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BRIEF PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE
PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE: THURSDAY, October 29, 2026

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

PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE: THURSDAY, October 30, 2026

Registration: 09:00 AM Onwards
Venue: Reception, VC Office, Punjabi University, Patiala
Inaugural Session
10:00 AM to 11.00 AM
Venue: Senate Hall, Punjabi University, Patiala

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. Sangeet Ranguwal**
Rapporteurs: Ms. Manpreet Kaur and Ms. 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

Chairperson: Dr. Jitender Kumar Bhatia **Co-Chairperson: Dr. Prabhjot Kaur**
Rapporteurs: Ms. Inayatveer Kaur Dhillon and Ms. Sonal

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

Chairperson: Prof. Anupama Vohra **Co-Chairperson: Dr. Ravita**
Rapporteurs: Mr. Jatinder Kumar Pal amd Dr. Simranjit Singh

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: Dr. Arjinder Kaur **Co-Chairperson: Dr. Kuldeep Singh**
Rapporteurs: Dr. Rashpal Singh and Ms. 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: Dr. Parminder Kaur **Co-Chairperson: Dr. Taranjit Singh**
Rapporteurs: Mr. Jatinder Kumar Pal and Mr. 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: Dr. Virender Kumar **Co-Chairperson: Dr. Harsimran Singh and Dr. Mrigender Singh**
Rapporteurs: Ms. Nega and Ms. Priya

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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 and 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 and Ms. Simran

Technical Session 4.1 (Venue: Senate Hall) : 4.45 pm to 6.15 PM
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Chairperson: Prof. Shrikant S. Kalamkar **Co-Chairperson: Dr. Sukhram Singh**
Rapporteurs: Mr. Gagandeep Singh and Ms. 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. Rakesh Kumar Khurana **Co-Chairperson: Dr. Harjinder Singh**
Rapporteurs: Ms. Arshdeep Kaur and Mr. Simran Singh

DINNER
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Programming Schedule: Saturday, October 31, 2026 (Saturday)
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 **Co-Chairperson: Dr. Tsering Yangzom**
Rapporteurs: Ms. Sonal Goyal and Mr. 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: Ms. Handeep Kaur and Ms. 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: Ms. Harjeet Kaur and Ms. 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: Mr. Anees-Ur-Rehman and Mr. Waqar Afzal

Tea Break: 12:00 PM to 12.15 PM

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: Ms. Gagandeep Kaur and Ms. Kajal

Day-2: October 31, 2026: 01:30 PM -02:00 PM
Valedictory Session: Venue: Senate Hall
*** Award of 'Best Paper published in IJED in 2024 and 2025' and 'Best Presentation Certificates' will be held in this Valedictory Session**
**** Paper Presentation Certificates will be given after the Valedictory Session**

Lunch
Main Guest House, Punjabi University, Patiala: 02.30 PM onwards

DETAILED PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

Programming Schedule: Thursday, October 29, 2026

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PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE, FRIDAY, 30TH October, 2026

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Inaugural Session

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Theme-1: Agrarian Transformation, Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Livelihoods

