

The background features a large, abstract geometric composition of overlapping triangles in various colors including orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, and pink. A faint, light-colored circular pattern is visible behind the main shapes. The overall aesthetic is modern and artistic.

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM



What if the opportunities in the fields of education, today, receded? What if employment itself as a whole, got dismissed on this date? Or foreign nationals claimed and enforced their rights and dominion over us, as a people? But today, beholding the legacy and an invaluable and unparalleled gift, from the ones who bartered their lives in lieu of it are we, the independent citizens of India. Seldom do we ponder on what is given to us, rather bestowed upon from the magnanimous sacrifices of our heroes, and the unending capacity of this hard-earned independence that is now embodied within the chances, choices and empowerment of our fellow citizens.

And yet, with sixty seven years of independence gone by, we still ask ourselves, are we really free?

As we narrow down our perspective in this compelling question, to the educational options open to us, the freedom to follow our will against societal odds, and the quality of schooling and learning, a myriad of examples come to mind that speak for the notion. And the first to strike the mind, is our own, our home, our SLS.

August, thus, establishes itself as a time of hoisting the national flag and celebrating every breath of freedom we inhale, while paying homage to the gallantry of men and women, who fought for it, and just as closely, also enlivening the spirit of SLS itself with a resounding celebration of its Foundation Day. What SLSence, as we call it proudly, does, is incredible too; rendering a sense of belongingness to its students coupled with responsibility and



recognition springing from the long list of events initiated, managed and made successful, all by the students of SLS. The two-day celebration indeed captures what Liberal Arts, an otherwise difficult- to-be-explained-to-laymen stream, is all about. The freedom to take rational decisions, to manage every single resource, to blend academics and fun, culture and innovation, and to pull it off successfully together in the end, as one big family is what the very core of SLS radiates.

Maiden events like the Psychology Symposium and the Economics Conclave, reflected, once more, that SLS strives to take the reservoirs of knowledge to a new level altogether. Compiling these and other events was an enjoyable ride for us, and we at Mirror, while humming happy songs of freedom and glory, hope to see you do the same as you flip through this issue.

Psychology Symposium

August 1 - 100 Years of Psychology

On the 1st of August, the First Psychology Symposium on Society, Career and Relevance in Everyday Life was held in PDPU. The event was initiated and organized by the Department of Psychology, School of Liberal Studies (SLS). Some of the eminent names in the field of psychology graced the event with their presence and gave the students valuable inputs on various topics of psychology.

The chief guest, Dr. S.L. Vaya, Director (Research and Design), Raksha Shakti University, chaired the panel discussion that was co-chaired by Dr. Jyotsna Yagnik, Retd. High Court Judge currently Director, School of Law, United World and Dr. Sunil Shukla, Head of the Centre for Entrepreneurship, Education and Research at EDI.

The panel discussion established the evolution of Psychology as a study of mind to the study of behavior and spoke about the various sub-categories of the field of psychology. Psychology and Sociology being the two strong pillars of the society, guided the discussion towards crime on women, the critical legal issues, the attitude and perception behind stigmatized topics of society, anti-social behavior and the need for emergence of pro-social behavior of people.

The students of psychology conducted an elaborate personality test on all the participants and were given assessed individual reports which were later explained by the faculty members, Dr. Ritu Sharma and Dr. Neeta Sinha, to the participants. Additionally, interactive activities were conducted to demonstrate psychological concepts such as reaction time, memory etc.

The second half of the day consisted a panel discussion on careers in psychology. The panel was chaired by Dr. Pestonjee, Chair Professor, GSPCL and was co-chaired by Dr. Kamayani Mathur, Assis-

tant Professor, Gujarat University and Dr. Madhu Singh, Assistant Professor at Calorx Foundation.

The discussion progressed with initially defining the various fields and careers in psychology. Special emphasis was laid on the need for rehabilitation psychology and education psychology to be established as courses. Sports Psychology was identified as an untapped resource as well. The peripheral topics that were discussed were Attrition rates and changes in the value system which must be taken into account.

The event catered to a large audience from different colleges and schools from around the city like Ekalavya, MGIS, L.D Arts College, B.J. Medical College and Xavier's College. The event threw light on various aspects of psychology and was an enriching experience for the audience.

-Neha Gurudatt



Independence Day Celebration

Independence Day, the widely celebrated advent was much awaited in the Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University since the month of August began. Preparations for the ceremony that went on for days were flawlessly executed on the day of 15th August.

