

# Entrepreneurship in the field of Digital Media

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## I. Abstract

*Entrepreneurship is a dynamic and transformative force that drives innovation, fosters economic growth, and shapes societies. It represents the spirit of individuals who dare to dream, envision possibilities, and take action to create new ventures and opportunities. At its core, entrepreneurship is about identifying gaps and inefficiencies in the market and devising innovative solutions to address them, and then also Entrepreneurship in the field of media is very less explored by individuals. Entrepreneurship is always been a topic of controversy, is media entrepreneurship is special, is media entrepreneurship is different from any other business entrepreneurship there are many more questions that stands between us. In this research paper we will discuss about the different entrepreneurship in the field of media and we also try to observe that with advancement of digital media in India and what are the courses of action, hurdles and challenges one has to face while launching a business model in field of digital media as an entrepreneur in India.*

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## II. Introduction

Entrepreneurship is a dynamic and transformative force that drives innovation, fosters economic growth, and shapes societies. It represents the spirit of individuals who dare to dream, envision possibilities, and take action to create new ventures and opportunities. At its core, entrepreneurship is about identifying gaps and inefficiencies in the market and devising innovative solutions to address them. Entrepreneurs are individuals who possess a unique blend of vision, creativity, passion, and determination to turn ideas into reality. They are driven by a deep sense of purpose, seeking to make a meaningful impact on the world around them. Through their ventures, entrepreneurs disrupt existing industries, introduce new products or services, and challenge conventional thinking. The impact of entrepreneurship is far-reaching, as it plays a crucial role in economic development and job creation. Entrepreneurial ventures contribute to the growth of economies by generating employment opportunities, fostering innovation, and driving competition. By introducing new products or services, entrepreneurs stimulate market demand and enhance consumer choice. They also contribute to the overall productivity and competitiveness of nations, driving technological advancements and fueling economic progress. One of the key aspects that distinguish entrepreneurship is its ability to unlock and harness human potential. It empowers individuals to leverage their unique skills, talents, and expertise to create value and build sustainable businesses. Entrepreneurship encourages autonomy, self-reliance, and creativity, providing an alternative path to traditional employment and hierarchical structures. It offers a platform for individuals to pursue their passions, pursue their own visions, and shape their destinies. In recent years, the Indian media landscape has witnessed a remarkable transformation, largely fueled by the advent of digital media and the rise of entrepreneurship. Traditional media outlets such as newspapers, television channels, and radio stations have been joined by a plethora of digital platforms, creating unprecedented opportunities for aspiring entrepreneurs to disrupt and innovate. The Indian media industry, known for its diversity and cultural richness, has historically been dominated by a few major players. However, with the rapid proliferation of the internet and the widespread adoption of smart phones, the barriers to entry have significantly lowered, enabling individuals with innovative ideas to venture into the realm of media entrepreneurship.

### A. Diverse Content Offerings:

Media entrepreneurship has resulted in a diverse range of content offerings in digital media. Entrepreneurs have identified niche markets and catered to specific audience segments, providing content that is tailored to their interests and preferences. This has led to the emergence of platforms and channels dedicated to specialized genres such as travel, food, fashion, technology, and more. As a result, consumers now have access to a wide variety of content, enabling them to choose what they want to consume.

## B. Disintermediation and Democratization:

Digital media entrepreneurship has eliminated the need for intermediaries, enabling content creators to directly connect with their audience. Social media platforms, video-sharing websites, and content aggregators have empowered individuals to publish and distribute their content without relying on traditional media gatekeepers. This disintermediation has democratized the media landscape, allowing for more voices to be heard and diverse perspectives to be shared.

## C. User-Generated Content:

Entrepreneurship in digital media has given rise to user-generated content, where individuals themselves become content creators. Platforms like YouTube, Instagram, and TikTok have allowed people to express their creativity and share their stories, contributing to a vibrant ecosystem of user-generated content. This has not only democratized content creation but has also provided opportunities for aspiring artists, influencers, and film makers to gain recognition and build their own digital brands.

