

# Planning Forum and Economics Association 2025-26

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## About the Forum:

Established as one of the college's earliest academic bodies, the Planning Forum and Economics Association stands as a cornerstone of intellectual discourse on economic thought, financial systems, and public affairs. It functions as a vibrant space where ideas are exchanged, policies are examined, and contemporary developments are thoughtfully analyzed. Through seminars, discussions, and collaborative initiatives, the Forum nurtures informed reasoning, constructive dialogue, and a nuanced understanding of the forces influencing society and the economy.

# Event 1: TEDxRAPodarCollege 2025

**Date & Day:** 19th July, 2025 (Saturday)

**Venue:** College Auditorium

**Number of Attendees:** 100 (offline) and 300+ (online)

## Description:

**TEDxRAPodarCollege 2025** was organized with the primary objective of creating a platform for **ideas worth spreading** while inspiring the student community through compelling narratives of change, innovation, and purpose. Centered around the theme **“The Change We Choose,”** the event brought together speakers who embodied leadership, resilience, and social responsibility.

The event sought to:

- Encourage a culture of curiosity and critical thinking among students.
- Highlight changemakers within and beyond the college community.
- Foster innovation, creativity, and social responsibility.
- Empower students to actively pursue innovation and social impact.

Through engaging talks and thought-provoking discussions, the event successfully initiated meaningful dialogue and reinforced the importance of conscious change in shaping the future.





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## Event 2: The Fiscal Discourse – Essay Writing Competition

**Deadline:** 7th September, 2025 (Sunday)

**Mode:** Online Submission

**Description:**

The Planning Forum and Economics Association proudly conducted its annual essay writing competition titled **“The Fiscal Discourse.”** The initiative sought to create an academic platform for students to **articulate well-researched perspectives, demonstrate analytical rigor, and critically examine contemporary global economic and financial developments.**

**Topics for the Competition included:**

1. When Conflict Becomes Business: How Wars Create Winners in Global Markets.
2. The Value of Nothing: Can a Zero-Waste Economy Solve the Resource Scarcity Crisis?
3. Ownership in the Age of AI: Who Controls the Value Created by Machines?
4. Currency Wars: Can De-Dollarization Reshape Global Finance?
5. The Attention Deficit Economy: Productivity, Distraction and Mental Health in the Digital Age.
6. BRICS Expansion: A New Power Bloc in Global Trade and Finance.

7. The Gig Economy: Is Freelancing the Future of Work?
8. BRICS vs. G7: Who Will Shape the Next World Order in Economics?

Participants submitted their entries within the stipulated timeframe, and **the winning essays were selected based on originality, depth of analysis, coherence of argument, and clarity of expression.** All participants were awarded certificates of participation, and the top three essays were featured in the college magazine in recognition of their outstanding contribution.

**The winners of the competition were as follows:**

1st Position – **Purva Mayekar**

2nd Position – **Prutha Kulkarni**

3rd Position – **Himanshu Gupta and Bhoomi Kamble**

The competition successfully encouraged intellectual discourse and critical engagement with pressing global economic themes.

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## **Event 3: Escape Room**

**Date & Day:** 12th January, 2026 (Monday)

**Time & Venue:** 11:00 a.m., G4 Classroom

**Number of Teams:** 9 (Teams of two participants each)

### **Description:**

The Escape Room Challenge was designed as an intellectually stimulating and high-energy event aimed at testing participants' teamwork, logical reasoning, and cognitive agility under strict time constraints. The activity simulated a time-pressured problem-solving environment where collaboration and strategic thinking were essential for success.

Each team of two was required to solve a series of complex puzzles and decipher hidden clues **within a 15-minute timeframe.** The ultimate objective was to uncover the final escape code before time ran out.

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The event focused on developing and strengthening the following skills:

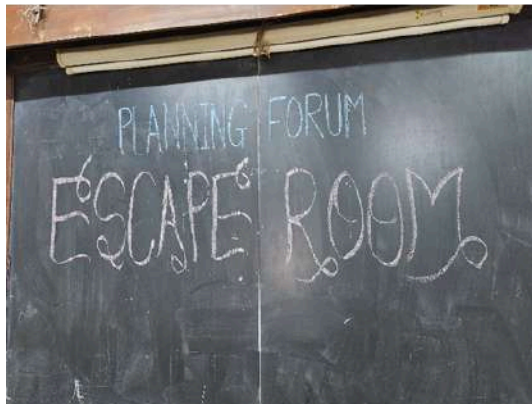
- Strategic decision-making under intense time pressure
- Analytical reasoning and numerical precision
- Logical problem-solving abilities
- Effective communication and teamwork

The dynamic format of the challenge encouraged participants to think critically, divide responsibilities efficiently, and maintain composure while navigating layered problem statements. The competitive yet engaging atmosphere ensured active participation and enthusiastic involvement from all teams.

### Winners of the Event:

1st Position – **Vaani Jain and Ben Abraham**

2nd Position– **Nishtha Wagh and Sarthak Tatkare**



# The Consulting Club

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## Event 4: The Business Matrix – Understanding Business Models

**Date & Day:** 5th December, 2025 (Friday)

**Time & Venue:** 11:00 a.m., G1 Classroom

**Number of Attendees:** 43

### Description:

The Business Matrix: Understanding Business Models was an insightful session conducted by **alumnus Mr. Amit Haldipur, Associate Director at Protiviti**. The session focused on the fundamentals of business model analysis and introduced students to structured consulting frameworks.

Using **tools such as the Business Model Canvas**, Mr. Haldipur demonstrated how consultants evaluate companies, identify inefficiencies, and design strategies for growth. The speaker combined structured consulting frameworks with real-world examples from industry giants like **Netflix** and **Swiggy to demonstrate how to identify inefficiencies and drive growth**.

The session effectively equipped participants with analytical tools relevant for case interviews, consulting careers, and professional certifications.



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## Event 5: Adapt to Win – Strategy in Rapidly Evolving Markets

**Date & Day:** 13th February, 2026 (Friday)

**Time & Venue:** 10:45 a.m., G1 Classroom

**Number of Attendees:** 45

### **Description:**

Adapt to Win: Strategy in Rapidly Evolving Markets featured guest speaker **Mr. Raghav Narsalay, Partner at PwC India**. The session explored real-world strategic challenges,

such as technological disruption and globalization, while introducing structured consulting frameworks.

Participants were introduced to structured consulting frameworks and a hypothesis-driven approach to problem-solving. Mr. Narsalay emphasized:

- Adaptability as a strategic advantage
- Data-driven decision-making
- Innovation as a response to uncertainty

Through case discussions and examples of strategic pivots and innovation, students gained insight into how companies sustain competitive advantage in dynamic markets. The interactive Q&A session further enhanced participants' understanding of consulting careers and strategic thinking.

The event concluded with an interactive Q&A that provided attendees with enhanced analytical clarity and a forward-looking strategic outlook. To conclude, the session equipped participants with the practical mindset required to thrive in the modern business landscape.