The occasion of the Independence Day was celebrated with great pomp and show this year in PDPU, like every year. The ceremony commenced at 9 am with the flag hoisting event honored by the Director General, Dr. Banik. It was followed by an energetic and well synchronized parade by the cadets of NCC. Next, a speech throwing light on the significance of the advent and portraying the present day importance of "Desh Prem" in one's life was given. A poem and a song further added to the splendor of the ceremony. A mesmerizing group song was performed by the new batch of SLS which included the songs followed by a dance performance. The performance was a splendid blend of the Indian Folk, Indian Classical, Contemporary, and the Western Style. The surroundings echoed when the ceremony moved to the melody "Ab Tumhare Hawale Watan Sathiyo" by the members of Offbeat, the music club of PDPU.

The ceremony saw immense participation by the faculty as well as students of the university. Many gave their feedback saying that they experienced goose bumps while the melodies were being performed. Several regarded the parade to be one of best parades ever seen live and the cheerful faces of the guests said it all.

-Meenal Kaushik

Clean & Clear Fresh Face Fiesta

Entertainment is an art gifted to some but an acquired talent over the years with conviction and perfection can do the thing too. Talent, confidence and face define the Ahmedabad Times Clean and Clear Fresh Face 2014 that was held in Performing Arts room at the PDPU campus. It was a vibrant event with many shades of youth that reflected passion, enthusiasm, and lively spirits.

Rohit Joshi, the host of the event was a great entertainer with an amazing witty persona. From easing off the participants and keeping the audiences in splits, he made the event a true hit. It was a complete dandy and glossy event with panelists from varied areas of the theatre and art industry.

The university students exhibited their talents in various categories like acting which included some serious drama, comedy and detailed form of theatre performances apart from singing, instrumentals and dancing. The performances received many cheerful accolades and appreciation. There were rap songs, portrayal of "NavRas", and peppy dance numbers with confident and glamorous ramp walks. The event was an absolute talent exhibition that thoroughly entertained everyone.

-Aayushi Choraria

SLSense 2014

SLSense. Just the thought of it, sends waves of curiosity and excitement down your entire body. You are desperate to know more about it. You picture everything your imagination can fathom, and you're awestruck. And all this is coming from a fresher.

SLS itself is such an incredible institution, that it makes the thought of SLSense, its foundation day celebration, even more exciting.

So what even happened on a certain August the 24th? The birth of the legendary Paulo Coelho in 1947? Yeah yeah. And? Sometime more recent? Say, 2009? The School of Liberal studies; Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University came into existence. It has been an epic odyssey, from being just another college offering just another degree, to being The School Of Liberal Studies, one of the best in its field in the country. Proud moment being an SLSite.

This year's SLSense saw the newest batch of a staggering 180 students, or better yet, 180 SLSites; c'mon. Babies in the first grade are 'students'. The event kicked off in grandeur, starting with the formal inaugural ceremony. SLSites ranging from the batch of '11 to the batch of '14 were seen donning outfits of colours numerous. Unfamiliar faces met, stranger hearts connected, magic happened. SLSense had begun.

One of the first events was 'Real Ad-Venture, a treat for all our marketing and advertising enthusiasts. I must say, the market competition is cut-throat these days! Along with this, we saw 'The Poster Minister', the public administration event, and Lingo Badlingo, the translation event. Heh, talk about studying Level 1 Japanese and French for starters.

No event, and I'll say it again, NO festival in India can claim to be a blockbuster if it lacks even a tinge

of sport in it. Keeping that in mind, fresher SLSites were introduced to, wait for it, Leg Cricket! The passion of our favourite sport with the dynamism of football! What a match. Everybody is already looking forward to next year's SLSense! All four batches had their teams, and the competitions were fair and fun. Now we know who to select for the football team!

Chitrakatha and Imaginaerum, a treat for all the readers and writers, also took place during the Leg Cricket event. Imaginaerum, the creative writing event, was considered one of the best platforms for recognising and developing young writers. The event saw immense participation, where the writers were shown three totally random pictures, and were given an hour to write. Boy, we have the people ready to fill the SLS Mirror offices!