## D. Personalization and Targeted Advertising:

Entrepreneurs in digital media have leveraged technology and data analytics to offer personalized content experiences and targeted advertising. Through the collection and analysis of user data, digital media platforms can understand user preferences and behavior, thereby delivering content and advertisements that are relevant to each individual. This personalized approach enhances user engagement, increases ad effectiveness, and enables media entrepreneurs to monetize their platforms more effectively.

## E. Digital News Consumption:

The rise of digital media entrepreneurship has significantly impacted the way news is consumed in India. Traditional print newspapers and television news channels are no longer the sole sources of news for many individuals. Digital news portals, social media platforms, and mobile applications have become important sources of information. Media entrepreneurs have capitalized on this shift by creating innovative news platforms and aggregators that deliver news in real-time, cater to specific interests, and provide interactive features to engage users.

## F. Accessible and Affordable Content:

Digital media entrepreneurship has made content more accessible and affordable for a wider audience. The availability of affordable smart phones and internet data plans has enabled people from various socio-economic backgrounds to access digital media platforms. Additionally, many media entrepreneurs offer freemium models or subscription-based services that provide affordable access to premium content, making it more inclusive and reaching previously untapped segments of the population.

According to Reuters Institute “India digital news report” published in year 2019, India is rapidly becoming a market for media that is predominately mobile-first and, for many, mobile users both in terms of general internet use and, more particularly, the consumption of online news. The survey demonstrates how social media like Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Twitter have established India as a significant market, and how these online distributors have become crucial to the distribution of online news, giving publishers compete for attention and advertising but also new opportunities to reach larger online audiences (Aneez, Neyaz, Kalogeropoulos, & Nielsen, 2019)

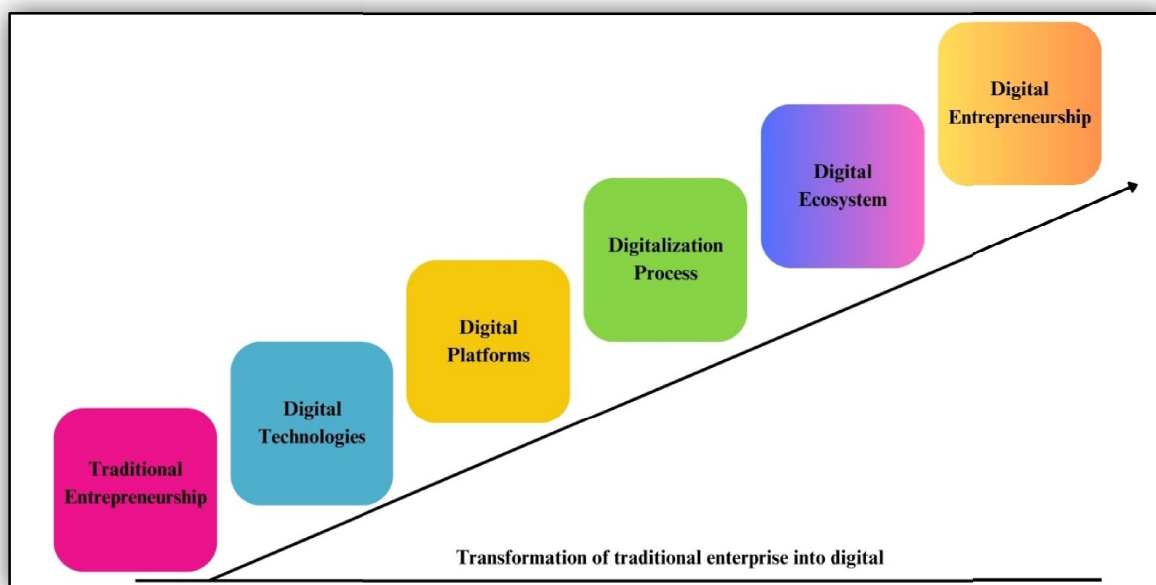


Fig.1 Digital Entrepreneurship cycle

### III. Objective

1. To identify the Future aspect of entrepreneurship in digital media in India.
2. To identify Entrepreneurship in digital media.
3. To identify the need of Entrepreneurship in digital media.
4. To study some of the top Entrepreneur's in digital media in India.

