceptions, interpretations, critical analysis etc. Keeping this in view, as to make it helpful for the learners of GEMS Arts and Science College, this book titled "Casket Literaria" on Arts analyses a variety of subjects in the best way helping the Learners or faculties art related Research Works and thereby the future course of their Life. This venture can, indeed, ensure an advanced level of supports with selected subjects coming under the Purview of Arts.

Casket Literaria is a collection of varied articles of the well experienced faculties which published under the strict scrutiny of the Expert Committee appointed by the Management Governing Council. Hence quality and relevance on the content of the book have been ensured. The contents includes Social issues, Literature, Creativity, analytical study, views and previews on different matters and so on. Special care also has given to keep the entries correct with the incessant change being taken place in the day today life of the society. Besides, this edition has equally considered the new google generated Era's nature and scope in Art works.

Indeed Art, like life itself, opens the unfathomable depth of the possibilities for any learner or researcher of the coming future as well.

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THE ROLE OF CITIZEN JOURNALISM IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

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ABSTRACT

In a democratic society, citizen journalism plays a critical role, which is examined in this article. Ordinary people have started to take an active role in news reporting and dissemination thanks to the development of digital technology and the broad accessibility of mobile devices and social media platforms. Citizen journalism gives people the opportunity to record and distribute news in real time, democratizing the media landscape and fostering openness, responsibility, and a diversity of viewpoints.

The article emphasizes the advantages and disadvantages of citizen journalism. It looks at how citizen journalists fill in the gaps left by traditional journalists by covering regional and specialized news that is frequently ignored by mainstream media. Additionally, it talks about how quickly and instantly citizen reporting allows for real-time coverage of breaking news events. Citizen-generated content raises issues with legitimacy, verification, and the possibility of misrepresentation, though. The essay also emphasizes how crucial it is for professional news organizations and citizen journalists to work together. Collaboration improves citizen-generated content's trustworthiness and quality through contextualization and verification. Additionally, it forges a mutually beneficial connection that encourages responsible reporting and adherence to journalistic principles. Finally, citizen journalism promotes openness, accountability, and public participation in a democratic society. It mobilizes social movements, amplifies



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the voices of the underrepresented, and challenges established power systems. However, to ensure the accuracy and credibility of citizen-generated news material, responsible practices such as fact-checking, verification, and adherence to ethical principles are required.

INTRODUCTION

Citizen journalism has become a powerful force reshaping the media landscape and playing a significant role in a democratic society in the digital age. Since the introduction of mobile devices, social media platforms, and simple internet access, regular people have taken an active role in news reporting and dissemination. By enabling people to capture and share news events in real-time, citizen journalism offers an alternate and frequently more varied perspective to traditional media.

This article's goal is to examine and emphasize the important part that citizen journalism plays in a democratic society. It looks at how citizen journalists may gather and distribute news items more quickly than ever before because of their smartphones and social media profiles. Through the democratization of news production, barriers have been removed and those who were previously silenced or marginalized have been given a voice.


Citizen journalists fill in gaps in traditional media coverage by concentrating on local stories, drawing attention to topics that may be missed by mainstream news organizations. They bring attention to local issues, grassroots initiatives, and socially significant tales that could otherwise go ignored. By doing this, citizen journalists significantly contribute to the promotion of accountability, transparency, and public participation.

The advent of citizen journalism, however, raises questions about the credibility and integrity of the material being distributed. Verification and fact-checking are becoming increasingly important in preserving the integrity of citizen-generated material. Collaboration between citizen journalists and professional news organizations can assist address these concerns by providing resources and expertise in verification and contextualization.

Finally, citizen journalism has the potential to revive

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democracy by broadening the range of voices and opinions heard in public debate. It promotes civic participation, questions current power systems, and holds institutions accountable. This article will look at the potential and challenges that citizen journalism presents, emphasizing the importance of responsible practices in order for it to continue to have a beneficial impact on a democratic society.

Empowering the Public: Rise of Citizen Journalism

The rise of citizen journalism suggests an entire shift in the media landscape, allowing the general public to actively participate in the creation and transmission of news and information. Ordinary people now have the ability to report, analyse, and share news stories, presenting alternative perspectives and challenging established media gatekeeping, thanks to the advancement of digital technologies and social media platforms. Citizen journalists use local knowledge, personal experiences, and digital tools to capture and share real-time events, discover hidden stories, and hold those in power accountable. This grassroots movement democratizes information flow, diversifies news sources, and cultivates a more involved and educated populace, shaping the relationship between news consumers and producers.