Whose line is it anyway? SLSites always enjoy having a good laugh. And what's better than people doing improvisational comedy, AND a song?! SLSense saw a host of new events gain popularity, one of them being the improvisational comedy contest, based on the immensely popular show hosted by Drew Carey, starring Wayne Brady, 'Whose Line Is It Anyway?'. Preeti Das, faculty of Mass Communication, was the judge, who, an expert in improvisation, introduced a 'Round 2', to take the contest to the next level. Kudos to that!! Talk about improvisation! Participants were in sublime form, delivering rib-tickling fits of laughter. There were improve participants who won, and a totally obscure talent was discovered at SLS. Here's to hoping that this goes BOOM and reaches unforeseen heights!

Sketchoscope, the sketching event, saw numerous artists turn to their brushes and pencils, to create dazzling masterpieces of art. NO Brain NO Gain, the psychology event, was aimed at all the prodigies SLS

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boasts about. An event full of mind games and memory, this sure will carry on and pick up pace.

Surletage, the monologue and soliloquy event saw five power packed performances, with Pratik Thakkar and Karan Pala emerging victors.

Everybody were having the time of their lives. At sunset, the SLS Talent Evening started. Talent? SLS? A sure-fire connection. All seated in the massive auditorium, SLSites and faculty saw performances they could only imagine. From the contrasting ramp walk to Shashwat Khatri's crowd-silencing monologue, to the Hostel Boys' 80's showstopper, the freshers delivered majestically. Contenders for 'Fresher of the year' were ready to go all guns on the big stage, and so they did. Dances and songs ranging from traditional to western, and a beautifully mastered belly dancing by Kanchi Undevia left the audience in a trance. Eklavya Shetty was awarded the coveted Mr. Fresher tag, and Moksha Pillai, Ms. Fresher. The first day of the mind boggling extravaganza came to an end, leaving everybody asking for more.

The second day at SLSense saw another round of contests and events, involving every SLSite, making it their day, their SLSense. Events like Dip-lowmacy, the international relations event attracted interest from lots of IR majors, and a few curious freshers.

I'm pretty sure you all are amazed out of your wits by now. But hold on, as the high functioning sociopath and his calmer sidekick inspired deduction event, Just Deduce It breaks on to the stage. Twenty teams participated to solve the mystery of a murder of a college student. Scared, fellow college student? Don't be. Six teams came up with solid conclusions. How do you think somebody will even touch you after hearing about this? Elementary,

Watson.

Hey! Talk about murder and shooting, ever heard of a single shot movie? Yep, you read that right! People contested for the winner's place as they got their DSLRs and mobiles ready to film a movie in one continuous shot. Creativity was brimming, and movies were filming, as the judges watched in awe. Old friends met, freshers saw graduate SLSites, as interaction with alumni ensued. Alumni had a good nostalgic trip here, as they talked to us, reminiscing old times here.

Following the mass communication event for the 3rd and 4th year students on a majority, the famous Tug of war and the arm wrestling event took place, sending SLS into a tizzy. Strengths were showcased as the youngsters fought for deserved victory. To the participants, the friendly event was more than that. It was a proving ground, the sports.

SLSense immersed the auditorium for yet another evening, into the world of dance, drama, and music. There were dance performances. Beautifully choreographed, batch by batch, the place, the people, were mesmerized. The dancers literally owned the stage. Hearts were won.

SLS '11 was in it's final year, and emotions ensued. There were group dances and pictures with the faculty. But this is not a goodbye. It shall never be called one. It is just a journey you embark upon, before one fine day, you look back, with a desire to come home, come into the world of SLS; with a desire to come back to 'SLS ki Duniya'. And know, that we, the family at PDP, at SLS, will be waiting for the homecoming of our warriors, of our heroes.

It is never a goodbye.

-Kuber Padia.

(With inputs from: Sridhar Iyer, Aakar Amin, Meenal Kaushik, Rupangi Shah, Shashank Sridharan, Simran Bhatia)

Audit Course Self-Defense Training

School of Liberal Studies organized a seven day "Self Defence Training" program, as a part of the audit course for its first year students from 2nd of August to 8th August, 2014. This training was headed by and carried out under the "Gandhinagar District Police Force"-one of the most elite police forces in India. The police force has taken several measures to protect the safety of women by empowering them through the "Suraksha Setu"-Self Defence training, and by creating women police squads, thereby giving women a chance to take a stand and prove their mettle to the society.

