Don’t breach standards of ethical journalism, Vice President cautions media

Context:

The Vice-President, while paying tribute to late Shri Gora Sastri at his centenary celebrations, in Hyderabad urged the Fourth Estate (press and news media) to be a beacon light of uprightness and objectivity.

Details:

- He cautioned the media against breaching the standards of ethical and independent journalism
- It was emphasised that the difference of views and opinions must always be tempered with and expression must be found through dispassionate discourse.
- He underscored the importance of independence and fearless journalism, which is seen more in its absence today.
- The Vice President expressed his concern over the degeneration of values in various fields, including journalism and emphasized that news should not be mixed with views. He advised journalists to leave the final judgment to readers and not to give judgments themselves.
- Press does not only give expression to public opinion but also has the ability to modify and mould the opinion of billions according to circumstances. Hence, Journalists have the responsibility to lay emphasis on being credible and trustworthy.