### IV. Review of literature

India is currently experiencing the highest rate of global internet user growth, a vibrant and diversified culture news media business in both print and television, and a lot of people are worried that certain news outlets are compromised. by their focus on immediate profit, by a lack of professional ethics, by external influences on journalists, and by conflicts of interest relating to the various political and economic endeavors of the company's owners. The start-ups in the field of digital journalism are all ideally situated to profit from the country's continuing and fast increase in internet usage. A different concern is if it will lead them in the desired direction. There are various methods for startups to prosper. They can exhibit cutting-edge ideas that in turn inspire others, have a positive cultural, social, or political influence on the environment. Content-based for-profit start-ups like the Quint and Scroll will face more and more direct competition from prominent publications like the Times of India, NDTV, Dainik Bhaskar, and many more as digital media becomes an increasingly significant component of the Indian media landscape in terms of both how people consume content and where advertisers spend their money. Digital start-ups will need to demonstrate that they are editorially distinctive, organizationally flexible, and technologically nimble to compete and retain or develop an edge over larger competitors as many of these organizations are already major players in the digital news space (Sen & Nielsen, 2016).

With so many entrepreneurial prospects accessible to them, women are fiercely competing with males in the age of the digital startup revolution. The widespread usage of social media as well as the internet is also essential in helping entrepreneurs establish and grow their digital businesses in order to achieve financial security and success. The digital economy offers women entrepreneurs a wealth of options to show off their feminine character, intelligence, ability, and creativity and turn their ideas become reality. By creating virtual workplaces and a digital lifestyle, the digital media revolution allows women entrepreneurs to run their businesses totally online and gives them freedom with regard to their schedules. The digital startup ecosystem in India is now in a stronger position, and women are participating in entrepreneurship at a higher rate than ever before. There has been a choice for women in this rapidly changing market between having a great profession with independence and staying back owing to the pull of society. In the list of 57 countries in the MasterCard Index of Women Entrepreneurs reports, which is surveyed to determine parity for women entrepreneurs, India has a small number of successful women entrepreneurs who are creating waves in many industries of business. India is rated 52, significantly lower than the US and China. India's position stayed at 52 from the previous year. According to the report, there are less favorable fundamental conditions for women to own their own businesses in India. The barriers are largely a result of perceptions of gender bias, which also contribute to low levels of social and cultural acceptance, a lack of self-belief, and limited access to financial resources like venture capital. Therefore, there is a need for additional government programmes to assist women in India in advancing up the entrepreneurial ladder (Pai H., 2018)

Since the 1990s, Indian publishers have supplied online news as well as made improvements in their websites, despite the country's initial modest growth in internet usage. In recent years, there has been an increase in investment in better websites, the hiring of digital journalists and developers, new social media and mobile strategies, the creation and launch of apps, and experimentation with new and emerging technologies. This is especially true given the rapid expansion of especially mobile web access and indications of stagnation or even decline in print readership and advertising. In one of the most competitive media marketplaces in the world, a number of digital-born news media have been introduced. Publishers are also broadening their content and creating new brands and products to meet the demands of their expanding digital audience. The transition to digital media has posed challenges for newspapers and broadcasters across much of the globe, but India's print and television news industries have continued to expand—albeit at a slower rate. Hundreds of millions of Indians still rely on newspapers, television, and radio as their primary news sources because a large portion of the population is still not connected to the internet. (It is unclear how resilient offline media will remain in the face of digital alternatives. In China, newspaper circulation peaked in 2012, but between that year and 2016, as digital media increased quickly, newspaper advertising earnings fell by 75% (Aneez, Neyaz, Kalogeropoulos, & Nielsen, 2019)