Chairperson: Prof. Jasbir Singh **Co-Chairperson: Dr. Sangeet Ranguwal**

Rapporteurs: Ms. Manpreet Kaur and Ms. Mehreen Rao

Sr. No.	Name	Title of the Abstract
1.	Manoj Sharma and Nishita Jagta	Production and Farm Value Volatility among Apple Growers in Himachal Pradesh
2.	Ajay Singh and Raj Kumar	Profitability of Major Farming System in Kurukshetra District of Haryana
3.	Ekta Paliwal, Gourav Kumar Vani, Arunaabh Trivedi, Anil Singh Rawat, Prathama Pratikshya	Global Dynamics of Agricultural Pesticide Consumption: A Comparative Analysis of Special Groups of Countries
4.	Rohini Vilhekar, V. G. Pokharkar and P. V. Munde	Economic Impact of Sweet Orange Varieties Nuceller and Phule Mosambi on Farmers' Economy in Maharashtra
5.	Sanjeev Sirohi, Nitin Bhardwaj, Dalip Kumar Bishnoi, Jitender Bhatia, and Pushpa	A Comparative Study of Hybrid (ARIMAX-ANN) and ARIMAX Models using Time Series Data of Sugarcane Yield
6.	Raj Kumar, Sanjay Kumar Joshi, Ajay Kumar and Rajinder Kumar	Economic Analysis, Marketing and Constraints of Kinnow (Citrus reticulata) Cultivation in Haryana
7.	Pradeep Terdal, Dhasarathan M, Gunjan Bhandari and Udita Chaudhary	From Crop Cultivation to Wages and Livestock: Structural Changes in Agricultural Household Income and Inequality in Karnataka
8.	Dorge Jitendra, Khairnar Kaveri, Gade Rajendra and Rajendra Hile	Economic Performance of Integrated Farming Systems in Western Maharashtra: A Comparative Analysis
9.	Anil Singh Rawat, Gopesh Kumari, and Priyesh Ranjan	Wheat Production Dynamics in Gujarat: Growth, Instability and Sources of Output Growth

Technical Session 1.2 (Venue: Syndicate Room): 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM
Theme-1: Agrarian Transformation, Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Livelihoods

Chairperson: Dr. Jitender Kumar Bhatia **Co-Chairperson: Dr. Prabhjot Kaur**

Rapporteurs: Ms. Inayatveer Kaur Dhillon amd Ms. Sonal Goel

Sr. No.	Name	Title of the Abstract
1.	Jasleen Kaur Rapiyal and S.K. Chauhan	Growth, Instability and Sustainability of Sugarcane Production: Implications for the Agricultural Value Chain in Western Uttar Pradesh
2.	D. J. Sanap, R. B. Hile, and B.S. Khandekar	Economic Analysis of 'C' Variety Dragon Fruit Cultivation for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods in Solapur District of Maharashtra
3.	Simarjot Kaur and J.M. Singh	Measuring Agricultural Sustainability Across India with Special Reference to Punjab and Haryana
4.	Sanjana and Ruchi Rani Gangwar	Natural Farming as an Agroecological Transition in India: Evidence and Policy Insights
5.	Imtihan Mallick, Saddam Hossain Mondal, and Melisha Khatun	Understanding Regional Dynamics of Fruit Cultivation in India: A State-Level Analysis
6.	Pooja Gaba	Rice Dominance and Changing Cropping Systems in Punjab: A Spatio-temporal Perspective on the Transformation of Farming Systems
7.	Rattan Laxmi, Sukhvir Kaur and Ravinder Singh	Agricultural Productivity and Poverty among Small and Marginal Farmers in Punjab
8.	Ajay Kumar and Raj Kumar	Growth Performance, Instability and Forecasting of Vegetable and Fruit Crops in Haryana: A Comprehensive Statistical Analysis
9.	Gaganpreet Singh, Sarbjeet Singh and Ravita	Pattern and Distribution of Assets of Casual Labour Households: Micro Evidence from Rural Punjab

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		
Chairperson: Prof. Anupama Vohra		Co-Chairperson: Dr. Ravita
Rapporteurs: Mr. Jatinder Kumar Pal and Mr. Simranjit Singh		
Sr. No.	**Name**	**Title of the Abstract**
1.	Poonam Sharma	Building Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience in Rural India: Strategies, Case Evidence, Gaps, and Pathways
2.	Jivan Biradar, Ashish Andhale and Nirali Kantharia	Determinants of Digital Infrastructure in Rural India: Empirical Evidence from Large-Scale Sample Survey
3.	Japneet Kaur and Sangeet Ranguwal	From Pollination to Profit: Integrating the Ecological and Economic Dimensions of Beekeeping for Sustainable Rural Development in Punjab
4.	Anupam Anand and Dalip Kumar Bishnoi	From Saline Lands to Rural Prosperity: A Stakeholder-Driven Strategic Roadmap for Inclusive and Sustainable Inland Shrimp Farming in Haryana
5.	Narender Thakur	Metabolic Rift in the Himalaya: Climate Change, Natural Resource Degradation, and Out-Migration in Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Jammu & Kashmir
6.	Pardeep Puria, Manjisha Sinha, Jaspal Singh, and Anjali Bansal	Too Much, Too Little, or Just Right? Fertilizer Use Imbalances in Punjab
7.	Simran	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, Korabandi Suhasini, Thatigutla Lavanya, Desireddy Srinivasa Reddy and Kallakuri Supriya	Public Distribution System, Dietary Diversity and Nutritional Security in Telangana: A Comparative Assessment
9.	Sanjay Kumar Joshi and Raj Kumar	Two Growth Regimes in Indian Horticulture: Intensification, Extensification and the Limits of Output-Led Livelihood Gains

