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Socio-Economic Challenges and Pathways**

October 30-31, 2026

~~Organised by:~~
~~Department of Economics~~
~~Punjabi University, Patiala~~
~~Punjab, India~~

BRIEF PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE : THURSDAY, 29th October, 2026

DINNER
(Main Guest House, Punjabi University, Patiala)
7:00 pm onwards

PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE : FRIDAY, 30TH October, 2026

Registration

09:00 am Onwards	Registration Venue: Reception, VC Office, Punjabi University, Patiala
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Inaugural Session

10:00 am to 11:00 am	Inaugural Session Venue: Senate Hall, VC Office, Punjabi University, Patiala
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1st Parallel Technical Sessions : Day-1: 11.00 am to 12.30 pm

Technical Session 1.1 (Venue: Senate Hall) : 11.00 am to 12.30 pm : Theme – 1: Agrarian Transformation, Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Livelihoods
Chairperson: Prof. JASBIR SINGH ; Co-Chairperson: Dr. KULDEEP SINGH ; Rapporteurs: ~~Manpreet Kaur & Mehreen Rao~~

Technical Session 1.2 (Venue: Syndicate Room) : 11.00 am to 12.30 pm : Theme – 1: Agrarian Transformation, Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Livelihoods
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Technical Session 1.3 (Venue: Seminar Hall, Guru Granth Sahib Bhawan, adjoining VC office) : 11.00 am to 12.30 pm : Theme – 5: Climate Change, Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Rural Development
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2nd Parallel Technical Sessions : Day-1: 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm

Technical Session 2.1 (Venue: Senate Hall) : 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm : Theme – 1: Agrarian Transformation, Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Livelihoods		
Chairperson: Prof. ARJINDER KAUR ;	Co-Chairperson: Dr. HARSIMRAN SINGH ;	Rapporteurs: ~~Rashpal Singh & Ankita~~
Technical Session 2.2 (Venue: Syndicate Room) : 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm : Theme – 1: Agrarian Transformation, Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Livelihoods		
Chairperson: Prof. PARMINDER KAUR ;	Co-Chairperson: Dr. TARANJIT SINGH ;	Rapporteurs: ~~Jatinder Kumar Pal & Simranjit Singh~~
Technical Session 2.3 (Venue: Seminar Hall, Guru Granth Sahib Bhawan, adjoining VC office) : 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm : Theme – 5: Climate Change, Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Rural Development		
Chairperson: Prof. ~~BALJINDER KAUR SIDANA~~ ;	Co-Chairperson: Dr. MRIGENDER SINGH	Rapporteurs: ~~Nega & Priya~~

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Lunch: Main Guest House, Punjabi University, Patiala – 02:00 pm - 03:00 pm

3rd Parallel Technical Sessions : Day-1: 3.00 pm to 4.30 pm

Technical Session 3.1 (Venue: Senate Hall): 3.00 pm to 4.30 pm : Theme – 2: Agricultural Markets, Cooperatives, Rural Finance and Value Chains		
Chairperson: Prof. VIPIN NEGI ;	Co-Chairperson: Dr. DHARAMPAL ;	Rapporteurs: Dr. Gaganpreet Singh & Dr. Amanpreet Kaur
Technical Session 3.2 (Venue: Syndicate Room) : 3.00 pm to 4.30 pm : Theme – 2: Agricultural Markets, Cooperatives, Rural Finance and Value Chains		
Chairperson: Dr. CHANDER MOHAN NEGI ;	Co-Chairperson: Dr. VEERPAL KAUR ;	Rapporteurs: Dr. Ketanpreet Kaur & Simran

4:30 am to 4.45 pm	Tea Break
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4th Parallel Technical Sessions : Day-1: 4.45 pm to 6.15 pm

Technical Session 4.1 (Venue: Senate Hall) : 4.45 pm to 6.15 pm : Theme – 2: Agricultural Markets, Cooperatives, Rural Finance and Value Chains		
Chairperson: Prof. SHRIKANT S. KALAMKAR ;	Co-Chairperson: Dr. SUKHRAM SINGH ;	Rapporteurs: ~~Gagandeep Singh & Simarjit Kaur~~
Technical Session 4.2 (Venue: Syndicate Room) : 4.45 pm to 6.15 pm : Theme – 3: Rural Entrepreneurship, Employment and Economic Diversification		
Chairperson: Prof. R. B. HILE ;	Co-Chairperson: Dr. HARJINDER SINGH ;	Rapporteurs: ~~Arshdeep Kaur & Simran Singh~~

7:30 pm onwards	DINNER Main Guest House, Punjabi University, Patiala
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5th Parallel Technical Sessions : Day-2: 9.00 am to 10.30 am

Technical Session 5.1 (Venue: Senate Hall) : 9.00 am to 10.30 am : Theme – 3: Rural Entrepreneurship, Employment and Economic Diversification		
Chairperson: Prof. PARAMJIT SINGH ;	Co-Chairperson: Dr. TSERING YANGZOM ;	Rapporteurs: ~~Sonal Goyal & Jagmeet Singh~~
Technical Session 5.2 (Venue: Syndicate Room) : 9.00 am to 10.30 am : Theme – 3: Rural Entrepreneurship, Employment and Economic Diversification		
Chairperson: Prof. NARENDER THAKUR ;	Co-Chairperson: Dr. RUPINDER KAUR ;	Rapporteurs: ~~Handeep Kaur & Surjeet Kaur~~

6th Parallel Technical Sessions : Day-2: 10.30 am to 12.00 pm

Technical Session 6.1 (Venue: Senate Hall) : 10.30 am to 12.00 pm : Theme – 4: Poverty, Social Inclusion and Gender Equity in Rural Development		
Chairperson: Prof. PAWAN KUMAR ;	Co-Chairperson: Dr. SUKHVIR KAUR ;	Rapporteurs: ~~Harjeet Kaur & Jaspreet Kaur~~
Technical Session 6.2 (Venue: Syndicate Room) : 10.30 am to 12.00 pm : Theme – 4: Poverty, Social Inclusion and Gender Equity in Rural Development		
Chairperson: Dr. JASPAL SINGH ;	Co-Chairperson: Dr. ANJALI BANSAL ;	Rapporteurs: ~~Anees-Ur-Rehman & Waqar Afzal~~

12:00 pm to 12.15 pm	Tea Break
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7th Parallel Technical Sessions : Day-2: 12.15 pm to 1.30 pm

Technical Session 7.1 (Venue: Syndicate Room) : 12.15 pm to 1.30 pm : Theme – 4: Poverty, Social Inclusion and Gender Equity in Rural Development

Chairperson: Prof.INDERPREET KAUR ; Co-Chairperson: Dr. NAPINDER KAUR ; Rapporteurs: Gagandeep Kaur & Kajal