- **Filling the Gap**

Complementing Traditional Journalism

Citizen journalism enhances traditional journalism by filling gaps in coverage and presenting an improved understanding of events. While traditional journalism is frequently restricted by limited resources and editorial priorities, citizen journalists can step in to cover local stories, neglected populations, or underreported concerns. They bring a variety of perspectives and first-hand experiences to the table, providing a more nuanced knowledge of complex topics. Citizen journalists are also important in breaking real-time news, collecting and distributing film or reports of events before formal journalists arrive. Their contributions complement traditional journalism by increasing accessibility, enabling accountability, and



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improving conversation among people. They work together to build a more robust and inclusive media ecosystem.

- **Opportunities and Challenges of Citizen Journalism**

There are opportunities and difficulties related to the growth of citizen journalism. On the one hand, citizen journalism presents chances for further media landscape democratic change. It enables people to actively take part in news reporting and distribution, giving voice to marginalised groups and providing alternate viewpoints. Citizen journalists can also identify news that established media may hand over, enhancing the scope and variety of the information ecosystem. However, there are other limitations. Since untrained journalists can lack the resources and training that professional journalists do, information verification becomes extremely important. It might be challenging to uphold ethical values and keep biases at distant. In addition, there are significant issues to be addressed with the transmission of false information and possible risks to one's own safety. Overall, citizen journalism offers exciting opportunity but needs thoughtful planning and ethical behaviour.

- **Collaborative Approach: Citizen Journalists and Professional News Organizations**

The rise of citizen journalism indicates a major shift in the media landscape, allowing the general public to actively participate in the creation and transmission of news and information. Ordinary people now have the ability to report, analyse, and share news stories, presenting alternative perspectives and challenging traditional journalistic gatekeeping, mainly to the advancement of digital technologies and social media platforms. Citizen journalists use local knowledge, personal experiences, and digital tools to capture and share real-time events, discover hidden stories, and hold those in power accountable. This grassroots movement simplifies information flow, diversifies news sources, and cultivates a more involved and educated populace, altering the relationship between news consumers and producers.

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- **Impact on Democracy and Civic Engagement**

Citizen journalism has an important influence on democracy and civic engagement. Citizen journalism supports democratic principles by allowing individuals to actively participate in the production and distribution of news. It promotes an informed and involved citizenry by allowing people to use their right to free expression, voice their opinions, and participate in public debate. Citizen journalists focus their attention on local concerns, grassroots movements, and neglected points of view, supporting media inclusivity and diversity. They hold individuals in positions of authority accountable, highlight corruption, and promote honesty. Citizen journalism promotes civic responsibility and activism, hence driving social change and affecting public opinion. Finally, it strengthens democracy by increasing access to information and increasing active citizen participation.

CONCLUSION

The function of citizen journalism is critical in a democratic society. It acts as a catalyst for transparency, accountability, and citizen engagement. Citizen journalism allows people to actively participate in the development and transmission of news, reducing the gap between news providers and consumers. Ordinary individuals can report on events, share personal experiences, and offer different viewpoints by using modern technologies and social media platforms.

One of citizen journalism's most important contributions is its ability to fill gaps in traditional journalism. It focuses on local stories, marginalised populations, and underreported concerns that are frequently overlooked by mainstream media. This broadening of news sources and opinions broadens the public's awareness of difficult issues and creates a more inclusive media ecosystem. Also, citizen journalism acts as a watchdog, holding people in positions of power accountable. Citizen journalists have the potential to expose corruption, show injustices, and question created narratives. Their grassroots reporting can shed light on crucial social and political concerns that established media channels may overlook. This helps to create a better

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informed citizenry, allowing people to make more informed decisions and actively engage in democratic processes.

However, citizen journalism cannot be without its difficulties. Because citizen journalists may lack the expertise and resources of professional journalists, ensuring the accuracy and security of information becomes important. Also, the spread of misinformation and the possibility for personal safety challenges are issues that must be addressed. Finally, citizen journalism is critical in a democratic society. It empowers individuals, develops honesty, and encourages engagement in society. Citizen journalism supplements traditional journalism by broadening the breadth of news coverage, promoting various viewpoints, and making those in power accountable. Responsible methods, cooperation among professional news organisations, and attempts to verify important are necessary to fully realise its potential. Accepting citizen journalism as a necessary component of the media landscape can help to promote democracy and generate more educated and active citizens.




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