2nd Parallel Technical Sessions: Day-1: October 30, 2026: 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: Dr. Arjinder Kaur		Co-Chairperson: Dr. Kuldeep Singh
Rapporteurs: Dr. Rashpal Singh and Ms. Ankita		
Sr. No.	**Name**	**Title of the Abstract**
1.	P.R. Kolhe, R.R. Nirgude, R.B.Hile, and P.P.Jagtap	Growth and Instability of Major Food Grain Crops in Andhra Pradesh: Compound Growth Rate and Cuddy-Della Valle Approach
2.	Chander Mohan Negi	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	Dynamics of Crop Diversification in North-Eastern Region of India: Markov Chain Analysis
4.	Anurag Chaudhary, H.K. Mavi, Gurleen Kaur and Sukhdeep Singh	An Economic Evaluation of Capsicum Cultivation in Punjab
5.	Firdous Ahmad Malik and Jaskaran Singh	Political Economy of Jammu and Kashmir: Distorted Economic Transformation and the Emergence of Market-Led Dynamics
6.	Sukhdev Singh Sandhu, Jasdeep Singh Toor and Balwinder Singh Tiwana	The Political Economy of Agrarian Distress in Punjab
7.	Rajkumar Jakhar and Rajender S. Godara	Naturally Ventilated Polyhouse Farming as a Climate-Smart Agricultural Practice: Trends and Patterns in Rajasthan
8.	Shaveta Sharma and Shilpa Sharma	Scale Economies, Input Efficiency, and Farm Profitability in Punjab Agriculture: An Empirical Household-Level Analysis
9.	Vidushi Rajput and Tanima Dutta	Economic Competitiveness of Crop Diversification in Punjab: A Secondary-Data Assessment of the Wheat–Paddy System

Technical Session 2.2 (Venue: Syndicate Room): 12.30 PM to 2.00 PM
Theme-1: Agrarian Transformation, Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Livelihoods

Chairperson: Dr. Parminder Kaur **Co-Chairperson: Dr. Taranjit Singh**

Rapporteurs: Mr. Jatinder Kumar Pal and Mr. Simranjit Singh

Sr. No.	Name	Title of the Abstract
1.	Danishbir Kaur, Arjinder Kaur, Priyabrata Bhoi, Sunny Kumar, and Baljinder and Kaur Sidana	Growth and Instability in Vegetable Production in India
2.	Napinder Kaur, Ketanpreet Kaur, Jasdeep Singh Toor and Tanima Dutta	Changing Dynamics of Milk Production in India: Recent Trends and Future Projections
3.	Khairnar Kaveri and More Sachin	Economic Drivers of Crop Diversification in Maharashtra: A Panel Regression Analysis
4.	Khairnar Kaveri, Dorge Jitendra, Amale Arun and Rajendra Hile	Economic Impact of Sugarcane Variety Co-86032 on Farm Economy in Maharashtra: Evidence from MPKV, Rahuri
5.	Khairnar Kaveri, Dorge Jitendra, A.J. Amale and Rajendra Hile	Economic Impact of MPKV-Released Rabi Sorghum Varieties on Farm Economy in Maharashtra
6.	Manpreet Kaur and Jasdeep Singh Toor	Carbon Farming and Sustainable Agriculture Transformation in Punjab: An Emerging Perspective
7.	Mehreen Rao and Jasdeep Singh Toor	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 Sundara	Livestock Production to Resilient Food Systems: Mapping the Global Evolution of Food and Nutritional Security Research (2006–2026)
9.	Manpreet Kaur, Neeraj Sharma, and Pooja Sikka	Inequality in Livestock and Wage Income among Agricultural Households in India