Strategically managing a startup becomes a process of managing opportunities and threats around communicative events that allow the co-construction of entrepreneurial ideas and strategies with stakeholders. This has implications for developing the organization in a strategic manner, because stakeholders significantly contribute to shaping the flow of ideas in startups through digital media. The digital transformation of society includes fundamental changes at the industry-level (what the media industry consists of), at the organizational level (what a media organization is), and at the individual level (what people do with digital media). An important aspect of

this digital transition is social media. Young business owners and early-stage companies have a huge edge thanks to well-established platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. For example, entrepreneurs may build and use their organizational expertise and publicly co-create ideas and products with stakeholders, hence improving entrepreneurial value creation. They can also publish updates on prototypes, get comments from followers, and share new ideas. The way that digital media technologies are getting entwined with entrepreneurial actions allows entrepreneurs to create their identity as entrepreneurs and impacts their strategic work (Horst & Hitters, 2020).

The role of digital technology and entrepreneurship in the global economy is growing. The creation and pursuit of business possibilities via the use of technology frameworks and different information-communicating instruments is known as digital entrepreneurship. Entrepreneurs are creating company concepts by leveraging technology, which is causing widespread and ongoing innovation worldwide. Business owners may present new goods and services to customers through digital platforms, and they can use artificial intelligence to evaluate the effectiveness and scope of their efforts. Digital technology provides businesses with an abundance of options. The growth of the digital economy and entrepreneurship is based on enterprises, governments, and individuals adopting digital technologies. To maximize financial gains, governments should place a high priority on encouraging small and medium-sized businesses to use cutting-edge digital technology in their daily operations. For towns and cultures, developing digital marketplaces and digitalization may have significant beneficial economic and social impacts. The possible benefits of digitization include increased productivity, additional career opportunities, and higher societal standards (Birajdar & Honnalli, 2022).

## V. Research Methodology

Approach used in this research paper is qualitative research method with case study based on India's top digital media entrepreneurship. In order to study the different digital media businesses in India during the present era of information abundance, media entrepreneurs have to compete with the legacy businesses which were not easy. In order to sustain their businesses, digital media had to face many challenges, which in return help them to come out with some innovative ideas, that led them to the path of digital media giants in the present time. Data collected for the study is secondary data collected and analyzed from various sources like official websites of digital media platform, Articles supporting the reach and influence of such platform and a study on the topic Digital Journalism Start-Ups in India.

## VI. Observation with Case Study

### A. The Quint:

One notable case study that exemplifies entrepreneurship in the Indian media industry is the story of The Quint. Founded in 2014 by Raghav Bahl, a renowned media entrepreneur, The Quint has emerged as a leading digital media platform known for its innovative approach to news and storytelling.



Fig. 2 Logo of the quint with some key features

### **A.a. Background:**

Raghav Bahl, with his vast experience in the media industry, recognized the changing dynamics of news consumption in India. He observed the growing influence of digital media and the need for a platform that could cater to the evolving preferences of the digital-savvy audience. This led him to launch The Quint, aiming to disrupt the traditional media landscape and offer a fresh perspective on news and current affairs.

### **A.b. Innovation and Content Differentiation:**

The Quint distinguished itself from traditional media outlets by adopting a unique storytelling style that combined news, analysis, and commentary with a touch of entertainment. It focused on producing visually appealing and engaging content, including videos, infographics, and interactive features, to captivate the audience. This innovative approach resonated with the younger demographic and set The Quint apart in the crowded media space.

### **A.c. Adoption of New Technologies:**

The Quint leveraged new technologies and platforms to amplify its reach and engage with the target audience. It embraced social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram to distribute its content and interact with users directly. By harnessing the power of these platforms, The Quint tapped into the growing digital user base and gained significant visibility and traction.

### **A.d. Expansion into Video and Podcasting:**

Recognizing the increasing popularity of video content, The Quint made strategic moves to establish a strong presence in the digital video space. It produced short-form video news updates, documentaries, and opinion pieces, catering to the growing demand for video content consumption. Additionally, The Quint ventured into podcasting, launching shows covering a range of topics, further diversifying its content offerings and engaging with audiences in different formats.