**Day-2:
01:30 pm -02:00 pm**

**VALEDICTORY SESSION
Venue: Senate Hall**

*** Award of ‘Best Paper published in IJED in 2024-25’ and ‘Best Presentation Certificates’ will be held in this Valedictory Session**

**** Paper Presentation Certificates will be given after the Valedictory Session**

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S.No.	NAME	DESIGNATION & ADDRESS	TITLE
1.	Manoj Sharma ¹ , and Nishita Jagta ²	¹ Associate Professor, and ² Research Scholar, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, National Institute of Technology, Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh, India.	Production and Farm Value Volatility among Apple Growers in Himachal Pradesh
2.	Ajay Singh ¹ and Raj Kumar ²	¹ Assistant Professor, Department of Agriculture, Maharishi Markandeshwar (Deemed to Be University), Mullana–Ambala and ² Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, College of Horticulture, Maharana Pratap Horticultural University, Karnal	Profitability of Major Farming System in Kurukshetra District of Haryana
3.	Ekta Paliwal ¹ , Gourav Kumar Vani ² , Arunaabh Trivedi ³ , Anil Singh Rawat ¹ , Prathama Pratikshya ¹	¹ Research Scholar, Department of Agricultural Economics, C. P. College of Agriculture, Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, S. K. Nagar-385506 (Gujarat), India, ² Assistant Professor, and ³ ResearchScholar, Department of Agricultural Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Jabalpur-482004 (Madhya Pradesh), India	Global Dynamics of Agricultural Pesticide Consumption: A Comparative Analysis of Special Groups of Countries
4.	Rohini Vilhekar ¹ , V. G. Pokharkar ² and P. V. Munde ³	¹ Assistant Professor, CSMKVS, Kashti, Malegaon, ² Deputy Director of Research (Retired), MPKV, Rahuri (Maharashtra) and ³ Assistant Professor, COA, Pune, (Maharashtra)	Economic Impact of Sweet Orange Varieties Nuceller and Phule Mosambi on Farmers' Economy in Maharashtra
5.	Sanjeev Sirohi ¹ , Nitin Bhardwaj ² , Dalip Kumar Bishnoi ³ , Jitender Bhatia ⁴ , and Pushpa ⁵	¹ Assistant Scientist and ³ Senior Scientist, College of Fisheries Science, Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University Hisar, Haryana(125004), ² *Assistant Scientist and ⁵ Research Scholar, Department of Mathematics & Statistics, College of Basics Science, Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University Hisar, Haryana, ⁴ Senior Scientist, Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture, Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University Hisar, Haryana.	A Comparative Study of Hybrid (ARIMAX-ANN) and ARIMAX Models using Time Series Data of Sugarcane Yield
6.	Raj Kumar ¹ , Sanjay Kumar Joshi ² , Ajay Kumar ¹ and Rajinder Kumar ³	¹ Assistant Professor, ² Associate Professor, and ³ Assistant Librarian, Department of Social Sciences, College of Horticulture, Maharana Pratap Horticultural University, Karnal-132001 (Haryana)	Economic Analysis, Marketing and Constraints of Kinnow (<i>Citrus reticulata</i>) Cultivation in Haryana
7.	Pradeep Terdal ¹ , Dhasarathan M ² , Gunjan Bhandari ¹ and Udit Chaudhary ¹	¹ ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal-132001 (Karnal) and ² ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi-110012 (Delhi)	From Crop Cultivation to Wages and Livestock: Structural Changes in Agricultural Household Income and Inequality in Karnataka
8.	Dorge Jitendra ¹ , Khairnar Kaveri ² , Gade Rajendra ² and Rajendra Hile ³	¹ Assistant Professor, ² Junior Research Assistant, and ³ Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth (MPKV), Rahuri-413722 (Maharashtra)	Economic Performance of Integrated Farming Systems in Western Maharashtra: A Comparative Analysis
9.	Anil Singh Rawat ¹ , Gopesh Kumari ² , and Priyesh Ranjan ³	¹ Research Scholar, Department of Agricultural Economics, C. P. College of Agriculture, Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, S. K. Nagar-385506 (Gujarat), ² Research Scholar, Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture, Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner-334006 (Rajasthan), and ³ Research Scholar, Department of Agricultural Economics, Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur-492012 (Chhattisgarh), India	Wheat Production Dynamics in Gujarat: Growth, Instability and Sources of Output Growth

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1.	Jasleen Kaur Rapiyal ¹ and SK Chauhan ²	¹ Research Scholar and ² Professor, Department of Economics, Akal College of Economics, Commerce and Management, Eternal University, Baru Sahib-173101, District Sirmaur (Himachal Pradesh)	Growth, Instability and Sustainability of Sugarcane Production: Implications for the Agricultural Value Chain in Western Uttar Pradesh
2.	D. J. Sanap ¹ , R. B. Hile, and B.S. Khandekar	¹ Junior Research Assistant, ² Professor-cum-Head, and ³ Research Scholar, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, Maharashtra	Economic Analysis of 'C' Variety Dragon Fruit Cultivation for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods in Solapur District of Maharashtra
3.	Simarjot Kaur ¹ and J.M. Singh ²	¹ Research Scholar, and ² Director (AERC)-cum-Head, Department of Economics and Sociology, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana-141004 (Punjab)	Measuring Agricultural Sustainability Across India with Special Reference to Punjab and Haryana
4.	Sanjana ¹ and Ruchi Rani Gangwar ²	¹ Research Scholar and ² Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Gobind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar-263145 (Uttarakhand)	Natural Farming as an Agroecological Transition in India: Evidence and Policy Insights
5.	Imtihan Mallick ¹ , Saddam Hossain Mondal ² , and Melisha Khatun ²	¹ Research Scholar and ² Assistant Professors of Economics, Department of Economics, Aliah University, North 24 Parganas-700160(West Bengal), India	Understanding Regional Dynamics of Fruit Cultivation in India: A State-Level Analysis
6.	Pooja Gaba	Research Scholar, Department of Geography, Punjabi University, Patiala-147002 (Punjab)	Rice Dominance and Changing Cropping Systems in Punjab: A Spatio-temporal Perspective on the Transformation of Farming Systems
7.	Rattan Laxmi ¹ , Sukhvir Kaur ² and Ravinder Singh ³	^[1] Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala-147002 (Punjab), India; ² Assistant Professor, Dashmesh Khalsa College, Zirakpur-140603, Mohali (S.A.S. Nagar), Punjab; ³ Statistician (Former), Khalsa College, Amritsar-143002 (Punjab)	Agricultural Productivity and Poverty among Small and Marginal Farmers in Punjab
8.	Ajay Kumar ¹ and Raj Kumar ¹	¹ Assistant Professor, Department of Basic Sciences, College of Horticulture, Maharana Pratap Horticultural University, Karnal	Growth Performance, Instability and Forecasting of Vegetable and Fruit Crops in Haryana: A Comprehensive Statistical Analysis
9.	Sanjay Kumar Joshi ¹ and Raj Kumar ²	¹ Associate Professor & Head, and ² Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, College of Horticulture, Maharana Pratap Horticultural University, Karnal.	Two Growth Regimes in Indian Horticulture: Intensification, Extensification and the Limits of Output-Led Livelihood Gains