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. Virender Kumar **Co-Chairpersons: Dr. Harsimran Singh and Dr. Mrigender Singh**

Rapporteurs: Ms. Nega and Ms. Priya

Sr. No.	Name	Title of the Abstract
1.	Sangeet Ranguwal, Jatinder Sachdeva and Baljinder K. Sidana	Advancing Agricultural Sustainability through Low-Carbon Rice Production: Evidence from Punjab in India
2.	Nitin Tanwar, Lalit Kumar, Shubhi Singh, Heena, and Kailash Kumar	Spatial Patterns of Agricultural Development in Bihar, India: A District-Level Disparity Analysis
3.	Nega Ejigu Tefera and Sarbjeet Singh	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 and Meenakshi Gupta	Asymmetric Effects of Climate Shocks on Cereal Yield across Climate-Vulnerable Groups: Evidence from a Global Panel of Agricultural Economies
5.	Mohd Arshad Ansari	Determinants for Load Capacity Factor: An Econometric Perspective from GCC Countries
6.	More Sachin, Khairnar Kaveri and Kavibharathi S.	Climate Change and Agricultural Vulnerability: A Spatial Assessment of Maharashtra State, India
7.	Rashpal Singh, Jasdeep Singh Toor, and Shelly Dahiya	Role of Green Fiscal Policy in Sustainable and Inclusive Rural Development
8.	Sanjeev Kumar and Gaurav Kumar	ESG–Cost of Capital Nexus Under Physical Climate Shocks

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Lunch
Main Guest House, Punjabi University, Patiala
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3rd Parallel Technical Sessions: October 30, 2026: 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 and Dr. Amanpreet Kaur

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1.	Gunjan Bhandari, Harsh Dagar, Deepika Bonigala and Udita Chaudhary	Decomposition of India's Dairy Export Growth: Competitiveness and Adaptation in Comparison with New Zealand
2.	Vijay K. Choudhary, Ankur Jaiswal	Evaluating the Effectiveness of Financial Inclusion Programmes on Banking Usage: Evidence from District-Level Analysis in Chhattisgarh, India
3.	D. J. Sanap, R. B. Hile and B.S.Khandekar	Sweet Corn Production, Marketing and Value Chain:Opportunities for Inclusive and Sustainable Rural Development in Kolhapur District of Maharashtra
4.	Seema Garg	Financial Inclusion and Sustainable Rural Development in India: Challenges and Policy Perspectives
5.	Prakhar Deep, Bulbuli Meher, Virendra Kamalvanshi	Price Dispersion Reduction Through e-NAM Integration: A Comparative Analysis of Storable and Perishable Commodities in Varanasi and Prayagraj
6.	Sukhjit Singh and Parminder Kaur	Kinnow Value Chains in Punjab: An Investigation into Marketing Efficiency and Value Addition
7.	Gaurav and Chander Mohan Negi	Markets or Self-Provisioning? Agricultural Diversification, Commercialisation and Dietary Diversity: A Systematic Literature Review
8.	Deepika Bonigala, Gunjan Bhandari, Subhasis Mandal, and Udita Chaudhary	Distribution of dairy export growth across Indian States: An analysis of performance and mobility
9.	Shivani Thakur and Ankit Pathania	Strengthening FPOs in Himachal Pradesh: Operational Challenges and Strategic Priorities for Sustainable Performan