### **A.e. Engagement with Younger Audiences:**

The Quint identified the importance of engaging with the younger demographic, which often relies on digital media for news and information. It focused on covering topics that resonated with the youth, including social issues, culture, entertainment, and technology. Through its engaging and relatable content, The Quint successfully captured the attention and loyalty of young audiences, establishing itself as a go-to platform for the millennial and Gen Z population.

### **A.f. Monetization Strategies:**

To sustain its operations and drive revenue, The Quint implemented various monetization strategies. It adopted a hybrid revenue model, combining advertising, sponsored content, branded integrations, and events. The Quint formed strategic partnerships with brands and collaborated on content campaigns that seamlessly integrated with its editorial ethos. Additionally, it organized events and conferences to further monetize its brand and engage with its audience in offline settings.

### **A.g. Impact and Recognition:**

The Quint' entrepreneurship in the Indian media industry has been widely recognized and appreciated. It has won several prestigious awards for its innovative approach, content quality, and impact on digital journalism. The platform has built a loyal following and has become a trusted source of news and information for millions of Indians.

### **A.h. Summary:**

The rise of The Quint serves as a compelling case study of entrepreneurship in the Indian media industry. Through its innovative storytelling, adoption of new technologies, focus on engaging younger audiences, and effective monetization strategies, The Quint has disrupted traditional media norms and established itself as a leading digital media platform. Its success highlights the power of entrepreneurship in driving innovation and shaping the future of the media landscape in India

## **B. Daily hunt:**

Dailyhunt is a leading Indian digital media platform that has revolutionized the way people consume news and content in the country. Founded in 2007 by Virendra Gupta, Daily hunt (formerly known as Newshunt) has emerged as a prominent player in the Indian media industry through its innovative approach to digital entrepreneurship.



**Fig. 3 Logo of dailyhunt with some key features**

**B.a. Recognizing the Potential of Vernacular Content:**

Daily hunt recognized the untapped potential of vernacular content in the Indian media landscape. With a vision to bridge the language barrier and cater to diverse regional audiences, the platform focused on providing news and content in multiple Indian languages. By doing so, Daily hunt targeted a vast audience that was underserved by traditional media outlets, tapping into the vast linguistic diversity of India.

**B.b. Leveraging Mobile Technology:**

Understanding the increasing penetration of smart phones in India, Dailyhunt embraced mobile technology as its primary medium of content delivery. The platform developed a user-friendly mobile application that made it convenient for users to access news and content on the go. Dailyhunt optimized its app for low-bandwidth connections, making it accessible to users even in areas with limited internet connectivity.

**B.c. Collaborative Content Creation:**

Dailyhunt adopted a unique content creation model that combined professional journalism with user-generated content. The platform collaborated with a network of independent journalists, writers, and content creators, empowering them to publish their articles, opinions, and stories on the platform. This collaborative approach not only enriched the diversity of content but also enabled Dailyhunt to cover hyper-local news and events effectively.

**B.d. Personalized Content Recommendation:**

Dailyhunt employed advanced data analytics and machine learning algorithms to personalize content recommendations for its users. By analyzing user preferences, reading patterns, and social media interactions, the platform delivered tailored content suggestions, ensuring a personalized news consumption experience. This personalized approach increased user engagement and loyalty.

**B.e. Monetization through Advertising and Partnerships:**

To monetize its platform, Dailyhunt leveraged advertising and strategic partnerships. The platform offered targeted advertising opportunities to brands looking to reach regional audiences. Daily hunt also formed partnerships with publishers, news agencies, and content creators, sharing revenue generated from ads and subscriptions. These monetization strategies allowed Dailyhunt to sustain its operations while providing free access to a wide range of content.

**B.f. Expansion into Content Aggregation and Entertainment:**

Recognizing the evolving preferences of its user base, Dailyhunt expanded beyond news and ventured into content aggregation and entertainment. The platform introduced a curated section that featured articles, videos, and social media updates from various sources, becoming a one-stop destination for diverse content. Daily hunt also ventured into video streaming, partnering with leading production houses and offering original shows and short videos.