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1.	Poonam Sharma	Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Maharaja Surajmal Brij University, Bharatpur, Rajasthan	Building Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience in Rural India: Strategies, Case Evidence, Gaps, and Pathways
2.	Jivan Biradar ¹ , Ashish Andhale ² , and Nirali Kantharia ³	^{1,2} Assistant Professor and ³ Research Scholar, School of Economics and Commerce, Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University, Pune, India.	Determinants of Digital Infrastructure in Rural India: Empirical Evidence from Large-Scale Sample Survey
3.	Japneet Kaur ¹ and Sangeet Ranguwal ²	¹ M.Sc student, and ² Agricultural Economist, Department of Economics and Sociology, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab.	From Pollination to Profit: Integrating the Ecological and Economic Dimensions of Beekeeping for Sustainable Rural Development in Punjab
4.	Anupam Anand ¹ and Dalip Kumar Bishnoi	¹ Assistant Professor, Department of Fisheries Extension, Economics and Statistics, College of Fisheries Science, CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar – 125004, Haryana	From Saline Lands to Rural Prosperity: A Stakeholder-Driven Strategic Roadmap for Inclusive and Sustainable Inland Shrimp Farming in Haryana
5.	Narender Thakur	Professor, Department of Economics, Ambedkar College, University of Delhi	Metabolic Rift in the Himalaya: Climate Change, Natural Resource Degradation, and Out-Migration in Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Jammu & Kashmir
6.	Pardeep Puria ¹ , Manjisha Sinha ² , Jaspal Singh ² , and Anjali Bansal ²	¹ Young Professional and ² Consultant, NITI Aayog, New Delhi	Too Much, Too Little, or Just Right? Fertilizer Use Imbalances in Punjab
7.	Simran	Department of Economics, Punjabi University Patiala	Water-Smart Agriculture for a Resilient Rural Future: Evaluating Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana's Contribution to India's Agrarian Transformation
8.	Boniga Mohan Uday Raj ¹ , Korabandi Suhasini ² , Thatigutla Lavanya ³ , Desireddy Srinivasa Reddy ⁴ and Kallakuri Supriya ⁵	¹ Senior Research Fellow, Economics and Policy, GCOE, ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad-500030, ² Professor (AL-15), Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture, Rajendranagar, PJTAU, Hyderabad-500030, India. ³ Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, BJR Agricultural College, Sircilla, PJTAU, Hyderabad-500030, India. ⁴ Associate Professor, Extension Education Institute, PJTAU, Hyderabad-500030, India. ⁵ Professor and Head, Department of Statistics and Mathematics, College of Agriculture, Rajendranagar, PJTAU, Hyderabad-500030, India.	Public Distribution System, Dietary Diversity and Nutritional Security in Telangana: A Comparative Assessment
9.	Gaganpreet Singh ¹ , Sarbjeet Singh ² and Ravita ³	¹ Research Scholar, ^{2,3} Associate Professor, Associate Professor Punjabi University Patiala-147001(Punjab)	Pattern and Distribution of Assets of Casual Labour Households: Micro Evidence from Rural Punjab

2nd Parallel Technical Sessions : Day-1: 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm

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1.	P.R. Kolhe ¹ , R.R. Nirgude ² , R.B.Hile ³ , P.P.Jagtap ¹	¹ Research Scholar, ² Field Officer, ³ Head of the department, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri-413722, Maharashtra	Growth and Instability of Major Food Grain Crops in Andhra Pradesh: Compound Growth Rate and Cuddy-Della Valle Approach
2.	Chander Mohan Negi	Associate Professor, Department of Finance and Business Economics, University of Delhi, South Campus, New Delhi	Choice of Marketing Channels and Their Effect on Farm Revenue and Productivity of Apple Crop in Himachal Pradesh, India
3.	Snehal Athawale and Akash Mhaskey	Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi, 110007	Dynamics of Crop Diversification in North-Eastern Region of India: Markov Chain Analysis
4.	Danishbir Kaur, Arjinder Kaur, Priyabrata Bhoi, Sunny Kumar, and Baljinder Kaur Sidana	Department of Economics & Sociology, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab, India.	Growth and Instability in Vegetable Production in India
5.	Firdous Ahmad Malik and Jaskaran Singh ²	¹ Assistant Professor of Economics, University of People, USA, ² Assistant Professor, Ramgarhia College, Phagwara, Punjab, India.	Political Economy of Jammu and Kashmir: Distorted Economic Transformation and the Emergence of Market-Led Dynamics
6.	Sukhdev Singh Sandhu ¹ , Jasdeep Singh Toor ² and Balwinder Singh Tiwana ³	¹ Assistant Professor in Economics, DAV College Sector-10, Chandigarh, ² Professor and ³ Formal Professor, Department of Economics, Punjabi University Patiala	The Political Economy of Agrarian Distress in Punjab
7.	Rajkumar Jakhar ¹ and Rajender S. Godara ^{2*}	¹ Research Scholar Economics, Mittal School of Business, Lovely Professional University, Punjab, India – 144411, ² Professor Economics, Mittal School of Business, Lovely Professional University, Punjab. India - 144411.	Naturally Ventilated Polyhouse Farming as a Climate-Smart Agricultural Practice: Trends and Patterns in Rajasthan
8.	Shaveta Sharma ¹ and Shilpa Sharma ²	¹ Assistant Professor, Kanya Maha Vidyalaya, Jalandhar, Punjab, India, ² MBA, IGNOU	Scale Economies, Input Efficiency, and Farm Profitability in Punjab Agriculture: An Empirical Household-Level Analysis
9.	Vidushi Rajput ^{1*} and Tanima Dutta ²	¹ Research Scholar and ² Associate Professor, Mittal School of Business, Lovely Professional University, Phagwara	Economic Competitiveness of Crop Diversification in Punjab: A Secondary-Data Assessment of the Wheat-Paddy System