The introductory session had Inspector Praveen Valera and Inspector Meenakshi Patel briefing the students about the need for caution as well as psychological and mental preparedness for dealing with difficult situations in life. All the students thoroughly enjoyed the questionnaire session and managed to amaze the inspectors with their clarity of thought and in-depth analysis of the society we live in.

In the following days, the head trainer, Mr. Pragnesh Mesariya along with his team demonstrated various attacks and techniques that could help us turn the tables in an assault situation. He also explained the various vital points of the human body which could be targeted. He taught the students to manage their emotions, gauge the situation and decide upon the necessary reaction. He encouraged the fairer sex to use their 'seventh' sense in times of distress and chart out a mental plan of the situation, so that they are better equipped to deliver the attack and snatch those '30 seconds' of freedom from the assaulter.

The students enthusiastically reciprocated sir's energy by demonstrating various situations an individual may face, and by applying the techniques

taught by him. The last three days dealt with an in-depth analysis of such situations, and ways to prevent an assault. The entire class was split into groups which were then made to challenge each other, by describing situations and offering suitable solutions. These useful sessions enabled every student to enter into a combat mood, devise their attack methodology, and execute it with perfection. The session concluded with the felicitation of the trainers and bidding adieu to Mr. Pragnesh Mesariya, a fantastic teacher who not only empowered the students, but also left behind pleasant memories to cherish.

So whenever injustice or violence shows up, SL Sites shall come to the rescue!

- Moksha Pillai



Economics Conclave

As a part of an endeavor to provide academic rigor to the students, Department of Economics, School of Liberal Studies at PDPU organized an Economics Conclave on 21st and 22nd August 2014. The Conclave aimed at providing an exposure and learning experience to the students about current economic and development issues, policy dynamics and also new theoretical framework. The series of interactive sessions of experts, who delivered lectures in their area of expertise to provide students with an exposure to their knowledge and applications of the subject matter, from various fields of academics and industry, were organized. This provided an insight into industries and institutions of the real world and these lectures were followed by interactive deliberation and discussion on past issues, current challenges and the road ahead for the economy.

The Department of Economics took this initiative to facilitate eight interactive lecture sessions over two days so as to create a platform where students can gain access and insight into academia and industry. The titles of the lecture sessions were carefully selected to cover a wide range of current and continuous issues like Human Development, Price Indices, development of the MSME sector, Economics in media, challenges in Developing countries and the relevance of Macroeconomic Policy for an economy. The noteworthy speakers were Dr. Parekh (Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Government of Gujarat), Dr. Keshab Das (Director Incharge, Gujarat Institute of Development Research), Dr. Maurvi Pandya (Programme Coordinator, MBA (Agri Business, Ganpat University), Prof. Sejal Patel (Associate Professor, Faculty of Planning, CEPT) for the first day of the conclave and, Dr. K M Chudasma (Dean, Department of So-

cial Science and Humanities, Ganpat University), Ms. Jyotsna Bhatnagar (Editor, Financial Express), Dr. Pinky Desai (Faculty, St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad) and Dr. G S Gupta (Former Professor of Economics, IIM Ahmedabad) on the second day of the Conclave.

The Economics Conclave further encouraged the students to streamline their area of interest and career interests while simultaneously widening their horizon to new and emerging career prospects and opportunities.

SLS reaches out to Academia

Dr. Rupakjyoti Borah was interviewed on 17/09/2014 by Sandesh TV (Ahmedabad) on the implications of the visit of the Chinese President Xi Jinping to India.



Dr. Neeta Sinha presented her research paper titled *'An exploratory study on the feasibility and challenges of implementation of Right to Education (RTE) Act'* at the International Conference on Contemporary issues and challenges of Human Rights in the era of Globalization at Gujarat Law Society on 2-3rd August 2014.

Dr. Neeta Sinha published following research papers:

1. A Comparative Analysis between Gender, Age groups and levels of teaching of perceived Organizational Role Stress among faculties of Management Education. International Journal of Business and General Management (IJBGM), ISSN 2319-2267, July 2014, Vol.3 (3), 125-134 (Impact factor 3.44) Index Copernicus Value (ICV) – 3.0
2. An assessment of Role Stress experienced by Management students in India- Suggestive measures and strategies. The International Journal of Indian Psychology, IJIP, Vol.1(3). Pp.147-160, April- June 2014, ISSN: 2348-5396
3. Creating a high performance organization with strategic organization culture and values, European Journal of Academic Essays 1(5), 29-37, June 2014, ISSN: 2183-1904, www.euroessays.org

Dr. Neeta Khyrana conducted a session on soft skills and Business Communication for the students of Institute of Infrastructure, Technology, Research and Management (IITRAM), Maninagar during their Induction Week on August 7, 2014 at IITRAM.



