News you should not miss on the platform economy in India

October 2020 - Some of Swiggy’s delivery partners in Hyderabad have been on a strike since September 15 to protest against low wages. A couple of days after the Hyderabad strike began, Swiggy delivery workers in Noida launched a protest over similar demands. *(Inc42)*

October, 2020 - The **Code on Social Security** directs digital aggregator platforms to contribute 1 to 2 percent of their annual turnover towards **social security** provisions for their workers. But experts say that the legislation should have considered issues with regard to fluctuation of income and continuity in getting work. *(Forbes India)*

October, 2020 - Bangalore: The gig economy will lead **80%** of overall demand for jobs in 2020.

Among the cities, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Delhi and Hyderabad will create the most job opportunities.

*(Betterplace)*

September, 2020 - New Delhi: A section of drivers working with cab aggregators **Ola and Uber** went on **strike** affecting services in some parts of Delhi-NCR as they demanded a fare hike and moratorium on loan repayment.

*(The Economic Times)*

10 things (+1) you may not know on the platform economy around the world

**UNITED STATES**

October, 2020 - Seattle approves minimum pay rate for **Uber and Lyft** drivers. The city became the second in the nation to create a compensation standard for taxi drivers, after New York. *(The New York Times)*

**AUSTRALIA**

October, 2020 - The **gig economy** is much bigger than previously thought, with up to **7 per cent** of working-age Australians – just under one million people – doing “platform work” in the past 12 months. *(In The Black)*
ARGENTINA
October, 2020 - October 8th a new international strike of delivery men took place. In Argentina, the distributors demanded an increase in payment per order, medical coverage, ART, paid licenses and recognition of the labor relationship they have with the companies. (Página/12)

FRANCE
September, 2020 - Los trabajadores de UberEats y Deliveroo impulsan el aumento de nuevas empresas en Francia. El número de nuevas empresas de transporte aumentó un 29% en junio y julio con respecto al año anterior. (Reuters)

SWITZERLAND
September, 2020 - Geneva ends precarious contracts for Uber Eats delivery staff. Uber Eats deliverers will benefit from an employment contract which will guarantee four weeks of vacation and a gross salary of 20.65 francs. (Radio Télévision Suisse)

MALAYSIA
September, 2020 - The government has allocated RM100 million for the career advancement program. The Gig Economy program provides skills training that will help participants to generate income through the gig economy as freelancers. (New Straits Times)

UNITED KINGDOM
August, 2020 - Police back Uber’s bid to keep London licence because taxi firm shares data about its 3.5m passengers and 45,000 drivers with intelligence officers. (Daily Mail)

PHILIPPINES
September, 2020 - According to a report by Payoneer on the "Global Gig Economy Index" the Philippines placed sixth in the world as the fastest-growing market for the gig industry, revealing a 35 per cent growth in freelance earnings. (The Asean Post)

THE NETHERLANDS
August, 2020 - Jitse Groen (Just Eat Takeaway) has declared that they intend to stop using Gig Workers across Europe. They would rather run their business with people who get benefits and more protection in the workplace. (BBC News)

SOUTH AFRICA
May, 2020 - A recently released report shows that those working in South Africa’s gig economy (Uber, Mr D, and SweepSouth) are falling through the cracks of government and private sector responses to COVID-19. (University of Cape Town)