



RATE THE DEBATE RESEARCH REPORT

CASE STUDY - TELANGANA

WHY TELANGANA?

- Among all Indian states, Telangana saw the steepest increase in journalist deaths due to COVID-19 in April 2021.

THREE STEP VERIFICATION PROCESS

- Compilation — Collection of all data, names and lists published by various organisations;
- Cross-check — Establishing whether COVID-19 related deaths. Cross-verification through multiple media reports;
- Personal calls — Make calls to media houses , colleagues, family.

VERIFIED / UNVERIFIED – JOURNALIST DEATHS IN TELANGANA

- Rate The Debate has verified 39 out of the 45 journalist deaths.
- Personal calls were made in case of all verified deaths.
- Circumstances leading to the COVID-19 death were also recorded.
- We are in the process of verifying the remaining 6 deaths.

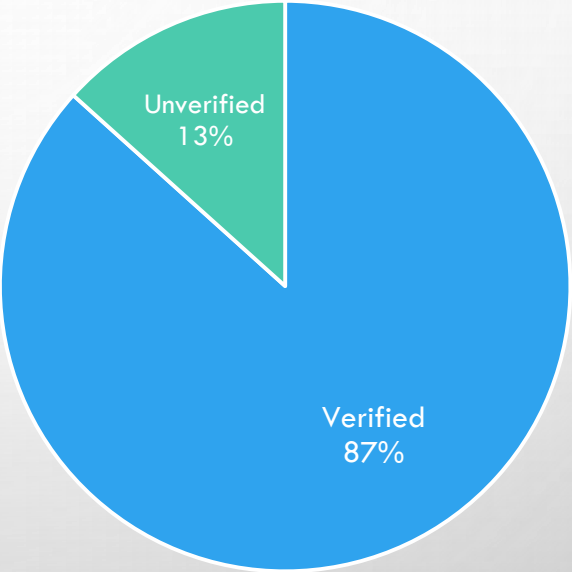


Figure 1

MONTH-WISE – JOURNALIST DEATHS IN TELANGANA

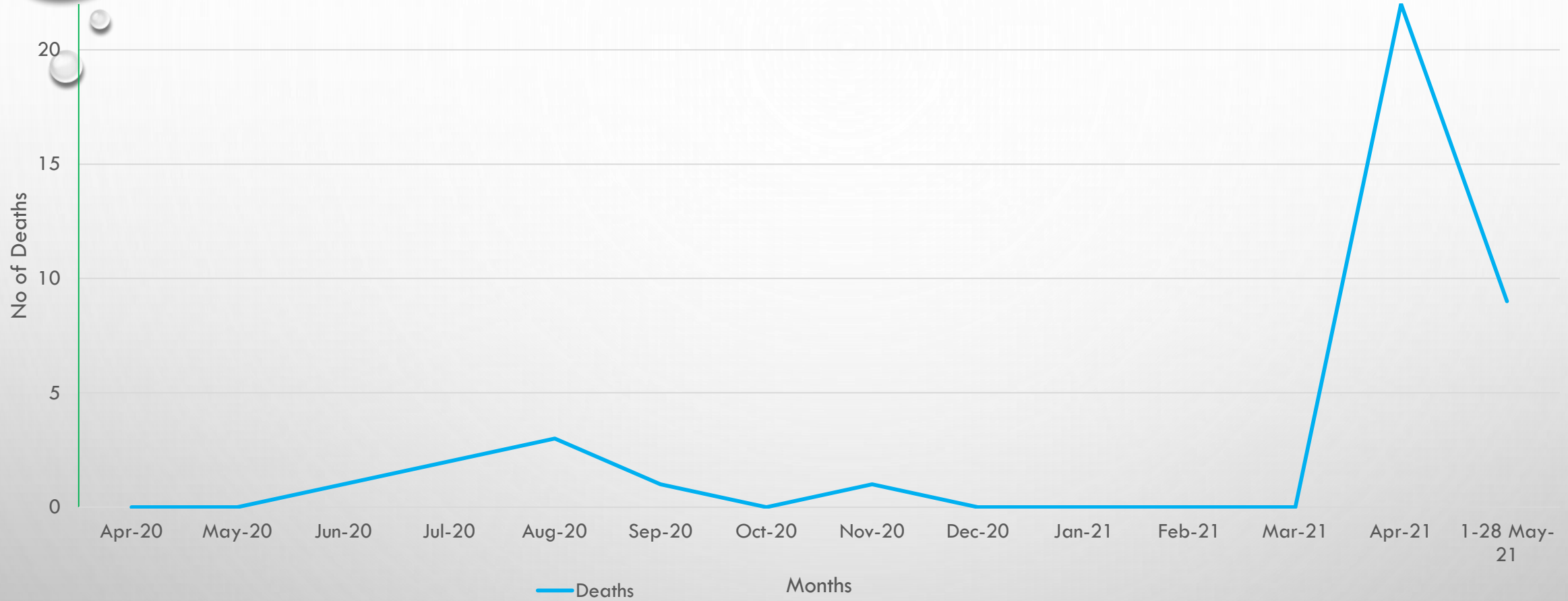


Figure 2

- This graph is based on verified deaths between April 2020 and May 28, 2021 in Telangana.
- 22 deaths in April 2021.
- 9 deaths in May 2021.