### **B.g. Summary:**

Through its innovative strategies, Dailyhunt has disrupted the Indian media industry, providing access to news and content in regional languages, embracing mobile technology, personalizing user experiences, and diversifying into content aggregation and entertainment. The platform's entrepreneurial approach has not only connected millions of Indians with relevant and engaging content but has also empowered regional content creators and transformed the digital media landscape in India.

### **C. Inshorts:**

Inshorts, formerly known as News in Shorts, is a pioneering digital media platform that has revolutionized news consumption in India. Founded in 2013 by Azhar Iqbal, Deepit Purkayastha, and Anunay Arnav, Inshorts has emerged as a disruptive force in the Indian media industry through its innovative approach to news aggregation and delivery.



**Fig. 4 Logo of inshorts with some key features**

#### **C.a. Identifying the Need for Concise News:**

The founders of Inshorts recognized the growing demand for quick and easily digestible news updates in the fast-paced digital era. They identified a gap in the market for a platform that could deliver news stories in a concise format, catering to the short attention spans of the millennial generation. Inshorts introduced the concept of "news in shorts," providing news stories in just 60 words, ensuring quick consumption of essential information.

#### **C.b. Leveraging Mobile Technology:**

Understanding the increasing penetration of smartphones in India, Inshorts embraced mobile technology as its primary medium of content delivery. The platform developed a user-friendly mobile application that made it convenient for users to access news on the go. Inshorts optimized its app for low-bandwidth connections, ensuring accessibility even in areas with limited internet connectivity.

#### **C.c. Innovative News Aggregation:**

Inshorts employed an innovative approach to news aggregation, leveraging technology and artificial intelligence (AI). The platform utilized algorithms and AI-driven systems to curate news stories from various sources, eliminating the need for manual content curation. This allowed Inshorts to rapidly aggregate news from multiple publishers, ensuring a wide range of topics and perspectives.

#### **C.d. Personalized News Experience:**

Inshorts prioritized personalization to enhance user experiences. The platform analyzed user preferences, reading habits, and interactions to deliver personalized news recommendations. By leveraging data analytics and AI, Inshorts tailored news updates to individual user interests, providing a customized and engaging news experience.

### **C.e. Collaborative Partnerships:**

Inshorts formed strategic partnerships with publishers, news agencies, and content creators to expand its content offerings. These collaborations enabled Inshorts to source news from a wide range of reliable sources, ensuring comprehensive coverage across various domains. The platform also collaborated with content creators to offer exclusive content, interviews, and opinion pieces, enriching the user experience.

### **C.f. Monetization through Advertising and Brand Partnerships:**

To monetize its platform, Inshorts adopted an advertising-driven revenue model. The platform provided targeted advertising opportunities to brands looking to reach a young and engaged user base. Inshorts also formed partnerships with brands for sponsored content and native advertising, creating a seamless integration of ads within the news feed. These monetization strategies allowed Inshorts to sustain its operations while providing free access to news content.

### **C.g. Summary:**

Through its entrepreneurial spirit and innovative approach, Inshorts has disrupted the Indian media landscape, redefining news consumption for the digital age. By delivering concise news updates, leveraging mobile technology, employing innovative news aggregation methods, and personalizing user experiences, Inshorts has become a go-to platform for millions of Indian users. The platform's success showcases the power of entrepreneurship in driving transformation within the Indian media industry.

## **D. The Wire:**

The Wire is an independent digital news platform in India that has made a significant impact on the country's media landscape through its entrepreneurial journalism approach. Founded in 2015 by Siddharth Varadarajan, Siddharth Bhatia, and M.K. Venu, The Wire has gained recognition for its investigative journalism, in-depth reporting, and commitment to journalistic ethics.



**Fig. 5 Logo of The Wire with some key features**

### **D.a. Filling the Void of Independent Journalism:**

The founders of The Wire identified a gap in the Indian media industry for independent and unbiased journalism. They aimed to provide a platform that would challenge prevailing narratives, scrutinize power structures, and uphold the principles of ethical journalism. The Wire was established as an alternative to mainstream media, focusing on in-depth analysis and fact-checking to present a comprehensive picture of news events.