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1.	Anurag Chaudhary ¹ , H.K. Mavi ² , Gurleen Kaur ³ and Sukhdeep Singh ¹	¹ Research Scholar, ² Scientist (Agricultural Marketing) and ³ Research Fellow, Department of Economics and Sociology, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana-141004 (Punjab)	An Economic Evaluation of Capsicum Cultivation in Punjab
2.	Napinder Kaur ¹ , Ketanpreet Kaur ² , Jasdeep Singh Toor ³ and Tanima Dutta ⁴	¹ Assistant Professor, University Institute of Legal Studies, Chandigarh University, Mohali- 140413, Punjab, India, ² Assistant Professor, Bahra College of Law, Bhedpura, Patiala, ³ Professor & Head, Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala, ⁴ Professor, Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, Punjab	Changing Dynamics of Milk Production in India: Recent Trends and Future Projections
3.	Khairnar Kaveri ¹ and More Sachin ²	¹ Junior Research Assistant, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth (MPKV), Rahuri, Maharashtra, India, ² Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, Vasant Rao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth (VNMKV), Parbhani, Maharashtra, India	Economic Drivers of Crop Diversification in Maharashtra: A Panel Regression Analysis
4.	Khairnar Kaveri ¹ Dorge Jitendra ² , Amale Arun ³ and Rajendra Hile ⁴	¹ Junior Research Assistant, ² Assistant Professor, ³ Senior Research Assistant, ⁴ Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth (MPKV), Rahuri, Maharashtra, India.	Economic Impact of Sugarcane Variety Co-86032 on Farm Economy in Maharashtra: Evidence from MPKV, Rahuri
5.	Khairnar Kaveri ¹ , Dorge Jitendra ² , A.J. Amale ³ and Rajendra Hile ⁴	¹ Junior Research Assistant, ² Assistant Professor, ³ Senior Research Assistant, and ⁴ Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth (MPKV), Rahuri, Maharashtra, India.	Economic Impact of MPKV-Released <i>Rabi</i> Sorghum Varieties on Farm Economy in Maharashtra
6.	Manpreet Kaur ¹ and Jasdeep Singh Toor ²	¹ Ph.D. scholar, and ² Professor and Head, Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala	Carbon Farming and Sustainable Agriculture Transformation in Punjab: An Emerging Perspective
7.	Mehreen Rao ¹ and Jasdeep Singh Toor ²	¹ Research Scholar, ² Professor and Head, Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala	Beyond Monoculture: Unravelling the Economic Benefits of Crop Diversity in Securing Rural Livelihoods in India
8.	Sivakumar S., Ravi Teja, Ranjith L, Ramasubramanian V, Gopal Lal and Raman Meenakshi Sundaram	ICAR-National Academy of Agricultural Research Systems Management, Hyderabad, India.	Livestock Production to Resilient Food Systems: Mapping the Global Evolution of Food and Nutritional Security Research (2006–2026)
9.	Manpreet Kaur ^{1*} , Neeraj Sharma ² , and Pooja Sikka ³	¹ Assistant professor, Guru Nanak College, Killianwali, ² Professor, MDRC-Deptt. of Evening Studies, PU CHD, ³ Associate, Univ. Institute of Laws, Panjab Univ. Regional Centre, Ludhiana	Inequality in Livestock and Wage Income among Agricultural Households in India

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1.	Sangeet Ranguwal ¹ , Jatinder Sachdeva ² and Baljinder K. Sidana ³	^{1,3} Agricultural Economist and ² Principal Agricultural Economist, Department of Economics and Sociology, PAU, Ludhiana	Advancing Agricultural Sustainability through Low-Carbon Rice Production: Evidence from Punjab in India
2.	Nitin Tanwar ¹ , Lalit Kumar ² , Shubhi Singh ¹ , Heena ³ , and Kailash Kumar ¹	¹ Department of Statistics, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi, Delhi, ² Department of Statistics, Ramjas College, University of Delhi, Delhi, ³ Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, SGT University, Gurugram, Haryana	Spatial Patterns of Agricultural Development in Bihar, India: A District-Level Disparity Analysis
3.	Nega Ejigu Tefera ¹ and Sarbjeet Singh ²	¹ Department of Economics, Bahir Dar University, Bahir Dar, Ethiopia, ² Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala, India	Determinants and Long-Run Trajectories of SDG Performance in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia: Evidence from System GMM and Scenario Projections
4.	Deesha Mahajan ¹ and Meenakshi Gupta ²	¹ Research Scholar, and ² Associate Professor, School of Economics, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra	Asymmetric Effects of Climate Shocks on Cereal Yield across Climate-Vulnerable Groups: Evidence from a Global Panel of Agricultural Economies
5.	Mohd Arshad Ansari	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, GITAM School of Humanities and Social Sciences, GITAM (Deemed to be University), Rudraram, Patancheru Mandal, Hyderabad- 502329 (Telangana)	Determinants for Load Capacity Factor: An Econometric Perspective from GCC Countries
6.	More Sachin ¹ , Khairnar Kaveri ² and Kavibharathi S. ³	¹ Head, and ³ Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Agricultural Economics, Vasantao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth (VNMKV), Parbhani, Maharashtra, India ² Junior Research Assistant, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth (MPKV), Rahuri, Maharashtra, India	Climate Change and Agricultural Vulnerability: A Spatial Assessment of Maharashtra State, India
7.	Rashpal Singh ¹ , Jasdeep Singh Toor ² , and Shelly Dahiya ³	¹ Postdoctoral Fellow, ² Professor and Head, Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab, ³ Consultant, NITI Aayog, New Delhi.	Role of Green Fiscal Policy in Sustainable and Inclusive Rural Development
8.	Sanjeev Kumar and Gaurav Kumar	Research Scholars, Dr B.R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar, Punjab (India)	ESG–Cost of Capital Nexus Under Physical Climate Shocks

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Lunch: Main Guest House, Punjabi University, Patiala – 02:00 pm - 03:00 pm

