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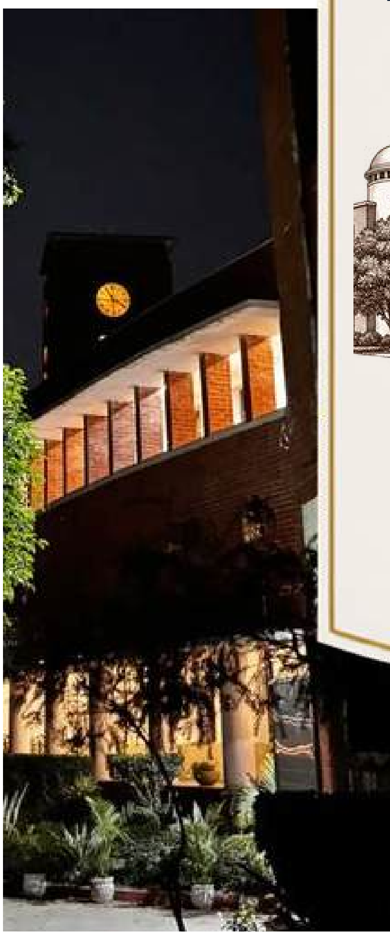

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The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the College (IQAC, SRCC) publishes a Weekly Newsletter for the students titled ***"The Students' Newsletter"***. The Students Newsletter is managed by the IQAC's Student Newsletter Editorial Team comprising Student Editors and Junior Team.

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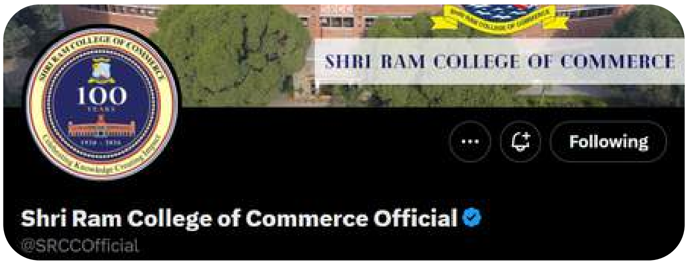

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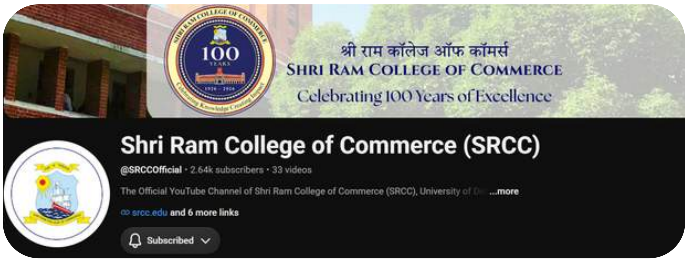

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STUDENT NOTICES

Recruitment for Centre for Happiness

The Centre for Happiness of Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) has officially initiated its recruitment drive to onboard enthusiastic and committed students for the upcoming term. The selected student members will play an active role in fostering mental well-being, promoting positivity, and building a supportive, inclusive campus environment for the student body.

Interested and dedicated students who wish to contribute to these initiatives are requested to complete the application process by filling out the recruitment form provided via the official registration link:

Link

Details for Project Sashakt Beti

The University of Delhi Foundation has continued the "Sashakt Beti" initiative to empower female students from marginalized sections by providing compatible learning devices and promoting inclusivity and academic excellence.

Eligible students: Female students of 1st–4th year who are:

- Orphan students
- Single-parent students (family income ≤ ₹4 lakh)
- Visually impaired students
- Single girl child (family income ≤ ₹4 lakh)

Deadline: 31 August 2026

Students should submit the application only once; in case of multiple submissions, the latest application will be considered.

Counselling service via YourDost

The college has introduced professional counselling services in partnership with YourDost to support students in navigating the transition to college and balancing their academics with personal well-being.Counselling support is made available through both online 24/7 channels and offline platforms.Detailed information and schedules regarding these services have been shared via informational posters for student reference.

Publication Reward Scheme

The Centenary Research Publication Reward Scheme is an institutional incentive program launched by Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) to enhance the college's research profile, promote research excellence, and foster an expansive academic culture

The Centenary Research Publication Reward Scheme applies to permanent teaching staff, permanent non-teaching staff, and undergraduate students of SRCC. Qualifying publications include research articles, case studies, book chapters, and edited books published in peer-reviewed platforms indexed in the ABDC Journal Quality List, Scopus, or Web of Science (SCI/SSCI/ESCI). Additionally, applicants must maintain mandatory professional profiles on ORCID, Google Scholar, SSRN, and ResearchGate, and explicitly state Shri Ram College of Commerce as their primary affiliation.