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 and Ms. Simran

Sr. No.	Name	Title of the Abstract
1.	Anuradha Narala, Boniga Mohan Uday Raj, Chikkulapally Shekhar, Shaik Muneer and C. Tara Satyavathi	Market Cointegration and Price Transmission in Major Bajra Markets in India
2.	Bhawna Bamel and Sunil Phougat	Assessing India's Agricultural Export Competitiveness: A Comparative RSCA Analysis in the Asian Agricultural Market
3.	Manmeet Singh	Credit Facilities for Dairy Farmers in India
4.	S.S. Kaware, R.B.Hile, D.J. Sanap, and P.J. Chaudhari	Economic Performance of Bhagar Processing Units in Nasik District of Maharashtra
5.	Dalip Kumar Bishnoi and Anupam Anand	Who Captures the Value? Market Efficiency and Farmer Value Retention in Haryana's Emerging Inland Shrimp Economy
6.	Ankit Kumar, Subhash Sharma, Sanjeev Kumar, and Madhulika Thakur	Apple Market Dynamics and Price Forecasting in Himachal Pradesh, India: Evidence from Major Wholesale Markets
7.	Manjisha Sinha, Jaspal Singh, Pardeep Puria and Anjali Bansal	India's Cocoa Conundrum: Sweet Growth, Bitter Dependence
8.	Nitin Bhardwaj, Sanjeev Sirohi, Dalip Kumar Bishnoi, Jitender Bhatia, Pushpanand Uday Pratap Singh	Time Series Modeling and Forecasting of Onion Prices and Arrivals in Yamunanagar APMC Market
9.	Aruna Kumari A.	Value Chain Analysis of Chilli Cultivation in Andhra Pradesh: Mapping, Governance, and Farmer Linkages
10.	Gopesh Kumari and Anil Singh Rawat	Marketing of Fresh Rose Flowers in Rajasthan: An Analysis of Marketing Costs, Margins and Price Spread

Tea Break: 04:30 PM to 04.45 PM

4th Parallel Technical Sessions: October 30, 2026: 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: Mr. Gagandeep Singh and Ms. Simarjit Kaur

Sr. No.	Name	Title of the Abstract
1.	Richard Kwasi Bannor, Frank Kwakye Yeboah, and Jolly Masih	From Touch to Trust: Tactile Experience as Precursor of Relational Loyalty in Informal Retail Markets
2.	P.V Munde, J.S. Kumbhar, T.B. Deokate, Y. C. Sale and R.B. Hile	Financial Performance of Farmer Producer Organizations in Maharashtra State: A Sectoral Analysis
3.	Richard Kwasi Bannor, Thomas Tawiah, and Jeffery Kofi Asare	Attributes of Fertiliser and Labelling on Packages Influence on Purchasing Decisions: The Knowns and the Unknowns in Agribusiness Marketing
4.	Helena Oppong-Kyeremeh, James Osei Mensah, and Richard Kwasi Bannor	Brand Orientation and the Impact of Quasi-branding Techniques among Agribusiness Broiler Firms in Ghana
5.	Michael Teye-Anim and Richard Kwasi Bannor	Trust without Certification: A Review of Informal Signalling Mechanisms in Sustainable Food Markets
6.	Kalpana Kapadia and M. Swain	A Study on Farmers' Awareness and Willingness to Pay for Crop Insurance in Gujarat
7.	Abdallah Abdul Rahman and Richard Kwasi Bannor	Mass Communication Advertisement and Celebrity Mentioning Influence on The Marketing of Seeds and Agrochemicals
8.	Richard Kwasi Bannor and Richmond Kumi	A Systematic Review of the Laws, Regulations, Policies, and Marketing of Veterinary Inputs and Their Impact on Developed and Developing Countries
9.	R.B. Hile, D.J. Sanap, and P.R.Patil	Economic Analysis of Hydroponic Farming: Implications for Employment Generation and Sustainable Rural Development
10.	P. R. Patil, D.J.Sanap and J.H. Kadam	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. Rakesh Kumar Khurana **Co-Chairperson: Dr. Harjinder Singh**