### **D.b. Embracing Digital Technology:**

The Wire recognized the power of digital technology in reaching a wider audience and delivering news in real-time. By leveraging the internet and mobile technology, the platform made its content accessible to a broad readership across India and beyond. The Wire's online presence allowed it to circumvent traditional media gatekeepers and directly connect with its audience, enabling prompt and unrestricted dissemination of news and analysis.



#### **D.c. Investigative Journalism and In-depth Reporting:**

The Wire distinguished itself through its focus on investigative journalism and in-depth reporting. The platform invested in a team of experienced journalists who conducted rigorous investigations, uncovering corruption, social issues, and political controversies. By delving deeper into stories and providing comprehensive context, The Wire aimed to offer readers a more nuanced understanding of complex issues.

#### **D.d. Collaborative Reporting:**

The Wire fostered a culture of collaborative reporting, partnering with other media organizations and journalists to amplify their impact. The platform engaged in cross-border collaborations, data-driven investigations, and sharing of resources with like-minded publications. By pooling expertise and resources, The Wire aimed to enhance the quality and impact of its journalism, contributing to a wider ecosystem of independent media.

#### **D.e. Reader Support and Crowd funding:**

To sustain its independent journalism, The Wire relied on reader support and crowd funding initiatives. The platform established a transparent funding model, urging readers to contribute voluntarily to support its operations. The Wire emphasized the importance of a direct relationship between readers and journalists, encouraging a sense of ownership and responsibility in preserving independent media.

#### **D.f. Navigating Legal Challenges:**

As an independent media outlet, The Wire faced legal challenges and attempts to stifle its reporting. The platform demonstrated resilience and commitment to freedom of speech by defending its journalists and standing firm against intimidation and legal pressures. The Wire's ability to navigate these challenges while upholding its journalistic principles showcased the importance of entrepreneurial spirit and determination in maintaining independent media in a challenging environment.

#### **D.g. Summary:**

The Wire's entrepreneurial journalism approach has brought about a paradigm shift in the Indian media industry. By filling the void of independent journalism, embracing digital technology, focusing on investigative reporting, fostering collaborations, relying on reader support, and navigating legal challenges, The Wire has emerged as a trusted source of news and analysis. The platform's success demonstrates the significant impact that entrepreneurial ventures can have in reshaping the media landscape and upholding the principles of ethical journalism in India.

#### **E. Lallantop :**

Lallantop is a prominent digital media platform in India that has reshaped the landscape of news and entertainment through its entrepreneurial approach. Launched in 2016 by Alok Bhardwaj and Saurabh Dwivedi, Lallantop has gained popularity for its unique content offerings and innovative storytelling techniques.



**Fig. 6 Logo of Lallantop with some key features**

### **E.a. Identifying the Need for Fresh and Engaging Content:**

The founders of Lallantop recognized the need for fresh and engaging content that resonated with the young and tech-savvy audience in India. They observed a gap in the market for a digital media platform that could deliver news and entertainment in a distinctive and appealing manner. Lallantop was established to cater to this demand by providing a unique blend of news, opinion pieces, and engaging videos.

### **E.b. Embracing Video-First Approach:**

Lallantop embraced a video-first approach to cater to the evolving preferences of digital media consumers. The platform invested in a strong video production infrastructure and a team of skilled video content creators. By producing short, informative, and visually appealing videos, Lallantop attracted and retained the attention of its audience, setting itself apart from traditional text-based news outlets.

### **E.c. Authentic and Opinionated Journalism:**

Lallantop differentiated itself by promoting authentic and opinionated journalism. The platform encouraged its journalists and content creators to express their viewpoints and engage in in-depth analysis. This approach allowed Lallantop to establish a unique voice in the media landscape, attracting a loyal following of readers and viewers who appreciated the platform's transparency and willingness to present different perspectives.

### **E.d. Regional Language Content:**

Understanding the linguistic diversity of India, Lallantop recognized the potential of regional language content. The platform expanded beyond Hindi to provide news and entertainment in various regional languages. By catering to a broader audience, Lallantop tapped into previously untapped markets and gained a significant competitive advantage in the digital media space.

