**Department of Hotel Management on January 21, 2026.**

**International Conference on "Redefining Hospitality: Sustainability and Innovation for an Inclusive, Resilient Future".**

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**Date of Event:21.01.2026**

**Faculty-in-Charge: Mr. Richi Thomas**

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# REPORT

The International Conference organized by the Research Centre and the Department of Hotel Management was successfully conducted on 21st January,2026 in a hybrid mode, bringing together academicians, researchers, industry professionals, and students from various institutions across the country and abroad. The conference aimed to provide a global platform for knowledge exchange, scholarly discussion, and the presentation of innovative research findings related to contemporary issues in hospitality, sustainability, and allied disciplines.

The programme commenced at 10:45 a.m. with a formal inaugural session. The session began with an invocation, followed by a warm welcome address delivered by the Conference Convener, who highlighted the significance of the conference theme and the relevance of academic research in addressing emerging global challenges. This was followed by the presidential address, emphasizing the importance of interdisciplinary research and international collaboration in higher education.

The Keynote Address was delivered by a distinguished resource person, Dr. Ajeet Kumar Singh Professor from The Assam Royal University, who provided valuable insights into current trends, innovations, and sustainable practices shaping the future of the hospitality and service sectors. The keynote session was highly informative and engaging, encouraging participants to reflect on research-driven solutions for inclusive and resilient development. An interactive question-and-answer session followed, during which participants actively engaged with the speaker, making the session highly enriching.

Following the keynote address, the conference proceeded with technical sessions and paper presentations, conducted through online platforms. Researchers and scholars presented their papers on a wide range of topics, including sustainable hospitality practices, eco-friendly operations, technological innovations, customer experience management, and responsible tourism. Each presentation was followed by constructive feedback and discussions moderated by session chairs, fostering academic interaction and critical thinking.

The conference witnessed active participation from presenters, attendees, and delegates, reflecting the growing interest in research-oriented discussions. The sessions provided young researchers and students an opportunity to present their work, enhance their academic confidence, and receive expert guidance. The diversity of topics and perspectives added depth and richness to the deliberations.

The event concluded with a valedictory session, during which the organizing committee expressed gratitude to the keynote speaker, session chairs, presenters, participants, and support staff for their valuable contributions. The successful coordination of both offline and online components demonstrated the effectiveness of hybrid academic events in expanding reach and inclusivity.



Overall, the International Conference was a resounding success, achieving its objectives of knowledge sharing, academic networking, and research promotion. The event reinforced the institution's commitment to fostering research excellence and global academic engagement, leaving participants with meaningful learning experiences and scholarly inspiration.

| Prepared by: | Verified by: | Approved by: |
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| Mr. Richi Thomas | Mr. Robert Fernandez | Rev. Fr. Dr Paulachan K.J |
| Conference Coordinator | HOD,Dept of HM | Principal |

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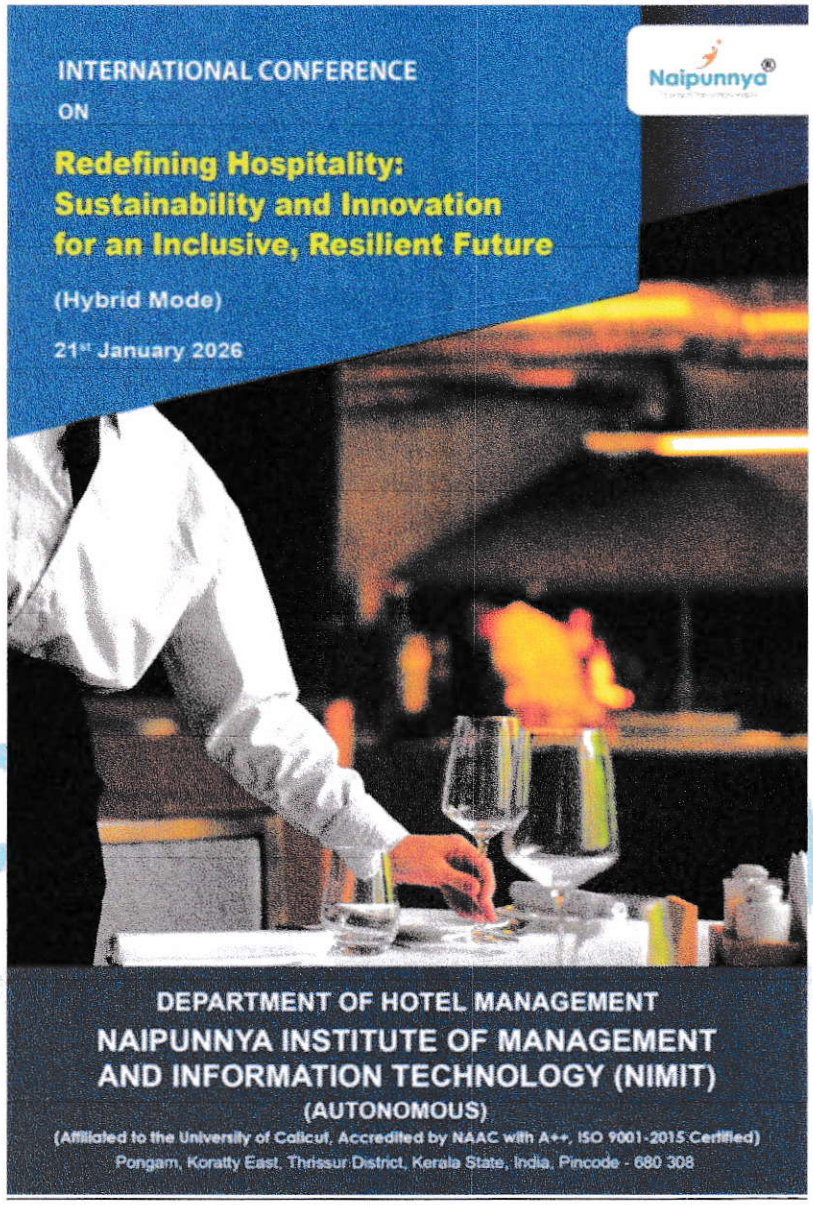