CREATI-WITTY

NEW DAWN

The sky was dark and the stars were hidden behind the clouds. Cool breeze fanned her face as she wrapped her arms around her body and closed her eyes. Everything around her was deathly quiet. But her insides were in turmoil, there was a constant war going on inside her which simply wouldn't stop.

She sighed. She had thought the breeze would help her calm down and that the silence would help her think better. *Oh how wrong she was!* She realized that no matter what, she simply couldn't escape the chaos, the utter mayhem, because it resided deep within her. It was her constant companion. No matter what she did, it would always remain with her, as a constant reminder of her all-consuming misery.

'But,' she thought, *'No more running.'* For, she couldn't run from it her entire life, even if it was exactly what she wanted to do. Unaware and unconcerned of where her feet were taking her, she kept walking. For she was sure, there could be nothing worse than that feeling of having lost everything, the feeling that was gnawing at her insides, eating her alive from within.

Sometimes she wondered why she was still alive. After all, there was a way she could escape the misery; there was nothing stopping her from taking her life... except *a promise. The promise.* Thinking of which reminded her of an incident. The very incident which had broken her and had shattered her entire world within less than a minute.

The haunting details of the incident – an accident – came rushing back to her once again. She shut her eyes tightly in a bid to stop the ruthless assault of the memories, but in vain. The image of a battered car came to her mind and she fought hard to keep the tears in. Then another image came, and just like that, the dam of memories broke, and once again she drowned in them. Completely, absolutely and utterly helpless.

The image of a laughing couple came to her mind. They were returning to their home in their car, listening to their favourite songs and occasionally singing along. The picture of pure bliss. Then another image came, that of a collision. The car had collided with another one which was coming in full speed from the opposite direction. Just seconds before the collision the man on the driver's seat had lunged towards the woman sitting on the side and had shielded her body with his, to protect her. Seconds later, the wind shield had broken and the man was covered in glass. It was evident he had taken the worst hit. His entire body was covered in his blood, his beautiful eyes were shut while his hands were lying protectively on his wife's bulging belly. Even in those horrifying seconds he had known exactly what to do to protect her. With visible efforts, he had then looked at his pregnant wife and then at her belly.

And then he had uttered his last words, looking intensely at his wife, his eyes seeking a promise.

'Take care of both of you, love.'

A strangled, painful cry had come from his bewildered wife followed by a promising, heartbreaking nod.

And then his beautiful hazel eyes had closed for forever.

Her tears flowed freely now. A year had passed since the fateful night and still she was nowhere close to accepting that accident. Perhaps, she thought, she was still in denial. People had told her that eventually, with passing time, the pain would fade away and only a hollow ache would remain. What no one told her, was that until then, every waking as well as sleeping moment; yes, the nightmares never left her; would feel like an absolute torture. A torture so intense and killing that she wished she were dead. For, she would gladly accept death in a heartbeat if it meant getting rid of her aimless, torturously painful existence where she was haunted by the deaths of

her husband and their unborn baby - every single moment of her life. She wiped her tears, coming back to the present moment.

The sky had changed its colours, she realized. Bright rays of the sun were starting to illuminate the sky. Birds had begun chirping and cool breeze blew. Sitting on a nearby bench, she took in the atmosphere and the surroundings. Looking around she realized that she had come too far away from her house – without Chris, she simply couldn't call it a 'home' anymore. She supposed she should stop venturing out on impromptu walks like this, at abnormal hours, but she didn't care for her safety anymore.

There were bushes around the bench on which she sat, which was situated on a lonely road. A white cloth peaked from somewhere behind a bush. Suddenly she heard a sound which sounded suspiciously like a sneeze. The faint sound had come from behind a bush. Getting up, she went over to the bush and looked behind it. And what she saw made her heart stop. Her body stilled completely and she couldn't believe her eyes. A baby was lying on the ground wrapped in a blanket and it was the baby who had sneezed. Wrapped in all white and sleeping soundlessly, the baby looked like an angel.