AGE-WISE – JOURNALIST DEATHS IN TELANGANA

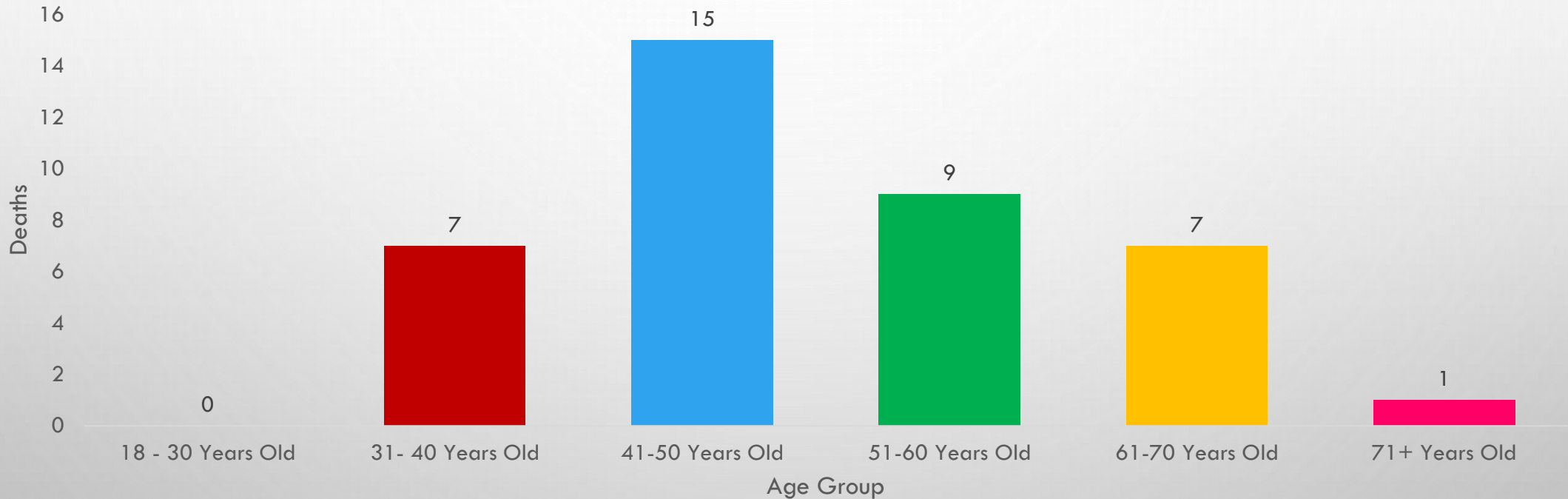


Figure 3

- Maximum deaths in the 41-50 age group.
- Second highest deaths in the 51-60 age group.

MEDIA CATEGORIES – JOURNALIST DEATHS IN TELANGANA

- In contrast to the National trend, in Telangana deaths are equal in both Print and TV/Digital Media.
- Together Print and TV/Digital Media comprise 89.74 % of all Journalist deaths;
- Freelancers were 10.26 %. However this could be because of low reportage of death news.

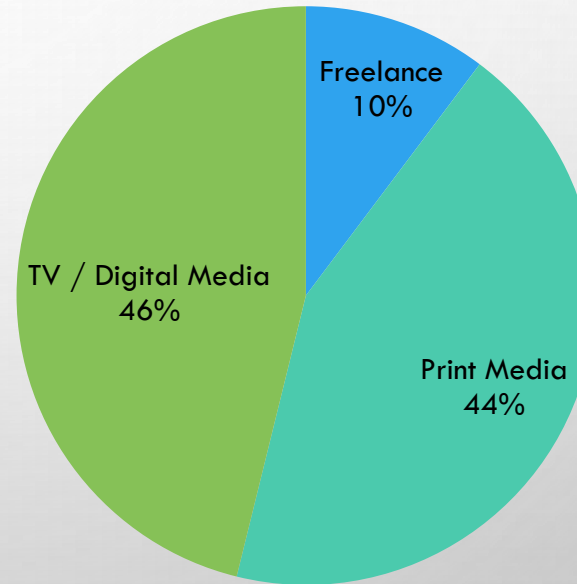


Figure 4

FINDINGS ON JOURNALIST DEATHS (TELANGANA CASE STUDY)

- Journalist Deaths from Print and TV/Digital Media are at 44% and 46 % respectively in the case study of Telangana.
- Telangana case study reveals 0 deaths in March, 22 deaths in April and 9 deaths in May 2021 (till May 28).
- The total verified journalist deaths in Telangana from April 1, 2020 till May 28, 2021 is 39.
- Maximum Journalist deaths in Telangana in the 41-50 age group.
- Second highest Journalist deaths in Telangana in the 51-60 age group.
- Freelancers were 10.26 % of Journalists deaths in Telangana. However this could be because of low reportage of death news.
- All data has been collected and verified by Rate The Debate, Institute of Perception Studies, New Delhi.
- Data and Reports available with Institute of Perception Studies, New Delhi at www.ipsdelhi.org.in