3rd Parallel Technical Sessions : Day-1: 3.00 pm to 4.30 pm

Technical Session 3.1 (Venue: Senate Hall): 3.00 pm to 4.30 pm : Theme – 2: Agricultural Markets, Cooperatives, Rural Finance and Value Chains			
Chairperson: Prof. VIPIN NEGI ; Co-Chairperson: Dr. DHARAMPAL ; Rapporteurs: Dr. Gaganpreet Singh & Dr. Amanpreet Kaur			
S.No.	NAME	DESIGNATION & ADDRESS	TITLE
1.	Gunjan Bhandari ¹ , Harsh Dagar ² , Deepika Bonigala ² and Udita Chaudhary ³	1Scientist, 2PhD Scholar and 3Senior Scientist, Dairy Economics, Statistics and Management Division, ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal-132001 (Haryana)	Decomposition of India's Dairy Export Growth: Competitiveness and Adaptation in Comparison with New Zealand
2.	Vijay K. Choudhary, Ankur Jaiswal	1Professor and 2PhD Research Scholar, Department of Agriculture Economics, College of Agriculture, IGKV, Raipur (C.G.) 492012, India	Evaluating the Effectiveness of Financial Inclusion Programmes on Banking Usage: Evidence from District-Level Analysis in Chhattisgarh, India
3.	D. J. Sanap ¹ , R. B. Hile ² and B.S.Khandekar ³	1Junior Research Assistant, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, 2Professor /Head Department of Agricultural Economics, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri (India), 3Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri	Sweet Corn Production, Marketing and Value Chain: Opportunities for Inclusive and Sustainable Rural Development in Kolhapur District of Maharashtra
4.	D.J. Sanap ¹ , R.B. Hile ² and B.S.Khandekar ³	1Junior Research Assistant, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, 2Professor /Head Department of Agricultural Economics, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri (India), 3Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri	Sweet Corn Production, Marketing and Value Chain: Opportunities for Inclusive and Sustainable Rural Development in Kolhapur District of Maharashtra
5.	Seema Garg	Principal Guru Teg Bahadur College of Education Lehal Khurd	Financial Inclusion and Sustainable Rural Development in India: Challenges and Policy Perspectives
6.	Prakhar Deep ¹ , Bulbuli Meher ² , Virendra Kamalvanshi ³	¹ Research Scholar, ³ Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, U.P., 221005, ² Research Scholar, Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture, Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, 751003	Price Dispersion Reduction Through e-NAM Integration: A Comparative Analysis of Storable and Perishable Commodities in Varanasi and Prayagraj
7.	Sukhjot Singh ¹ and Parminder Kaur ²	¹ Research Scholar and ² Principal Agricultural Economist, Department of Economics and Sociology, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana-141004	Kinnow Value Chains in Punjab: An Investigation into Marketing Efficiency and Value Addition
8.	Manjisha Sinha ¹ , Jaspal Singh ² , Pardeep Puria ³ and Anjali Bansal ⁴	^{1,2,4} Consultant and ³ Young Professional, NITI Aayog, New Delhi.	India's Cocoa Conundrum: Sweet Growth, Bitter Dependence
9.	Deepika Bonigala, Gunjan Bhandari, Subhasis Mandal, and Udita Chaudhary	Dairy Economics, Statistics and Management Division, ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal (Haryana)-132001	Distribution of dairy export growth across Indian States: An analysis of performance and mobility
10.	Shivani Thakur ¹ and Ankit Pathania ²	¹ Research Scholar, and ² Assistant Professor, Department of Management, Eternal University, Baru Sahib (H.P.)-173101	Strengthening FPOs in Himachal Pradesh: Operational Challenges and Strategic Priorities for Sustainable Performance

Technical Session 3.2 (Venue: Syndicate Room) : 3.00 pm to 4.30 pm : Theme – 2: Agricultural Markets, Cooperatives, Rural Finance and Value Chains			
Chairperson: Dr. CHANDER MOHAN NEGI		Co-Chairperson: Dr. VEERPAL KAUR ;	Rapporteurs: Dr. Ketanpreet Kaur & Simran
S.No.	NAME	DESIGNATION & ADDRESS	TITLE
1.	Anuradha Narala ¹ , Boniga Mohan Uday Raj ² , Chikkulapally Shekhar ³ , Shaik Muneer ⁴ and C. Tara Satyavathi ⁵	¹ Senior Scientist, ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad-500030, ² Senior Research Fellow, Economics and Policy, GCOE, ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad-500030, ³ Research Assistant, Agricultural Economics, ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad-500 030, ⁴ Domain Expert in Agricultural Marketing, TGCU, Hyderabad-500030, ⁵ Director, ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad-500030.	Market Cointegration and Price Transmission in Major Bajra Markets in India
2.	Bhawna Bamel ¹ and Sunil Phougat ²	¹ Research Scholar, and ² Professor, Department of Economics, CRSU, Jind, Haryana, India.	Assessing India's Agricultural Export Competitiveness: A Comparative RSCA Analysis in the Asian Agricultural Market
3.	Manmeet Singh	Senior Research fellow, Centre for Distance and Online Education, Punjabi University, Patiala	Credit Facilities for Dairy Farmers in India
4.	S.S. Kaware, R.B.Hile, D.J. Sanap, and P.J Chaudhari	Department of Agricultural Economics, MPKV, Rahuri (MS)	Economic Performance of <i>Bhagar</i> Processing Units in Nasik District of Maharashtra
5.	Dalip Kumar Bishnoi ¹ and Anupam Anand	¹ Associate Professor, Department of Fisheries Extension, Economics and Statistics, College of Fisheries Science, CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar – 125004, Haryana	Who Captures the Value? Market Efficiency and Farmer Value Retention in Haryana's Emerging Inland Shrimp Economy
6.	Ankit Kumar ¹ , Subhash Sharma ² , Sanjeev Kumar ³ , and Madhulika Thakur ⁴	^{1,3} Phd Scholar, and Agricultural Economist, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, ² Associate professor, Dr.YSPUHF Nauni, Solan, ⁴ Senior Research Fellow (SRF) at ICAR-IARI New Delhi	Apple Market Dynamics and Price Forecasting in Himachal Pradesh, India: Evidence from Major Wholesale Markets
7.	Gaurav ¹ and Chander Mohan Negi ²	¹ Ph.D. Scholar, and ² Associate Professor, Department of Finance and Business Economics, University of Delhi	Markets or Self-Provisioning? Agricultural Diversification, Commercialisation and Dietary Diversity: A Systematic Literature Review
8.	Nitin Bhardwaj, Sanjeev Sirohi, Dalip Kumar Bishnoi, Jitender Bhatia, Pushpanand Uday Pratap Singh	Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University (CCS HAU), Hisar	Time Series Modeling and Forecasting of Onion Prices and Arrivals in Yamunanagar APMC Market
9.	Aruna Kumari A.	Assistant Professor, Vignan Institute of Agriculture and Technology;Vignan's Foundation for Science and Technology Research, Guntur, Tenali Road, Vadlamudi, Andhra Pradesh (522213), India.	Value Chain Analysis of Chilli Cultivation in Andhra Pradesh: Mapping, Governance, and Farmer Linkages
10.	Gopesh Kumari ^{*1} , and Anil Singh Rawat ²	¹ Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture, Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner-334006, Rajasthan, India, ² Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Agricultural Economics, C. P. College of Agriculture, Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, S. K. Nagar-385506, Gujarat, India	Marketing of Fresh Rose Flowers in Rajasthan: An Analysis of Marketing Costs, Margins and Price Spread
4:30 am to 4.45 pm		Tea Break	

