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AGEXT 321

Agricultural Journalism

3(2+1)*

Theory

Part – I

Agricultural Journalism: The nature and scope of agricultural journalism characteristics and training of the agricultural journalist, how agricultural journalism is similar to and different from other types of journalism. Newspapers and magazines as communication media: Characteristics; kinds and functions of newspapers and magazines, characteristics of newspaper and magazine readers. Form and content of newspapers and magazines: Style and language of newspapers and magazines, parts of newspapers and magazines.

Part – II

The agricultural story: Types of agricultural stories, subject matter of the agricultural story, structure of the agricultural story. **Gathering agricultural information:** Sources of agricultural information, interviews, coverage of events, abstracting from research and scientific materials, wire services, other agricultural news sources. **Writing the story:** organizing the material, treatment of the story, writing the news lead and the body, readability measures. **Illustrating agricultural stories:** Use of photographs, use of artwork (graphs, charts, maps, etc.), writing the captions. **Editorial mechanics:** Copy reading, headline and title writing, proofreading, lay outting.

Practical

Practice in interviewing. Covering agricultural events. Abstracting stories from research and scientific materials and from wire services. Writing different types of agricultural stories. Selecting pictures and artwork for the agricultural story. Practice in editing, copy reading, headline and title writing, proofreading, lay-outting. Testing copy with a readability formula. Visit to a publishing office.

Lecture Schedule:Theory

S.N.	Topic	No.of Lectures
1.	Agricultural Journalism: The nature and scope of agricultural journalism characteristics and training of the agricultural journalist	3

2.	How agricultural journalism is similar to and different from other types of journalism	2
3.	Newspapers and magazines as communication media	1
4.	Characteristics; kinds and functions of newspapers and magazines	2
5.	Characteristics of newspaper and magazine readers	2
6.	Form and content of newspapers and magazines	1
7.	Style and language of newspapers and magazines	1
8.	Parts of newspapers and magazines	2
9.	The agricultural story: Types of agricultural stories	2
10.	Subject matter of the agricultural story, structure of the agricultural story	2
11.	Gathering agricultural information: Sources of agricultural information	2
12.	Interviews, coverage of events, abstracting from research and scientific materials, wire services, other agricultural news sources	2
13.	Writing the story: organizing the material, treatment of the story	2
14.	Writing the news lead and the body, readability measures	2
15.	Illustrating agricultural stories	2
16.	Use of photographs, use of artwork (graphs, charts, maps, etc.)	2
17.	Writing the captions. Editorial mechanics: Copy reading, headline and title writing, proofreading, lay outing	2

Lecture Schedule:Practical

S.N.	Topic	No.of Lectures
1.	Practice in interviewing. Covering agricultural events	2
2.	Abstracting stories from research and scientific materials and from wire services	3
3.	Writing different types of agricultural stories	2
4.	Selecting pictures and artwork for the agricultural story	2
5.	Selecting pictures and artwork for the agricultural story	2
6.	Practice in editing, copy reading, headline and title writing, proofreading, lay-outing	3
7.	Testing copy with a readability formula. Visit to a publishing office	2

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