For detailed Information: Link

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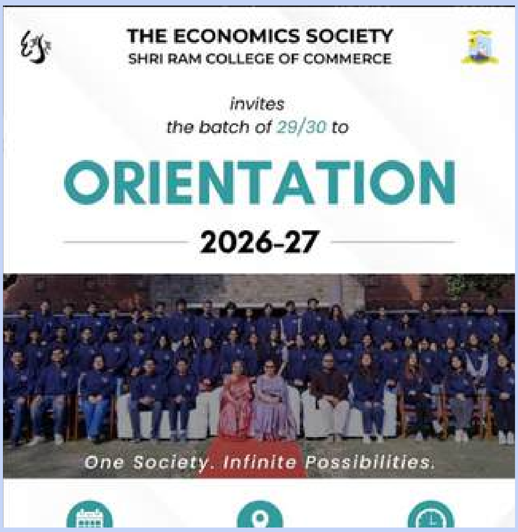
COLLEGE EVENTS

The Commerce Society

The Commerce Society, Shri Ram College of Commerce, conducted its Orientation on 27 August 2026 at 1:30 PM in Room No. 34, introducing students to the Society's 55+ year legacy, vision, initiatives, and opportunities. The orientation provided an overview of its five departments: the Public Relations & Marketing Wing handling marketing; the Event Management & Corporate Communications Wing undertaking collaborations and initiatives such as Shri Ram Capital Alliance (SRCA); the Editorial Wing working on its annual magazine Mudra and other publications; the Research Wing undertaking research reports and newsletters; and the Technical Wing providing creative and technical support across the Society. The session also highlighted key initiatives, including the National Commerce Olympiad and BizStreet, its annual flagship event, along with live project opportunities offering exposure to real-world business challenges. The presentation was followed by a BizStreet throwback video, which received an enthusiastic response. The orientation concluded with a Rapid Fire round featuring commerce and finance-based questions. The program was a huge success, receiving an excellent response from students and ending on a bright note.



The Economics Society

The Economics Society's Orientation was held on 24 August in Rooms 26 and 27, where students were introduced to the Society's prestigious legacy of over five decades across diverse verticals, initiatives, and impact. The session provided an overview of the breadth and scope of the Society's work, spanning primary data projects, academic journals, research papers, podcasts, comprehensive policy and research reports, intricate data analysis, and interactions with eminent personalities and leading organisations. The orientation also highlighted the Society's flagship initiatives, including the National Economics Olympiad and the Shri Ram Economics Summit, which has hosted distinguished speakers such as Ms Nirmala Sitharaman and Mr Ajay Banga in previous editions. Students were also introduced to opportunities for practical, industry-oriented exposure through engagements and projects with organisations such as UNDP, WRI, and IGC. The Orientation successfully provided students with a comprehensive understanding of the Society's work, opportunities, and the diverse avenues through which they can contribute.

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The Debating Society

The Debating Society, SRCC conducted its orientation on 24th of August 2026 in Room 28. The orientation saw an enthusiastic turnout wherein the students were introduced to the Society's vision of fostering meaningful conversations, analytical thinking, and healthy discourse amongst students, alongside its legacy of over 200 achievements across 14 countries in the past year. The orientation enlightened attendees on the Society's flagship events, Gambit, the Shri Ram Debating Festival, Shri Ram Pre-ABP, the Arun Jaitley Memorial Debate, and Rahat: The Fundraiser Debate, as well as its training programmes, internal tournaments, mentor groups, and research initiatives, and its work beyond debating in tabbing, adjudication, and equity. It also highlighted the Society's Equity Committee, the first of its kind at SRCC. The session walked attendees through the recruitment process before concluding with a vote of thanks. The orientation received an excellent response from the incoming batch, with students displaying keen interest and active participation throughout the engaging session.

Human Resource Development Cell

The session began by introducing HRDC as a platform for holistic development, providing students with a space to explore multiple fields, experiment with different opportunities, and discover what best aligns with their interests and strengths. The participants were also introduced to the various verticals and initiatives undertaken by the Cell.

This was followed by a "Fastest Finger First" round and a rapid-fire quiz comprising 20 questions. To add an element of spontaneity and interaction, the participants were randomly divided into teams of three. The quiz gradually became more competitive while retaining a fun and engaging atmosphere, featuring a mix of light-hearted, corporate-focused, and college-related questions. One particularly interesting revelation was that many students were unaware that SRCC was originally known as the Commercial College.

The session concluded with an open discussion where participants were encouraged to clarify their doubts regarding HRDC, the college, and the different directions they could explore as first-year students. This provided them with a clearer understanding of the opportunities available to them and how they could make the most of their first year at SRCC.

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NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

Power usage soars as AI boom fuels demand

The rapid expansion of artificial intelligence is straining power grids. US electricity consumption is expected to hit record highs in 2026 and 2027, driven by data centers and electrification. Globally, data centers consume nearly 2% of electricity, prompting companies like Constellation Energy to sign long-term nuclear power contracts.

Source: Link

State of Emergency in Colombia

The Colombian government declared a nationwide State of Emergency across 15 departments after a massive magnitude 7.4–7.5 earthquake struck Chocó, causing heavy civilian casualties and widespread disruption to critical infrastructure. Search-and-rescue teams are racing against time to reach isolated Andean and Pacific coastal communities, where entire neighborhoods remain buried under mudslides.

Source: Link

Flavour, Fat, and Fabricated Truths: Investigating the Global Food Supply

A consumer rights investigation revealed regional differences in manufacturing standards and ingredients used by multinational brands such as Nestlé. The findings intensified scrutiny over corporate double standards, prompting consumer advocacy groups to demand stricter international oversight, greater transparency, and clearer labeling laws for products sold in developing markets.

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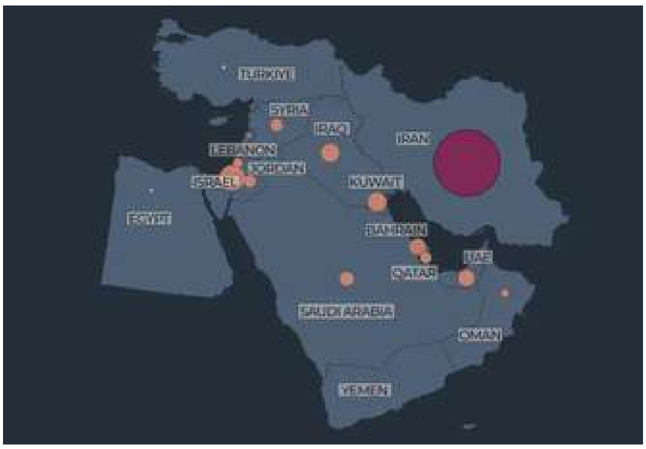

US-Israel war on Iran, six months down the line: In numbers

Over six months, the US-Israel conflict with Iran has killed at least 7,900 people regionally and wounded 757 US personnel across 5,500+ strikes. Strait of Hormuz shipping collapsed from 100 daily vessels to seven, causing 70 maritime incidents and 19 deaths. Financially, the US war cost officially reached $37.5 billion (with internal estimates hitting $100 billion), Brent crude rose 22 percent, and the US oil reserve fell to its lowest level since 1982.

Source: Link

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SPORTS NEWS

R Praggnanandhaa - Grand Chess Tour

Indian Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa became the first Indian to win the Grand Chess Tour in its history. He staged a brilliant comeback in the final leg at St. Louis, USA, defeating defending champion Fabiano Caruana 15-13 in a thrilling final encounter before a packed audience. The victory earned him a $200,000 prize and strengthened his position among the world's elite chess players, marking a significant milestone for Indian chess globally.

Source: Link

Indian Women's Hockey Team Achieves Historic 5th Place at FIH World Cup

The Indian Women's Hockey Team ended their FIH World Cup campaign with a 3-1 victory over Germany in the fifth-place match in Amstelveen. The result marked India's best World Cup finish in 52 years, matching their 1974 run. Strong defence and decisive counter-attacks highlighted India's progress ahead of upcoming continental qualifiers.

Source: Link

UEFA Champions League Draw Sets Up Blockbuster Fixtures

The UEFA Champions League league-phase draw produced high-profile matchups, including Arsenal against Real Madrid. Operating in the 36-team league format, the draw determines eight opponents for each team. Clubs will compete for direct qualification into the knockout rounds, setting the stage for intense competition across Europe in the upcoming season.

Source: Link

Neeraj Chopra Qualifies for Diamond League Final

Double Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra secured his qualification for the 2026 Diamond League Final in Brussels. Chopra locked in his spot after a strong performance at the Lausanne Diamond League, where he placed second with a season-best throw of 88.05 meters, finishing just behind Sri Lanka's Rumesh Pathirage. Accumulating 12 total qualification points across the circuit, the star athlete now aims to reclaim the Diamond League trophy in next month's grand finale.

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FINANCE NEWS

ECLGS 5.0 SUPPORT FOR MSMEs TO LAST ONLY FOR THE ALLOCATED GUARANTEE COVER

NCGTC has told banks that loans under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0 will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis until the ₹2.5 lakh crore guarantee limit is exhausted. The scheme, launched in May 2026 to support MSMEs and non-MSMEs affected by the West Asia war, will not cover sanctions made after the guarantee cap is reached.

Source: Link

IIP GROWTH SLOWS TO 6.7% IN JULY 2026, ECONOMISTS WARN OF SLUGGISH RURAL CONSUMPTION

India's IIP growth slowed to 6.7% in July 2026 from 8.8% in June, though it remained the second-highest reading since December 2025. Growth was driven by manufacturing and electricity & gas supply, while June's IIP was revised upward from 7.3% to 8.8%, reflecting stronger industrial performance during the month.

Source: Link

STOCK MARKETS REBOUND, ENDING 2-DAY LOSING STREAK ON BUYING IN IT FIRMS; SENSEX JUMPS 331 POINTS

Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty rebounded on Friday (August 28, 2026) after two days of losses and ended higher, tracking buying in blue-chip IT stocks and a rally in global markets. The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 330.92 points, or 0.43%, to settle at 77,264.51. During the day, it jumped 424.38 points, or 0.55%, to 77,357.97.

Source: Link

RUPEE DECLINES 10 PAISE TO 95.55 AGAINST U.S. DOLLAR IN EARLY TRADE

The rupee fell 10 paise to 95.55 against the U.S. dollar in early trade on Friday (August 28, 2026), weighed by FII outflows and sustained disruptions in global crude oil supplies.

However, a marginally weaker greenback and a fall in global crude oil prices to levels below $90/barrel prevented a sharper decline in the local unit, forex traders said.

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EXPRESSION GAZETTE

Regulating the Algorithmic Panopticon: A Critical Evaluation of India's Code on Social Security 2020

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Editor's Note: This piece examines the real world consequences of India's gig economy rules, specifically the Code on Social Security 2020. The core argument is simple. Giving gig workers a legal label without backing it up with a minimum wage locks in a new kind of poverty. By letting apps avoid the duties of a real employer in the name of flexibility, public policy ends up subsidizing tech company valuations while workers pay the price. What is needed is a new approach, one that forces algorithms out into the open, guarantees a hard wage floor, and makes welfare contributions portable.

THE ILLUSION OF AUTONOMY IN THE DIGITAL PANOPTICON

Look at the thousands of people dodging traffic in our cities every day to deliver food or offer rides. Technically, they are independent contractors. Over the last ten years, this gig work went from a side hustle to the main way a lot of urban people survive. NITI Aayog estimates that millions have plugged into these delivery and ride hailing apps all across India. For people trying to escape dead end jobs in rural areas, these apps sold a dream: be your own boss, work when you want, and get out what you put in.

But the reality tells a different story. The moment a worker logs in, that supposed freedom vanishes. They are pulled into a centralized digital panopticon. The app's algorithm tells them exactly where to go, decides exactly what they will get paid, and hits them with automatic penalties if they try to actually act like independent contractors.

This whole idea of independence is built on workers giving up basic safety nets. No provident fund. No health insurance. Nowhere to go if they get treated unfairly. In 2020, the state finally stepped in with the Code on Social Security, which gave gig workers formal legal recognition for the very first time. But putting a legal label on someone does not pay their rent. The law completely missed the structural problem that makes this kind of work so precarious.

VENTURE CAPITAL SUBSIDIES AND PIECE RATE WAGE SUPPRESSION

How did these platforms get so big so fast? Simple. They tapped into India's massive surplus of moderately skilled workers who desperately needed cash now. In the early days, aggregators burned through mountains of international venture capital to artificially inflate worker pay. Many remember stories of early drivers pulling in monthly numbers that dwarfed standard blue collar salaries. It was a deliberate strategy to build an addicted, dependent workforce.

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Economically speaking, this is simply piece rate wage suppression playing out in a monopsony. There is an endless supply of workers, meaning the individual on the bike has almost zero leverage. Reject a poorly priced trip because traffic is heavy? The algorithm immediately hands it to the next worker. The entire system is essentially built to find the lowest possible price a person will accept for their labor. That flexibility they promised turns out to be an illusion. Miss a login during peak hours and workers are hit with shadow bans and automated fines.

THE CODE ON SOCIAL SECURITY 2020: HIGH EXPECTATIONS, FLAWED EXECUTION

When parliament passed the Code on Social Security in 2020, politicians called it a major win for labor rights in the digital era. India also received global recognition for being one of the first major countries to put gig workers and platform workers into actual law. The central provision was a rule requiring aggregators to contribute 1% to 2% of their annual turnover into a social security fund run by the state.

Years later, the policy is largely symbolic. The fatal flaw of the 2020 Code is how it avoids the employment classification issue entirely. By keeping gig workers legally distinct from actual employees, the government essentially gave tech companies a way to bypass the Minimum Wages Act. It is not possible to build a working social security net for a group of people who are not even guaranteed enough money to live on.

Then there is the fund itself, which exists in a bureaucratic gray area. Companies might be paying their small fraction of turnover, but there is no clear mechanism to get that money into the hands of workers when disaster strikes. If a rider gets into an accident, a large national fund does not help them at the hospital door. And if a worker is removed by an app's automated system, they cannot appeal to a person; they have to argue with a chatbot.

STRUCTURAL REFORMS FOR AN EQUITABLE DIGITAL ECONOMY

The 2020 Code is not a total loss, but fixing it means the government has to finally stand up to these platform monopolies instead of constantly yielding to their demands for flexibility. Real economic growth cannot be built by extracting every last bit of value from an unprotected underclass. If India wants a digital economy that does not feel dystopian, it needs meaningful policy changes now.

•Lock in an algorithmic minimum wage: A strict, legally protected payout that calculates every minute a worker is engaged, from accepting the request to completing the delivery, is needed. It should be tied directly to local fuel prices and vehicle wear and tear so platforms cannot shift their business expenses onto the worker.
•Force algorithmic transparency: The government needs an independent watchdog to audit these platform algorithms, looking for discriminatory task assignments and hidden pay cuts.

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•Set up local dispute boards: Real people, including state officials, company representatives, and worker delegates, need to review account deactivations. Automated firings should not be the final word.
•Make social security portable: Welfare should function like a digital wallet attached to a worker's identity. When a gig is completed on any app, a small portion of that transaction should instantly route into a healthcare and retirement account backed by the state.

Conclusion

Trying to run a modern digital economy using employment definitions from the 1950s is a losing strategy. The explosion of the gig model exposed a major blind spot in India's labor laws, allowing companies to shift all their operational risks onto the most vulnerable people in the country. The Code on Social Security tried to enter the conversation, but it stopped short of confronting the underlying corporate power dynamic.

Recognizing that a worker exists is very different from actually protecting their life. Until the law establishes a firm economic floor, one that guarantees minimum pay and removes the secrecy around these algorithms, the platform economy will remain a poverty engine dressed up as technological progress. If India is serious about equitable development, it must ensure that the invisible hands running its cities do not end up with nothing to show for it.

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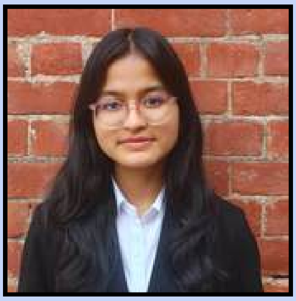

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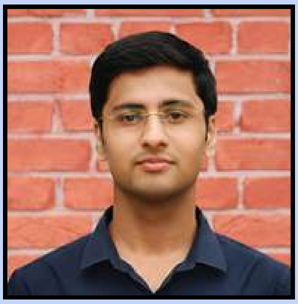

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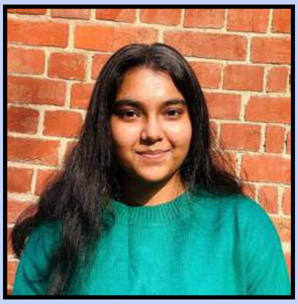

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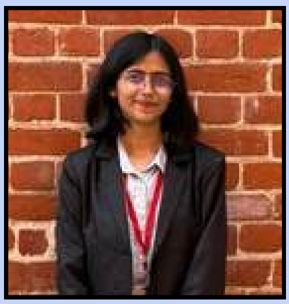

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