4th Parallel Technical Sessions : Day-1: 4.45 pm to 6.15 pm

Technical Session 4.1 (Venue: Senate Hall) : 4.45 pm to 6.15 pm : Theme – 2: Agricultural Markets, Cooperatives, Rural Finance and Value Chains			
Chairperson: Prof. SHRIKANT S. KALAMKAR ; Co-Chairperson: Dr. SUKHRAM SINGH ; Rapporteurs: ~~Gagandeep Singh & Simarjit Kaur~~			
S.No.	NAME	DESIGNATION & ADDRESS	TITLE
1.	Richard Kwasi Bannor ¹ , Frank Kwakye Yeboah ² , and Jolly Masih ³	^{1,3} Professor , Department of Agribusiness Management and Consumer Studies, University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani- Ghana, ² Department of Business Analytics, BML Munjal University, Gurugram, Haryana, India	From Touch to Trust: Tactile Experience as Precursor of Relational Loyalty in Informal Retail Markets
2.	P.V Munde ¹ , J.S. Kumbhar ² , T.B. Deokate ³ , Y. C. Sale ⁴ and R.B. Hile ⁵	¹ Ph.D. Scholar, ^{2,3} Assistant Professor, ⁴ Associate Professor ⁵ Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra	Financial Performance of Farmer Producer Organizations in Maharashtra State: A Sectoral Analysis
3.	Richard Kwasi Bannor ¹ , Thomas Tawiah ² , and Jeffery Kofi Asare ³	^{1,2} Department of Agribusiness Management and Consumer Studies, University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani, Ghana, ³ Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, Punjab 151401, India, Department of Agribusiness Management and Consumer Studies, University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani, Ghana and Department of Applied Agriculture,	Attributes of Fertiliser and Labelling on Packages Influence on Purchasing Decisions: The Knowns and the Unknowns in Agribusiness Marketing
4.	Helena Oppong-Kyeremeh ¹ , James Osei Mensah ² , and Richard Kwasi Bannor ¹	¹ Department Agribusiness Management and Consumer Studies, University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani– Ghana, ² Department of Agricultural Economics, Agribusiness and Extension, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi - Ghana.	Brand Orientation and the Impact of Quasi-branding Techniques among Agribusiness Broiler Firms in Ghana
5.	Michael Teye-Anim ¹ and Richard Kwasi Bannor ²	¹ Department of Agribusiness Management and Consumer Studies, University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani, Ghana, ² Department of Agribusiness Management and Consumer Studies, University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani, Ghana.	Trust without Certification: A Review of Informal Signalling Mechanisms in Sustainable Food Markets
6.	Kalpana Kapadia ¹ and M. Swain ²	^[1] Research Associate, Agro-Economic Research Centre, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Anand, Gujarat, ² Department of Economics, Berhampur University, Berhampur, Odisha	A Study on Farmers’ Awareness and Willingness to Pay for Crop Insurance in Gujarat
7.	Abdallah Abdul Rahmanand Richard Kwasi Bannor	Department of Agribusiness Management and Consumer Studies, University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani, Ghana.	Mass Communication Advertisement and Celebrity Mentioning Influence on The Marketing of Seeds and Agrochemicals
8.	Richard Kwasi Bannor and Richmond Kumi	Department of Agribusiness Management and Consumer Studies, University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani, Ghana.	A Systematic Review of the Laws, Regulations, Policies, and Marketing of Veterinary Inputs and Their Impact on Developed and Developing Countries
9.	Rukhsana Kouser ¹ and Jasbir Singh ²	¹ Research Scholar, and ² Professor, Department of Economics, University of Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir.	Assessing the Access Gap among PM-KISAN, PMFBY and KCC: Evidence from Jammu and Kashmir
10.	P. R. Patil ¹ , D.J.Sanap ¹ and J.H. Kadam ²	¹ Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri Maharashtra), India – 413722, Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli, Ratnagiri (Maharashtra), India – 415712	Value Chain Transformation in Turmeric: Post-Harvest Innovation, Product Diversification and Farm Profitability

Technical Session 4.2 (Venue: Syndicate Room) : 4.45 pm to 6.15 pm : Theme – 3: Rural Entrepreneurship, Employment and Economic Diversification			
Chairperson: Prof. R. B. HILE ; Co-Chairperson: Dr. HARJINDER SINGH ; Rapporteurs: ~~Arshdeep Kaur & Simran Singh~~			
S.No.	NAME	DESIGNATION & ADDRESS	TITLE
1.	Dr.R.B.Hile ¹ , D.J.Sanap ² , Dr.P.R.Patil ³	Dr. and ¹ Professor / Head, and ^{2, 3} Junior Research Assistant, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri (India)	Economic Analysis of Hydroponic Farming: Implications for Employment Generation and Sustainable Rural Development
2.	Sonia Goyal ¹ and Ravita ²	¹ Assistant Professor of Economics, K.M.R.D. Jain College for Women, Sadar Bazar Road, Tapa Mohalla, Malerkotla-148023 (Punjab), ² Associate Professsor, Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala-147001 (Punjab)	Impact of Internship Program on Undergraduate Female Students: A Case Study of Malerkotla City
3.	Javed Iqbal	Research Scholar, Department Of Economics, University of Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir	Farm to Non-Farm Employment, Rural Structural Transformation and Livelihood Diversification in India
4.	Amandeep Singh	Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab	Reviving Rural India: The Role of Rural Industries and MSMEs in Sustainable Economic Diversification
5.	Raja Singh	Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Desh Bhagat University, Mandi Gobindgarh, Fatehgaurh Sahib, Pb	Rural Non-Farm Employment in Punjab: Trends, Determinants and Regional Disparities
6.	Jaspreet Kaur ¹ and Usha Rani ²	¹ Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala, ² Assistant Professor, University College, Benra	Re-evaluating the Growth-Employment Nexus: Evidence of Low Employment Elasticity in BRICS Nations.
7.	Vipin Negi	Professor, Keshav Mahavidyalaya, University of Delhi, Pitampura Delhi	A surge in Self-employment in Total Employment: Restructuring of India's Labour Market
8.	Naresh Kumar	IES Unit, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, University Enclave, University of Delhi (North Campus), Delhi, India	Multidimensional Employment Informality and Wage Inequality in Rural India: Evidence from PLFS 2025

7:30 pm onwards	DINNER Main Guest House, Punjabi University, Patiala
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PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE : SATURDAY, 31st October, 2026

