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THE NEWS EDITOR

News room is the centre of news operation. News is pouring around the clock at news desk. News room is quite efficiently managed by the News Editor and his deputies who are assigned to lead the news operation which is supposed to be implemented through a skilled team of news men. In Indian news papers the News Editor is the captain of the news desk which is the key to the entire news operation. He is next to the editor or managing editor and supervises the complete news operation that includes both reporting and editing. Reporting deals with the collection of news and editing makes the collected news fit for print.

The News Editor is one of the most important persons who plans a daily newspaper. His role in any news paper office whether it be weekly or daily is all pervading. He is responsible for a steady and continuous inflow of up-to-the-minute news into newspaper office. Although most of the news supplied is a mechanical process covered by daily routine, but like all machinery of news gathering, the news editor is responsible for watching its smooth functioning.

For news collection there are reporters who are assigned to gather news from different area and sources. News Editor is to ensure that all the major stories of the day must be available at the desk. News picture are also important supplements to news stories. Good news pictures increase the quality of news packages. If necessary he may talk to the chief reporter, bureau chief and chief photographer. The news reports are sent to the sub editors for making the reports printable. The editing job is done by the sub editors who work under the leadership of the chief sub editor. It is the duty of a News Editor to help the chief sub editor controlling the editing desk efficiently he should inspire the chief sub editor and his team to work successfully in order to produce a well edited edition.

News Editor is greatly responsible for evaluating news copies. The evaluation helps him in planning news stories in accordance to their relative importance. Generally the news editor deals with the front page and leaves inside pages to the chief sub editor. Sometimes he writes headline for important news stories appearing on the front page. News editor is to be perhaps the most deadlines conscious. News editor should be careful that his paper should not miss any important news. It will be great lapse on his part if he fails to cover an item which is adequately covered by other news papers. News editor knows well who are his readers. He remains responsible for coordination among his staff both in reporting and editing. News editor is an operational boss of the news room.