### **E.f. Leveraging Social Media and Digital Platforms:**

Lallantop effectively leveraged social media and digital platforms to amplify its reach and engage with its target audience. The platform developed a strong presence on platforms like YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram, where it shared its videos, articles, and other content. Lallantop's active participation in social media conversations and timely content sharing helped it to grow its audience and increase brand visibility.

### **E.g. Monetization through Branded Content and Sponsorships:**

To monetize its platform, Lallantop adopted a monetization strategy that included branded content and sponsorships. The platform collaborated with brands and advertisers to create branded videos and sponsored content that seamlessly integrated with its regular programming. This approach provided a revenue stream while maintaining the authenticity and integrity of Lallantop's content.

### **E.h. Summary:**

Lallantop's entrepreneurial approach has had a transformative impact on the Indian media industry. By identifying the need for fresh and engaging content, embracing a video-first approach, promoting authentic journalism, catering to regional languages, leveraging social media, and implementing effective monetization strategies, Lallantop has emerged as a leading digital media platform. The platform's success highlights the significance of entrepreneurial thinking in redefining news and entertainment consumption patterns in India.

## **F. Some Other Digital Journalism Start-Ups in India:**

S.No.	Name of Organization	Type of Organization	Year of Establishment
1.	Khabar Lahairya	India's only digital news platform run by women	2002
2.	OneIndia	Multilingual News Website	2006
3.	NewsClick	independent media organization	2009
4.	Newslaundry	independent media organization	2012
5.	OpIndia	news website	2014
6.	Scroll	Digital news publication	2014
7.	Alt News	non-profit fact checking website	2017
8.	The Print	Online Newspaper	2017
9.	editorji	News Website	2018
10.	Summchar	Info graphics news application	2021

**Table 1. Some more digital news platform which have great impact on their audience.**

## VII. Conclusion and findings

Digital media, encompassing various forms such as online news portals, social media platforms, streaming services, and content aggregators, has emerged as a powerful force in shaping public opinion and driving conversations in India. This shift has opened up avenues for entrepreneurs to tap into the vast potential of this dynamic and ever-evolving sector. Entrepreneurs in the Indian media and digital media space have displayed an uncanny ability to identify niche markets and cater to specific audience segments. They have harnessed technology and data analytics to create personalized and engaging content, offering consumers a wide range of options and challenging the traditional media landscape. One of the key factors driving entrepreneurship in Indian media is the rapidly expanding digital infrastructure. With the availability of affordable internet access and the increasing penetration of smart phones across the country, media entrepreneurs have gained access to a massive user base, transcending geographical boundaries and reaching previously untapped audiences. Furthermore, the Indian government's initiatives such as Digital India and Start-up India have played a crucial role in fostering a conducive environment for media entrepreneurship. These initiatives have simplified regulations, provided financial support, and encouraged innovation, encouraging young entrepreneurs to take risks and pursue their ideas in the media space. The rise of social media platforms has also contributed significantly to the growth of media entrepreneurship in India.

Entrepreneurship in media has brought about a paradigm shift in the digital media scenario in India. It has expanded content offerings, empowered content creators, personalized user experiences, changed news consumption habits, and made media more accessible and affordable. The dynamic and innovative nature of media entrepreneurship continues to reshape the digital media landscape in India, promising an exciting future for the industry. However, entrepreneurship in Indian media also faces its fair share of challenges. Traditional media organizations, grappling with declining revenues and adapting to the digital shift, often pose stiff competition to newcomers. Additionally, issues of fake news, misinformation, and regulatory complexities present obstacles that media entrepreneurs must navigate skillfully. Despite these challenges, the landscape of Indian media is witnessing a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem, where startups are disrupting established norms and redefining the way media is consumed. With innovation, creativity, and a deep understanding of the diverse Indian audience, media entrepreneurs are reshaping the narrative and playing a pivotal role in shaping the future of Indian media and digital media as a whole.

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