5th Parallel Technical Sessions : Day-2: 9.00 am to 10.30 am

Technical Session 5.1 (Venue: Senate Hall) : 9.00 am to 10.30 am : Theme – 3: Rural Entrepreneurship, Employment and Economic Diversification			
Chairperson: Prof. PARAMJIT SINGH ; Co-Chairperson: Dr. TSERING YANGZOM ; Rapporteurs: ~~Sonal Goyal & Jagmeet Singh~~			
S.No.	NAME	DESIGNATION & ADDRESS	TITLE
1.	Pooja Sikka ¹ and Akshay Kumar ^{2*}	¹ Assistant Professor (Economics), University Institute of Laws, Panjab University Regional Centre, Ludhiana, ² Research Scholar, Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion(CSSI), Panjab University, Chandigarh	Labour Turnover, Compliance, and Order Acceptance Capacity: A Study of Migrant Labour in Ludhiana's Textile Firms
2.	Divya Gupta ¹ and Tsering Yangzom ²	¹ Research Scholar, Department of Economics, University of Jammu, Baba Saheb Ambedkar Road, Jammu Tawi-80006 (Jammu and Kashmir), ² Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Jammu, Baba Saheb Ambedkar Road, Jammu Tawi-180006 (Jammu and Kashmir)	Working Conditions, Organizational Support and Health Outcome Among Non-Standard Workers: Evidence from Flipkart Last-Mile Hub in Jammu City
3.	Varindha ¹ and Meenakshi Gupta ²	¹ Research Scholar and ² Associate Professor, School of Economic, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University Katra, Jammu and Kashmir	Agricultural employment and cereal yield: Moderating role of education
4.	Nandini Sharma ¹ , Ramandeep Singh ² , and Navneet Kaur Gill ³	¹ Student, School of Business Studies, ² Director, School of Business Studies, ³ Assistant Professor, School of Business Studies, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana-141004 (Punjab) India	Agrarian startups trained under Institutional Incubation: An empirical study of Opportunities and Challenges in Punjab
5.	Anuvash Rikhi ¹ and Sanjeev Kumar ²	¹ PhD Scholar, and ² Agricultural Economist, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana-141004 (Punjab)	Structural Transformation and Post-COVID Recovery in Indian States: Evidence from GSVA data
6.	Gayatri Singh	Research Scholar, Galgotia University, Greater Noida	New Technology, Productivity and Employment: A Comparative Study of India's Unorganised Rural and Organised Sectors
7.	Reena Sharma ¹ , and Jasbir Singh ²	¹ Ph.D. Scholar and ² Professor, Department of Economics, University of Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir.	Financial Allocation, Sectoral Patterns and Employment Potential under the Seed Capital Fund Scheme: Evidence from Industrially Advanced Districts of Jammu Division
8.	Jitendra Kumar Pal ¹ , Sarbjeet Singh ² , and Rahul Ranjan ³	¹ Senior Research Scholar, and ² Associate Professor, Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab ³ Assistant Professor, Regional Institute of Education, Mysore, Karnataka.	Female Labour Force Participation Paradox in Rural Punjab, India: Evidence from Changing Employment Structures

Technical Session 5.2 (Venue: Syndicate Room) : 9.00 am to 10.30 am : Theme – 3: Rural Entrepreneurship, Employment and Economic Diversification			
Chairperson: Prof. NARENDER THAKUR ; Co-Chairperson: Dr. RUPINDER KAUR ; Rapporteurs: ~~Handeep Kaur & Surjeet Kaur~~			
S.No.	NAME	DESIGNATION & ADDRESS	TITLE
1.	Sukhram Singh ¹ , Balwinder Singh Tiwana ² and Sarbjeet Singh ³	¹ Assistant Professor of Economics, Government College, Machhiwara, Punjab, ² Former Professor, and ³ Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab.	Socio-Demographic Profile of Trade Union Leaders and Workers in Punjab: An Empirical Study
2.	Simranjeet Singh, Sarbjeet Singh and Ravita	Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala-147002	Empirical Analysis of Educational Status of Youth in Rural Punjab
3.	Zibrim Awini Shaiba and Richard Kwasi Bannor	Department of Agribusiness Management and Consumer Studies, University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani, Ghana.	TQM Practices Effect on Innovation and Waste Reduction in Small-Scale Shea Processing: Insights from Enterprising Communities in Ghana's Sudan Savanna
4.	Jackson Miller and Richard Kwasi Bannor	Department of Agribusiness Management and Consumer Studies, University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani, Ghana.	Loyalty Under Constraint: Evidence from Informal Agricultural Markets in Institutional Voids
5.	Joseph Essoun ¹ , Richard Kwasi Bannor ² , and Jeffery Kofi Asare ³	^{1,2} Department of Agribusiness Management and Consumer Studies, University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani, Ghana, ²³ Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, Punjab, India	Plant Variety Protection Law of Ghana: The Perceptions and Unknowns among Extension Officers and Their Implications for Agribusinesses in Ghana
6.	Kuldeep Singh ¹ and Sarabjeet Kaur ²	¹ Associate Professor, Department of P.G. Studies, Punjabi University Regional Centre, Bathinda, ² Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Mata Sahib Kaur Girls College, Talwandi Sabo (Bathinda).	Determinants of Employment among Rural Youth in Punjab: An Empirical Analysis
7.	Aikjyot Kaur Dua	Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala-147002 (Punjab)	Women's Economic Participation Beyond Agriculture: Determinants of Rural Non-Farm Employment in Punjab
8.	Jeffery Kofi Asare and Surjeet Singh Dhaka	Department of Applied Agriculture, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, India	Improving financial performance through sustainable business model innovation: Evidence from rural Agribusiness SMEs

6th Parallel Technical Sessions : Day-2: 10.30 am to 12.00 pm

Technical Session 6.1 (Venue: Senate Hall) : 10.30 am to 12.00 pm : Theme – 4: Poverty, Social Inclusion and Gender Equity in Rural Development			
Chairperson: Prof. PAWAN KUMAR ; Co-Chairperson: Dr. SUKHVIR KAUR ; Rapporteurs: ~~Harjeet Kaur & Jaspreet Kaur~~			
S.No.	NAME	DESIGNATION & ADDRESS	TITLE
1.	Anita Devi	Department of Economics, University of Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir	Public Expenditure and Women's Empowerment in India: An Analysis of Education, Health, Labour and Labour Welfare Expenditure across Selected States
2.	Arjinder Kaur, J.M. Singh and Satwinder Singh	Department of Economics and Sociology, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana-141004(Punjab)	Land Titling and Income Inequalities in Punjab
3.	Gurmeet Singh ¹ and Veerpal Kaur ²	¹ Research Scholar and ² Associate Professor in Economics, Punjabi University College, Ghudda-151401(Bathinda)	Understanding the Barriers to Economic Empowerment of Dalit Women Labourers in Rural Haryana: An Inter-District Analysis
4.	Gursharan Kaur	Assistant Professor, PG Department of Economics, TraiShatabdi GGS Khalsa College, Amritsar	Quantity without Quality? A Gender Decomposition of Rural Employment in India, 2017-2024
5.	Ankita ¹ , Jasdeep Singh Toor ² , and Jaskaran Singh ³	¹ Research Scholar and ² Professor, Department of Economics, Punjabi University Patiala (Punjab), India, ³ Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Ramgarhia College Phagwara (Punjab), India	Beyond Education: Mapping the Socio-Economic Realities and Migration Trajectories of Punjabi Students in Canada
6.	Payal Thakur ¹ and S K Chauhan ²	¹ Doctoral Research Scholar and ² Professor of Agricultural Economics, Department of Economics, Eternal University, Baru Sahib (H.P) – 173101	Factors Affecting Household Consumption Expenditure Pattern: Evidence from Rural Sirmaur, Himachal Pradesh
7.	Rupinder Kaur ¹ and Handeep Kaur ²	¹ Associate Professor and ² Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala.	Incidence of Poverty Among Rural Labour Households in Fazilka District of Punjab: Monetary and Non-monetary Measures
8.	Shivani Rana ¹ , Neeru Sidana ² , Jaspal Singh ³	¹ PhD Scholar, and ² Associate Professor, Amity School of Economics, Amity University, Noida. ³ Consultant, NITI Aayog, New Delhi.	Maternal Healthcare Accessibility and Social Protection: A Comparative Assessment of PMSMA and JSSK Performance across India
9.	Alisha Sharma ¹ and Lovepreet Singh ²	¹ Research Scholar, and ² Assistant Professor, Faculty of Agriculture, Guru Kashi University, Talwandi Sabo, Bathinda-151302 (Punjab), India	Economics of Litchi Orchard Production in Punjab: A Comprehensive Analysis of Costs, Returns and Economic Viability