As her mind started functioning again she realized that someone had abandoned a newborn and had left it on the cold ground near the isolated street. She picked up the baby and realized that the adorable baby boy was shivering. The vulnerability of the tiny baby in her hands pierced her heart and she felt fury flowing in her blood. She cursed the baby's parents, wondering who could be so coldhearted as to leave their own baby, just days after he was born and that too in the middle of nowhere.

She then looked inside the baby's blanket trying to find a note, anything for that matter, which could tell her more about the baby or its parents, but she

found none. Noticing that he was shivering, she held him to her chest. With a soft cry, the baby boy opened his eyes. Piercing deep blue eyes stared at her as the baby started crying. Her motherly instincts kicked in and she softly cooed at the baby. His curious eyes looked back at her, momentarily distracted from crying. And then somehow the baby smiled softly. Tears formed in Kiara's eyes as she thought of her unborn dead baby. She had lost her baby and there was another mother in the world who had abandoned hers. And by some stroke of luck, she had found that baby.

Looking at those deep blue eyes and the adorable angelic face, Kiara took a decision, a life altering one, the decision to adopt the baby. The chirping of the birds brought her back to her senses. There were so many emotions she was feeling, but the strongest of them was love, an unconditional and unbound love for the baby. And with the baby still held in her hands, Kiara looked up at the sky, her eyes glistening with tears. She thanked the God above for bestowing her with the baby. If this wasn't a miracle, she didn't know what was. It was someone else's baby, but Kiara could see herself raising him just like her own.

She looked at the dawn and thought of her life. Yes, now would be a new dawn of her life. Her aimless life now had a purpose. The purpose to take care of the baby and to bring him up, as well as she could. She thought of Chris, her beloved late husband - and with tears in her eyes and a small smile on her lips, named the baby 'Chris.' Then Kiara walked towards her *home*, with her *new dawn* held protectively in her arms.

-Nikita Madhu
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Greatist – Health and fitness news, tips, recipes and exercises. A one stop solution for all your worldly problems and queries

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A Beautiful Mess

<http://www.abeautifulmess.com/>

At A Beautiful Mess we share daily inspirations, D.I.Y. projects and recipes. We believe the best things in life are homemade

Honestly WTF

<http://honestlywtf.com>

A daily dose of fashion discoveries and inspirations, contributed by a stylist and a designer who both see the world through rose-colored hues.

Apps:

Tawkon

Did you know that your phone can release a high amount of radiation? Tawkon allows you to track the radiation levels using your phone, alerting you when you are in a high radiation zone is the main concept of the app. So, if you're worried about cellphone radiation, this app can help you stay aware of it.

Vision Test

The app claims that 40% of people haven't had their eyes tested in the last two years. Through a series of different tests and questions it can instantly judge your eyesight, giving you a percentage indicating whether your eyesight is actually good.

OFF THE TANGENT

Photojournalism

Ever since the invention of the camera, photographers and photojournalists have spoken to their audience through pictures, bringing us many of the major news stories of our time. Think of the raw emotion of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, or the devastation of the tsunamis in Indonesia or Japan. We've sampled many of the photojournalism training programs and found the following courses to be typical:

Photoshop for Photographers, Fundamentals of Digital Photography, Law & Ethics for Photojournalists, Black and White Darkroom, Digital Photography, Website Design for Photographers, Self Promotion and Marketing

What Can I Do With a Photojournalism Degree?

One of the many appealing aspects of a career in photojournalism is that the action doesn't take place behind a desk, but instead finding visual stories out in the field. As a photojournalist, you will be working out in the community, documenting the news as it happens. This could be as limited as your neighborhood or town, or as big as you can imagine. Regardless of where you work, the role of storyteller will be central to your work.

Freelance Photographer

Photo Editor

Multimedia

Photojournalist Job Duties

The photojournalist is above all a story teller. Within that job description, the following duties can be expected:

Take photographs or film video segments

Process and print negatives or film

Write copy, captions or headlines to accompany photos

Prepare audio to accompany video segments

Pitch ideas and photographs to editorial staff

Travel to photo shoot locations

Photojournalism Educational Requirements

Most photojournalists will have a bachelor's degree in photojournalism, with a minor in journalism or related subject. Photojournalism courses will focus not only on picture taking, but will include classes on Photoshop and other relevant software programs, journalism ethics and law, digital photography, and training in a variety of media. A journalism degree coupled with a photography program is another common approach. It's essential that photojournalists have the ability to work across all platforms, including broadcast, print, online, and social media.

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