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Abstract

This study examines that how Indian press reports the Kashmir conflict particularly after the revocation of article 370A on 5 August, 2019 according to the Human Right Journalism model of Ibrahim Shaw. Study has been done by the quantitative approach by using framing theory and analyzed the 392 news stories of top Indian newspapers like The Hindu and Hindustan Times. The results of the study show that Indian press gave more weightage to human wrong journalism while reporting the happenings in Kashmir during the post siege after the revocation of article 370 A. Study also found that Indian press follows the national narrative of government and reports the event from distance frames. Results also show that when it comes to soft news both selected newspapers reports the events in human right journalism frames, but Indian press used human wrong journalism frames when it comes to hard news about politics, foreign policy or defense. Human rights journalism and its frames have always been very crucial in inducing specific narratives and exploring gateways for media practitioners and researchers for further in depth understanding of the issue.

Keywords: Kashmir conflict, Human rights violation in Kashmir, Article 370A, Kashmir blockade, Kashmir siege, Protest in Kashmir, Kashmiri militants and Pellet guns.

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