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## **FUNDAMENTALS OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM**

### **Module I: Introduction**

- 1 Overview of investigative journalism
- 2 History and significance of investigative journalism
- 3 Key concepts and principles of Investigative reporting Vs regular news reporting
- 4 Qualities and essentials for becoming an investigative journalist

### **Module 2: Research methods**

- 5 Finding and developing story ideas - Observation, planning techniques, insight knowledge, cultivating sources, asking the right questions
- 6 Conducting interviews and gathering information
- 7 Original research, developing the project, writing and rewriting the report
- 8 Using public records and databases, evidence and the confidentiality of source

### **Module III: Investigative Storytelling**

- 9 Undercover journalism – History of undercover journalism in India
- 10 RTI and investigative journalism
- 11 Sting operations and its ethical/unethical use, Examples from Tehelka.com, Live India news channel, India TV, Operation ‘Duryodhana’
- 12 Case studies - Panama Papers, Watergate Scandal, Spotlight investigation, Snowden Leaks, Weinstein investigation
- 13 Indian investigative journalists – Arun Shourie, Ashwini Sarin, Chitra Subramaniam, J Gopikrishnan, Anita Pratap, Neeraj Choudhary, P Sainath, B C Jojo, P T Nazar, Rana Ayyub, Ritu Sarin, Poonam Agarwal, Nikita Saxena, Aniruddha Bahal, Madhu Trehan etc

### **Module IV: Ethics and Law**

14 Ethical considerations in investigative journalism Libel, privacy and other legal concerns, Censorship and investigative journalism

15 Legal protection of sources and whistleblowers, Press Council of India's guidelines for investigative journalism

16 Safety of journalists; CPJ, RSF, ICIJ, CIJ, ICFJ

17 Career opportunities, challenges, criticism and future of investigative journalism