Technical Session 6.2 (Venue: Syndicate Room) : 10.30 am to 12.00 pm : Theme – 4: Poverty, Social Inclusion and Gender Equity in Rural Development			
Chairperson: Dr. JASPAL SINGH ; Co-Chairperson: Dr. ANJALI BANSAL ; Rapporteurs: ~~Anees-Ur-Rehman & Waqar Afzal~~			
S.No.	NAME	DESIGNATION & ADDRESS	TITLE
1.	Skattar Singh ¹ and Mrigender Singh ²	¹ Assistant Professor, PG Department of Agriculture, Khalsa College, Amritsar, ² Assistant Director, Business Incubation Centre, IKG-PTU Kapurthala.	Determinants of Debt among Rural Labour Households in Border Area of Punjab: A Case Study
2.	Rupinder Kaur ¹ and Surjeet Kaur ²	¹ Assistant Professor and ² Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala.	Levels of Education among Muslim Women in India
3.	Harleen Kour ¹ and Sunita Devi ²	¹ PhD Research Scholar, and ² Professor, Department of Economics, University of Jammu.	Revisiting The Informal Sector: Income, Consumption and Living Conditions of Unorganized Workers- A Comparative Study of Jammu &Udhampur Districts
4.	Kuldeep Kaur	Assistant Professor, A.S.B.A.S.J.S.M. COLLEGE, BELA	Digital Financial Inclusion and Rural Women's Economic Empowerment in India: Trends and Challenges
5.	Dharam Pal ¹ and Jitender	¹ Assistant Professor (Economics), Centre for Distance and Online Education, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, ² Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla	Assets and Liabilities of Rural Households in Himachal Pradesh: A Caste-Wise Analysis
6.	Simarjit Kaur ¹ , Jasdeep Singh Toor ² and Gagandeep Singh ³	¹ PhD Scholar, ² Professor & Head and ³ PhD Scholar, Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala-147002.	Understanding the Vulnerabilities of the Daily Wage Labourers at Labour Chowks
7.	Harjinder Singh ¹ , Balwinder Singh Tiwana ² and Sarbjeet Singh ³	¹ Assistant Professor of Economics, Government Mohindra College, Patiala, Punjab, ² Former Professor, ³ Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab	International Migration and Impact of Personal Remittances on Income Inequality: Evidence from Rural Punjab
8.	Sukhviri Kaur ¹ , and Maninder Singh Gill ²	¹ Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, DKC, Zirakpur, Mohali, ² Professor, MBA-CEC, CGC Landran, Mohali	Agrarian Distress and Farmers' Welfare in Punjab: Causes, Consequences and Policy Responses
9.	Amanpreet Kaur, Sarbjeet Singh and Harsimran Singh	Assistant Professor, PG Department of Economics, Khalsa College, Patiala. Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala. Assistant Professor, PG Department of Economics, Mata Gujri College, Fatehgarh Sahib	Social Group Disparities in Educational Attainment in Rural Punjab: Evidence from Primary Survey

12:00 pm to 12.15 pm	Tea Break
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7th Parallel Technical Sessions : Day-2: 12.15 pm to 1.30 pm

Technical Session 7.1 (Venue: Syndicate Room) : 12.15 pm to 1.30 pm : Theme – 4: Poverty, Social Inclusion and Gender Equity in Rural Development			
Chairperson: Prof.INDERPREET KAUR ; Co-Chairperson: Dr. NAPINDER KAUR ; Rapporteurs: Gagandeep Kaur & Kajal			
S.No.	NAME	DESIGNATION & ADDRESS	TITLE
1.	Navjot Kaur Sachdeva ¹ , Shalini Sharma ² and Lavjit Kaur ³	¹ Research Scholar, ² Professor, and ³ Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Sociology, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab	Leaving the Village, Unequally: Overseas Student Migration from Rural Punjab
2.	Upneet Kaur ¹ , Lavjit Kaur ² , and Atinderpal Kaur ³	¹ Research Scholar and ^{2,3} Assistant Professors of Sociology, Department of Economics and Sociology, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana-141004	Self-help groups as agents of social transformation: Impact on women and their families
3.	Prabhjot Kaur ¹ and Sharanjit Singh Dhillon ²	¹ Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, D.A.V. College, Bathinda, Punjab, ² Professor (Retired), Punjab School of Economics, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab	Rural-Urban Divide in India: An Analysis of Socio-Economic Outcomes
4.	Manik Sharma ¹ and Jasbir Singh ²	¹ Research Scholar, and ² Professor, Department of Economics, University of Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir	Unpaid Care Work and Women's Economic Participation in India: A Rural–Urban Perspective with Evidence from Jammu Division, J&K
5.	Meenakshi Choudhary ¹ and Jasbir Singh ²	¹ Research Scholar, and ² Professor, Department of Economics, University of Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir.	Urban–Rural Livelihood Disparities in India: Trends, Structural Change and Macroeconomic Linkages
6.	Kamaldeep Singh ¹ and Jasbir Singh ²	¹ Research Scholar, and ² Professor, Department of Economics, University of Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir.	Inclusive Rural livelihoods & Sustainable Development in India: Challenges & emerging Pathways
7.	Gurupdesch Kaur, Vitasta Dhawan, Divya Jain, Amandeep Kaur Makkar and Harprit Kaur	Punjab Agricultural University-Krishi Vigyan Kendra Patiala-147001 (Punjab)	Bridging Wage and Socio-Economic Disparities: A Gender Mainstreaming Analysis of farm workers in Punjab
8.	Harjot Kaur and Amanpreet Kaur	Research Scholar & Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Sociology, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab, India.	A Review Paper on Ayushman Bharat–Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in Punjab (India)
9.	Priya	Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala	Natural Resource Management in Wheat Production: An Economic Analysis of Laser Land Levelling Technology

Valedictory Session

Day-2: 01:30 pm -02:00 pm	VALEDICTORY SESSION Venue: Senate Hall
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LUNCH (Main Guest House, Punjabi University, Patiala) 02.30 pm Onwards
