

Press Law After Royal Takeover: A Freedom Perspective

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The control of the press freedom through law and regulation is not new across the world. The present concept of the press freedom is not appeared with the effort of one expert and the nation. It is the consequences of continuous struggle of the journalists as whole of the each nation. However the degree of struggle for freedom of speech and expression including the press is differed from country to country. Rulers, those in power, are reluctant to establish demands of press freedom even in absence of violence and conflict in nation. It is far long matter if there is violence and conflict. Government in well-established democracies known for their long traditions of media freedom has found reluctant to part with information. The stigma and dark night of Nepali journalism has commenced in Nepal after the royal takeover on February 1 2005, as the freedom of the press is curtailed and muzzled.

So this study has tried to find out the situation of press freedom in perspective of press law and oblique control from government after this takeover. This study has taken 100 samples of the journalists who are in Katmandu. This study has tried to delve the condition of press freedom applied after the takeover both theoretically and practically.

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Acronyms

APF	Armed Police Force
CDO	Chief District Officer
CPJ	Committee to Protect Journalist
FM	Frequency Modulation
FNJ	Federation of Nepalese journalist
IFJ	International Federation of Journalist
NBA	Nepal Bar Association
NTV	Nepal Television
PSA	Public Security Act
RNA	Royal Nepalese Army
SIRM	Save Independent Radio Movement
TADO	Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Punishment and Control) Ordinance
UN	United Nation
UNESCO	United Nation Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization