



SHRI RAM COLLEGE OF COMMERCE  
University of Delhi

# Two-Day Workshop

*on*

**Developing Knowledge, Research and Competencies**

*on*

**Economic History and Economic Thoughts of India:  
Ancient Perspectives**

**July 14-15, 2023**

**Shri Ram College of Commerce**

*Organised by*

**CENTRE FOR INDIAN ECONOMIC HISTORY  
SHRI RAM COLLEGE OF COMMERCE**

Under Project sanctioned to Shri Ram College of Commerce  
*by*

**Ministry of Culture  
Government of India**

*Knowledge Partner:* Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Trust Foundation (Kalam Centre)



## About the Workshop

Since ancient times, India was renowned for its global economic dominance, harmonious trade relations, and prolific urban advancements. The economic history of India developed from the thoughts, wisdom and perspectives of our ancient scriptures such as Vedas, Upanishads, Ramayana, Mahabharata, and Smritis, and from philosophies encapsulated in works such as Chanakya's *Arthashastra* and Shukra's *NitiShastra*. Therefore, the study of Economic Thoughts and Economic History of India since ancient times provides invaluable insights into visualising and understanding significant economic issues and policy implementation in various historical periods of India, which may provide simple, effective and sustainable solutions to modern day economic problems. However, relatively scant literature, discourse, and research are some of the challenges faced in analysing, understanding and deriving the inherent wisdom prevalent in Ancient Indian Economic History and Thoughts required to innovate solutions for challenges of today. Further, the study of ancient scriptures, wisdoms and history require knowledge and research competencies to be able to extract the right information with the proper interpretation and hence, the right conclusion from the study. Moreover, given the rich and practical insights offered by Ancient India in understanding modern day economics, especially its ideas, there must a conscious attempt to expand the teaching-learning competencies of faculty members in the fields of commerce and economics.

With this view, the **Centre for Indian Economic History (CIEH)** at Shri Ram College of Commerce is organising a **Two-Day Workshop** on **"Developing Knowledge, Research and Competencies on Economic History and Economic Thoughts of India: Ancient Perspectives"** at the College campus on July 14-15, 2023. The Two Day Workshop is being organised under the project sanctioned to the Centre for Indian Economic History, Shri Ram College of Commerce by **Ministry of Culture, Government of India** under the *"Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM)"*. The Kalam Centre is the knowledge partner for the Workshop. The Two Day Workshop is being proudly organised in the 100 Years Centenary of the University of Delhi also being celebrated in the 75<sup>th</sup> Year of Independence Celebrations: *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* and in the Year of India's G20 Presidency.

The Two Day Workshop will provide participants with an opportunity to understand the rich heritage of Indian Economic History and Economic Thought since ancient times, thereby expanding their horizons of learning and fostering a deep cultural appreciation. The Workshop will provide an interactive learning environment for attendees to build knowledge and research competencies that they could utilize in their own teaching practice and research.

The Workshop will focus on developing andragogical and research competencies amongst faculty members and scholars and building knowledge amongst the participants on the subject matter of Economic History, Thoughts and Perspectives of India.



## Objectives of the Workshop

- To encourage and facilitate the dissemination of knowledge in the field of Economic History and Economic Thoughts of India and thus contribute to a wider understanding and awareness of this subject among scholars and students.
- To enhance and foster teaching competencies of faculty members to effectively teach the subject of Economic History and Economic Thoughts of India and thus ensuring the deliverance of high-quality education and creating an engaging learning experience for the students.
- To augment and cultivate research competencies of faculty members and researchers in the field of economic history and economic thoughts of India.
- To provide a platform for facilitating the researchers to contribute to this field of economic history and economic thoughts of India through comprehensive analysis and scholarly publications.
- Strengthen collaboration and exchange of ideas among scholars and researchers in the field of economic history and economic thoughts of India since Ancient Times.

## Discussions in the Workshop

The Workshop has been planned in view of the relative lack of awareness and knowledge of the subject matter of Economic History, Economic Wisdoms, Thoughts, Perspectives, and Traditions of India since ancient times. Therefore, the discussions in the Workshops will focus on honing teaching-learning andragogies, building knowledge bases and expanding research competencies in faculty members and researchers, which would generate a wide range of synergetic perspectives from the relevant stakeholders in the education community on taking forward the rich but relatively unexplored subject matter of the Economic Thoughts and Economic History of India since ancient times. The discussions would also focus on how to increase the student-centricity as well as the scope of research of the topic.

## Who should Participate

The Workshop is open to students at Undergraduate and Post Graduate level, researchers, faculty members, practitioners, history enthusiasts from Corporate and Government sectors, and book authors having interest in the subject of economic history and economic thoughts of India since ancient times. Due to limited seats, the Organizing Committee shall be confirming the seats post registration. The decision of the Organising Committee towards confirmation of seats shall be binding and final.

## Registration

Please register for the Two-Day Workshop by clicking the link or scanning the QR Code. Registration to the Workshop is **Free-of-Cost**. Travel and Boarding/Lodging and conveyance will be provided to outstation participants by the CIEH, SRCC on request and confirmation of participation.

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## Outcomes of the Workshop

- Enhanced ability of researchers and faculty members to critically analyse economic history, historical data, ancient scriptures and interpret the same.
- Understand multi-disciplinary andragogical methods to incorporate historical antecedents and events in the teaching-learning of economics.
- Understand research techniques such as archival research, historiography and antiquarianism, especially their use in the Indian Context.
- Higher knowledge and appreciation of the Economic philosophies, wisdom and thoughts of India since ancient times.
- Better curriculum delivery and instructional strategies for engaging students in economics incorporating aspects of history, especially in subjects such as Indian Economy and History of Economic Thought amongst others.
- Strengthen collaboration and exchange of ideas among scholars and researchers in the field of economic history and economic thoughts of India since ancient times.

## Tentative Programme Schedule

Day 1: Friday, July 14, 2023	
Inaugural Session	10:00 AM-11:30 AM
Thematic Research Presentations-I	11:45 AM- 1:00 PM
Thematic Research Presentations-II	2:00 PM-3:30 PM
Thematic Research Presentations-III	3:45 PM-5:00 PM
Day 2: Saturday, July 15, 2023	
<b>Session I:</b> Developing Research Competencies on the subject of Ancient Indian History and Economic Thoughts	10:00 AM-11:30 AM
<b>Session II:</b> Researching topic of Economic History and Economic Thoughts of India	11:45 AM- 1:00 PM
<b>Session III:</b> Developing Teaching Competencies on the subject of Ancient Indian History and Economic Thoughts	2:00 PM-3:30 PM
<b>Session IV:</b> Teaching Economic History and Economic Thoughts of India	3:45 PM-5:00 PM
Valedictory and Closing Session	5:00 PM-5:30 PM





## Resource Person for the Workshop



### Prof. Satish Deodhar

Professor of Economics  
Dean (Faculty)  
IIM-Ahmedabad

An eminent faculty and renowned author of “*Economic Sutra-Ancient Indian Antecedents to Economic Thought*”, and “*Day to Day Economics*”, **Prof. Satish Deodhar** is Professor of Economics and Dean (Faculty) at the prestigious Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIM-A) where he has been teaching since 1998.

He has a Bachelor’s and a Master’s in Economics from the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from The Ohio State University. Apart from being the recipient of the Outstanding Ph.D. Dissertation Award from the Food Distribution Research Society, USA, he was honored with the Distinguished Young Professor Award for Excellence in Research by IIM-A (2008) and the Dewang Mehta National Education Award for Best Professor of Economics (2012 & 2015) by Business School Affaire.

Prof. Deodhar has worked on imperfectly competitive market structures, World Trade Organization (WTO), agricultural trade, food quality & safety, and CSR issues. Besides, he has conducted research projects for India’s Ministry of Food Processing Industry, Ministry of Agriculture, Indian Bank, and Economic Research Service of the US Department of Agriculture. He was selected as the Hewlett Fellow of the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium during 2006–2008. He has published research papers in national and international journals and has authored quite a few monographs. The publisher Penguin Random House has brought out three books authored by Prof. Deodhar. One of the books, *Day to Day Economics*, has gone on to become a national bestseller in the non-fiction category. A paper based on the theme of his latest book *Economic Sutra* has appeared in the renowned journal *The Annals of Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI)*.

Prof. Deodhar was the first Convener of the computerised Common Admission Test (CAT) conducted by IIMs for admissions to the business schools. His pioneering work in converting CAT into a computer based test (CBT) was replicated subsequently for other admission tests such as Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) of the IITs. Prof. Deodhar has also held many administrative positions at IIM-A including Admissions Chair, Placement Chair, Chair of MBA programmes, Welfare Chair, and Warden. He is the Founding Member of Pune International Centre, serves on the Advisory Board of Savida Agricom, and was on the board of Asian Granito as an Independent Director. Prof. Deodhar’s efforts had resulted in bringing out commemorative postal stamp and first-day postal envelope in memory of the great 18th century Maratha statesman, Bajirao Peshwa.



## About Shri Ram College of Commerce

Shri Ram College of Commerce, or SRCC, is India's premier higher education institution in the fields of Commerce, Economics and Management. Established in 1926 by the venerable Sir Shri Ram, eminent industrialist and philanthropist, the College is the preferred destination of higher studies for students pursuing commerce, economics or management. SRCC is consistently ranked as the Number One College of Commerce in India by renowned surveys such as India Today's Best Colleges Survey, Week Hansa, Outlook ICare and the Open Magazine amongst others. SRCC was accredited with 'A+' grade in the first cycle of assessment and accreditation in 2016, and 'A++' in the second cycle in 2023 by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

With a Vision of being "A College of Global Choice" driven by a Mission of "Achieving and Sustaining excellence in teaching and research, and enriching local, national and international communities through the research, the skills of alumni, and the publishing of academic and educational materials", Shri Ram College of Commerce aims at integration of the highest standards of quality in every aspect of its institutional functioning from imparting education to development of the nation.

Over ninety years of an ever evolving existence has enabled the College to specialise and excel extensively in the knowledge, application, value, principle, ethical, and society oriented delivery of the discipline of commerce, economics and management. As an enlightened institution of academic excellence, the College is devoted to enlarging, enhancing and enriching the horizons of academic, professional, personal and social growth of the global academic community, and simultaneously engaging in broadening the scope of its institutional, social and, national outreach. In recent years, the College has expansively donned the role of academic institutional leadership and is enriching communities with its academic and research expertise. The College has several tie-ups and collaborations with eminent national and international institutions of higher education from countries such as USA, UK, Holland, Japan, Bhutan and Sri Lanka amongst others.





## The Centre for Indian Economic History Shri Ram College of Commerce

Given the immense importance of the subject matter of the India's economic thoughts, philosophy, wisdom, history and tradition, and the relative lack of awareness and acknowledgement of the same, Shri Ram College of Commerce aspires to have a leadership role in creating and sustaining awareness, appreciation and discussions on the rich glory of India's diverse Economic History, Wisdom and Tradition. With this overarching vision, the Shri Ram College of Commerce established a **Centre for Indian Economic History (CIEH, SRCC)** towards developing and disseminating knowledge, research and related competencies on **Economic History, Economic Thoughts and Economic Wisdoms of India**. The CIEH, SRCC will undertake events and activities to reinvigorate research, discussion and discourse in Indian Economic History and Ancient Indian Economic Wisdom.



### Our Knowledge Partner

**Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Trust Foundation  
(Kalam Centre)**

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Trust Foundation (Kalam Centre) strives to create and implement mission-mode projects along with the mission and vision of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam (1931-2015), the 11<sup>th</sup> President of India. It aims to promote innovations, in governance, policy and social enterprises, enhance youth participation in national and international development and improve access to education and knowledge across various strata of society. Kalam Centre is the world's largest NGO on social media with over 23 lakh volunteers and followers connected digitally from across the world.



Kalam Centre is an honorary knowledge partner of Centre for Indian Economic History, Shri Ram College of Commerce.







## Ministry of Culture Government of India

Culture plays an important role in the development agenda of any nation. It represents a set of shared attitudes, values, goals and practices. Culture and creativity manifest themselves in almost all economic, social and other activities. A country as diverse as India is symbolized by the plurality of its culture. The mandate of the Ministry of Culture revolves around the functions like preservation and conservation of our cultural heritage and promotion of all forms of art and culture, both tangible and intangible. The Ministry's task is to develop and sustain ways and means through which the creative and aesthetic sensibilities of the people remain active and dynamic. The functional spectrum of this Ministry is wide, ranging from generating cultural awareness at grassroots level to promoting cultural exchanges at international level. In order to achieve these objectives, the Ministry undertakes various activities that flow from subjects allocated under the Govt. of India's Allocation of Business Rules.



## आजादी का अमृत महोत्सव Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav



Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of Independence and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. The Official Journey of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav commenced on March 12, 2021 which started a 75-week countdown to our 75th anniversary of Independence. Till date more than 1.74+ lakh official programmes have been done across all parts of India and the world as part of Amrit Mahotsav. There are nine themes of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav which are aligned with the 'Panch Pran' announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister. These include Women and Children, Tribal Empowerment, Water, Cultural Pride, Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE), Health and Wellness, Inclusive Development, Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Unity.

## Dhara: Ode to Indian Knowledge Systems



One of the campaigns under the theme of Cultural Pride is DHARA: Ode to Indian Knowledge Systems. Dhara embodies that idea of 'continuous flow' of knowledge and wisdom from one age to another, being adopted, questioned and modified over time so that we not only move ahead to the next level of insights across various fields but do so on the back of the work that is already available to us from our past.





## Important Dates

Registration Starts	Tuesday, July 04, 2023
Closing of Registration	Monday, July 10, 2023
Confirmation of Registration	Wednesday, July 12, 2023

## Organising Committee Shri Ram College of Commerce

Workshop Director: **Prof. Simrit Kaur**, *Principal, Shri Ram College of Commerce*

Workshop Convenor: **Dr. Monika Gaur**, *Assistant Professor*

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