

Media today has lost its moral compass. Do you agree? Elucidate.

Media is often touted as the fourth pillar of Indian democracy. Although innumerable media houses continue to operate in India, over the years there can be seen a general deterioration in the ways they function and in the manner they perform their responsibilities.

1) Contrary to doing responsible journalism and bringing to fore the real and core problems that the country is facing, many electronic media houses are running a host of programmes which are just supposed to appeal the viewers and keep them glued to their channels; improving their TRPs and raising their profitability have become their prime concern.

Comment [D1]: Sentence?

2) Off late many paid media channels have emerged. Some of them are controlled by the big business houses and corporate world. Serving their interest has replaced independent journalism as their main motive.

Comment [D2]: Put a comma after off late.

Comment [D3]: Their masters' interests would have been better.

Comment [D4]: It should be in plural.

3) Almost all the media houses remain politically inclined towards one or other political parties, groups and beliefs. This lack of neutrality cost the country heavily and their biases and prejudices gets clearly visible in their uncalled-for appreciation/criticism of the government moves.

Comment [D5]: Either another or the other

Comment [D6]: costs

4) Some loopholes in the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 regarding the definition of 'Editor' have led to the foreigners owning many media houses in India (completely or partially). Such media persons seem to serve their vested interests and fail to take moral high grounds, be responsible and patriotic, and cover issues which really affect India's interests.

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Comment [D8]: Which?

5) Print media in general and regional & local newspapers in particular have become heavily dependent on the advertisement, majority of which comes through government route. They don't dare do genuine and constructive criticisms of the government moves for that will negatively impact their earning and profitability.

6) Lately many digital news channels have mushroomed which just publish false, fake and fabricated news without vouching for their authenticity. Some of them tend to incite public violence too by their reporting on sensitive issues like love jihad, communal clashes, dalit atrocities, etc.

Comment [D9]: Put a comma after lately.

Comment [D10]: This point might have been merged with point 2. At least it should have come just after point 2.

Comment [D11]: Put a fullstop.

All in all, media can be widely seen nowadays losing its moral compass. Despite enjoying 'Freedom of Press' from the Constitution, they have failed to leverage it to effectively perform their duties. It's high time attempts should be made to suitably regulate media and eliminate the malpractices and irregularities therein to make it responsible, unbiased, independent, and moral.

You have forgot to mention the other side of the picture-the media houses that are fighting to safeguard their neutrality and objectivity. In that case, the answer will become lopsided.