Rapporteurs: Mr. Arshdeep Kaur and Mr. Simran Singh

Sr. No.	Name	Title of the Abstract
1.	Rukhsana Kouser and Jasbir Singh	Assessing the Access Gap among PM-KISAN, PMFBY and KCC: Evidence from Jammu and Kashmir
2.	Sonal Goyal and Ravita	Impact of Internship Program on Undergraduate Female Students: A Case Study of Malerkotla City
3.	Javed Iqbal	Farm to Non-Farm Employment, Rural Structural Transformation and Livelihood Diversification in India
4.	Amandeep Singh	Reviving Rural India: The Role of Rural Industries and MSMEs in Sustainable Economic Diversification
5.	Raja Singh	Rural Non-Farm Employment in Punjab: Trends, Determinants and Regional Disparities
6.	Jaspreet Kaur and Usha Rani	Re-evaluating the Growth-Employment Nexus: Evidence of Low Employment Elasticity in BRICS Nations.
7.	Vipin Negi	A surge in Self-employment in Total Employment: Restructuring of India's Labour Market
8.	Naresh Kumar	Multidimensional Employment Informality and Wage Inequality in Rural India: Evidence from PLFS 2025

Dinner

October 30, 2026 Time: 07:30 PM Onwards

Venue: Main Guest House, Punjabi University, Patiala

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
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Rapporteurs: Ms. Sonal Goyal and Mr. Jagmeet Singh

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1.	Pooja Sikka and Akshay Kumar	Labour Turnover, Compliance, and Order Acceptance Capacity: A Study of Migrant Labour in Ludhiana's Textile Firms
2.	Simranjeet Singh, Sarbjeet Singh and Ravita	Empirical Analysis of Educational Status of Youth in Rural Punjab
3.	Varindha and Meenakshi Gupta	Agricultural employment and cereal yield: Moderating role of education
4.	Nandini Sharma, Ramandeep Singh, and Navneet Kaur Gill	Agrarian startups trained under Institutional Incubation: An empirical study of Opportunities and Challenges in Punjab
5.	Anuvesh Rikhi and Sanjeev Kumar	Structural Transformation and Post-COVID Recovery in Indian States: Evidence from GSVA Data
6.	Aikjyot Kaur Dua	Women's Economic Participation Beyond Agriculture: Determinants of Rural Non-Farm Employment in Punjab
7.	Reena Sharma and Jasbir Singh	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, Sarbjeet Singh, and Rahul Ranjan	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: Ms. Handeep Kaur and Ms. Surjeet Kaur

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1.	Sukhram Singh, Balwinder Singh Tiwana and Sarbjeet Singh	Socio-Demographic Profile of Trade Union Leaders and Workers in Punjab: An Empirical Study
2.	Divya Gupta and Tsering Yangzom	Working Conditions, Organizational Support and Health Outcome Among Non-Standard Workers: Evidence from Flipkart Last-Mile Hub in Jammu City
3.	Zibrim Awini Shaiba and Richard Kwasi Bannor	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	Loyalty Under Constraint: Evidence from Informal Agricultural Markets in Institutional Voids
5.	Joseph Essoun, Richard Kwasi Bannor, and Jeffery Kofi Asare	Plant Variety Protection Law of Ghana: The Perceptions and Unknowns among Extension Officers and Their Implications for Agribusinesses in Ghana
6.	Kuldeep Singh and Sarabjeet Kaur	Determinants of Employment among Rural Youth in Punjab: An Empirical Analy
7.	Gayatri Singh and Manju Dahiya	New Technology, Productivity and Employment: A Comparative Study of India's Unorganised Rural and Organised Sectors
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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 Noon
Theme-4: Poverty, Social Inclusion and Gender Equity in Rural Development

