

BACHELOR DEGREE IN JOURNALISM AND DIGITAL MEDIA (BAJDM/BAFJDM)

Assignment: 2025-2026

Course Codes

**BNM021, BNM022,
BNM023, BNM024,
BNM025, BNM026
BNM027, BNM028
BNM029 & BNM030**

Last Date of Submission of Assignments to the Study Centre

For December TEE - September 30, 2025

For June TEE - March 31, 2025



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Dear Learner,

You must submit one Assignment in each of the eight theory course of the First Year BAJDM programme. The last date of submission is given against each Assignment. Please note that you have to submit these assignments to the **Coordinator of your Study Centre** within the stipulated time to be eligible to appear in the term-end examination.

You must mention your **Enrolment Number, Name, Address, Assignment Code and Study Centre Code** on the first page of the Assignment. You must obtain and retain a **receipt from the Study Centre** for the assignments submitted. It would be advisable to retain a photocopy of the assignments with you.

After evaluation, the Centre will send the marks obtained by you to SED at IGNOU, New Delhi.

Guidelines for doing Assignments

Attempt all questions given in each of the assignments as instructed. You will find it helpful to keep the following points in mind:

Planning: First, read the study material carefully, attend teleconferencing sessions and interactive radio counselling sessions conducted for the programme; if required, you can obtain details from the Study Centre/Regional Centre, and then read the assignments carefully. Go through the units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.

Organisation: Draw a rough outline of your answer. Be analytical in selecting the information for your answer. Give adequate attention to the introduction and the conclusion. Make sure that the answer:

- is logical and coherent;
- has a proper flow of information in sentences and paragraphs; and
- is written correctly, giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation.

Presentation: Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly.

With best wishes,

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BNM-021: Introduction to Journalism and Digital Media

Assignment 01

31st March 2025 / 30th September 2025

(Due Date: Please check the website for the latest update on the due date)

Assignment Code: BNM-021 / Jan25/July 25

Maximum Marks: 100

Note: Answer all FIVE questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Explain how digital media supports democratic participation. Discuss the challenges digital media faces in this role. Cite relevant examples. (500 words | 20 marks)
2. Define the concept of citizen journalism. Analyse its advantages and limitations in comparison to traditional journalism practices, providing examples. (500 words | 20 marks)
3. Examine how social media platforms contribute to social movements and awareness campaigns. Provide examples from global and Indian contexts. (500 words | 20 marks)
4. Answer the following: (250 words | 10 marks each)
 - a. Explain the socio-economic, technological, and educational factors contributing to the digital divide.
 - b. List the initiatives undertaken by the Indian government to promote digital literacy and bridge the digital divide.
5. Write short notes on any FIVE of the following: (150 words | 5 x 4 = 20 marks)
 - A. Gatekeeping in Journalism
 - B. Digital Storytelling
 - C. Media Convergence
 - D. Ethical Challenges in AI Journalism
 - E. Open Data Movement
 - F. Right to be Forgotten
 - G. Virtual Communities
 - H. Role of Algorithms in News Feed Curation
 - I. Big Data in Media Research
 - J. Crowdsourcing in Journalism