Chairperson: Prof. Pawan Kumar **Co-Chairperson: Dr. Sukhvir Kaur**

Rapporteurs: Ms. Harjeet Kaur and Ms. Jaspreet Kaur

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2.	Arjinder Kaur, J.M. Singh and Satwinder Singh	Land Titling and Income Inequalities in Punjab
3.	Gurmeet Singh and Veerpal Kaur	Understanding the Barriers to Economic Empowerment of Dalit Women Labourers in Rural Haryana: An Inter-District Analysis
4.	Gursharan Kaur	Quantity without Quality? A Gender Decomposition of Rural Employment in India, 2017-2024
5.	Ankita, Jasdeep Singh Toor, and Jaskaran Singh	Beyond Education: Mapping the Socio-Economic Realities and Migration Trajectories of Punjabi Students in Canada
6.	Payal Thakur and S.K. Chauhan	Factors Affecting Household Consumption Expenditure Pattern: Evidence from Rural Sirmaur, Himachal Pradesh
7.	Rupinder Kaur and Handeep Kaur	Incidence of Poverty Among Rural Labour Households in Fazilka District of Punjab: Monetary and Non-monetary Measures
8.	Shivani Rana, Neeru Sidana, Jaspal Singh	Maternal Healthcare Accessibility and Social Protection: A Comparative Assessment of PMSMA and JSSK Performance across India
9.	Alisha Sharma and Lovepreet Singh	Economics of Litchi Orchard Production in Punjab: A Comprehensive Analysis of Costs, Returns and Economic Viability

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Theme-4: Poverty, Social Inclusion and Gender Equity in Rural Development

Chairperson: Dr. Jaspal Singh **Co-Chairperson: Dr. Anjali Bansal**

Rapporteurs: Mr. Anees-Ur-Rehman and Mr. Waqar Afzal

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2.	Rupinder Kaur and Surjeet Kaur	Levels of Education among Muslim Women in India
3.	Harleen Kour and Sunita Devi	Revisiting The Informal Sector: Income, Consumption and Living Conditions of Unorganized Workers- A Comparative Study of Jammu &Udhampur Districts
4.	Kuldeep Kaur	Digital Financial Inclusion and Rural Women's Economic Empowerment in India: Trends and Challenges
5.	Dharam Pal and Jitender	Assets and Liabilities of Rural Households in Himachal Pradesh: A Caste-Wise Analysis
6.	Simarjit Kaur, Jasdeep Singh Toor and Gagandeep Singh	Understanding the Vulnerabilities of the Daily Wage Labourers at Labour Chowks
7.	Harjinder Singh, Balwinder Singh Tiwana and Sarbjeet Singh	International Migration and Impact of Personal Remittances on Income Inequality: Evidence from Rural Punjab
8.	Sukhvir Kaur and Maninder Singh Gill	Agrarian Distress and Farmers' Welfare in Punjab: Causes, Consequences and Policy Responses
9.	Amanpreet Kaur, Sarbjeet Singh and Harsimran Singh	Social Group Disparities in Educational Attainment in Rural Punjab: Evidence from Primary Survey

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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: Dr. Inderpreet Kaur **Co-Chairperson: Dr. Napinder Kaur**

Rapporteurs: Ms. Gagandeep Kaur and Ms. Kajal

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2.	Upneet Kaur, Lavjit Kaur, and Atinderpal Kaur	Self-help groups as agents of social transformation: Impact on women and their families
3.	Prabhjot Kaur and Sharanjit Singh Dhillon	Rural-Urban Divide in India: An Analysis of Socio-Economic Outcomes
4.	Manik Sharma and Jasbir Singh	Unpaid Care Work and Women's Economic Participation in India: A Rural–Urban Perspective with Evidence from Jammu Division, J&K
5.	Meenakshi Choudhary and Jasbir Singh	Urban–Rural Livelihood Disparities in India: Trends, Structural Change and Macroeconomic Linkages
6.	Kamaldeep Singh and Jasbir Singh	Inclusive Rural livelihoods & Sustainable Development in India: Challenges & emerging Pathways
7.	Gurupdesh Kaur, Vitasta Dhawan, Divya Jain, Amandeep Kaur Makkar and Harprit Kaur	Bridging Wage and Socio-Economic Disparities: A Gender Mainstreaming Analysis of farm workers in Punjab
8.	Harjot Kaur and Amanpreet Kaur	A Review Paper on Ayushman Bharat–Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in Punjab (India)
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Venue: Senate Hall

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