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# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JANUARY 21, 2026**

*"Redefining Hospitality: Sustainability and Innovation for an Inclusive, Resilient Future"*

**OFFICIAL FUNCTION**

**Department of Hotel Management**

VENUE: ATR TIME: 10.45 A.M.

Emcee: Ms. Misouti Sarkar

Silent Prayer (10.45 A.M. -10.46 A.M.) :

Welcome Address (10.46 A.M – 10.51 A.M.) : Mr. Robert Fernandez
HOD /Vice Principal-Campus Management

Briefing of Conference (10.51 A.M. – 10.56A.M.) : Ms. Akhila Thomas
Asst. Prof. Dept. of Hotel Management

Technical Session (Key Note speaker 11.00 A.M. – 11.45 A.M.): Dr. Ajeet Kumar Singh
Professor,
The Assam Royal Global, University, Assam.

Vote of Thanks (11.45 A.M. -11.48 A.M.) : Ms.Nayana Paul
Asst. Prof. Dept. of Hotel Management

**Online and Offline Paper Presentations: 12.00 P.M. Onwards**

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# DUTY LIST

**International conference on**

**"Redefining Hospitality: Sustainability and Innovation for an Inclusive, Resilient Future"**

**on January 21, 2026**

**DUTY LIST**

| S.NO. | DUTY ASSIGNED | FACULTY IN-CHARGE | SIGNATURE |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Invitation/ WhatsApp group/announcements/ link | Mr. Richi Thomas | |
| 2 | Registration | Ms. Renita Fernandez | |
| 3 | Venue -online & offline (Sound system, Mic, Camera, Projector, Official function) | Mr. Rahul TR | |
| 4 | Morning Function & Valedictory Function Emcee | Ms. Misouti Sarkar | |
| 5 | Moderator/ PPT-Online/ Time slot management | Ms. Akhila Thomas | |
| 6 | Moderator/ PPT-Offline/ Timeslot management | Ms. Delphina Jose | |
| 7 | Certificate | Ms. Neethu KN | |
| 8 | Valedictory Vote of Thanks | Ms. NayanaPaul | |
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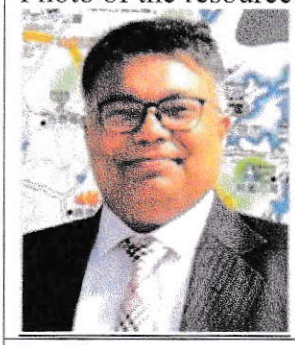
# RESOURCE PERSON'S PROFILE

| Photo of the resource person  | Name: Dr. Ajeet Kumar Singh<br>Designation: Professor, Principal<br>The Assam Royal University. |
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Profile

Prof. (Dr.) Ajeet Kumar Singh is a Professor at The Assam Royal Global University, Assam, with over 20 years of professional experience. He is known for his sincerity, discipline, and strong ability to understand and motivate young learners. A dynamic leader, he excels in planning, organizing, and guiding teams through an outcome-based approach. He received the Best Ph.D. Dissertation Award at the 1st International Hospitality Conclave & Awards 2020. He is an active member of the Indian Hospitality Congress, Indian Culinary Forum, and Indian Academicians and Researchers Association. His expertise comprises food production, nutrition, hospitality economics, strategic management, and training, reflecting his commitment to continuous growth and Excellence.

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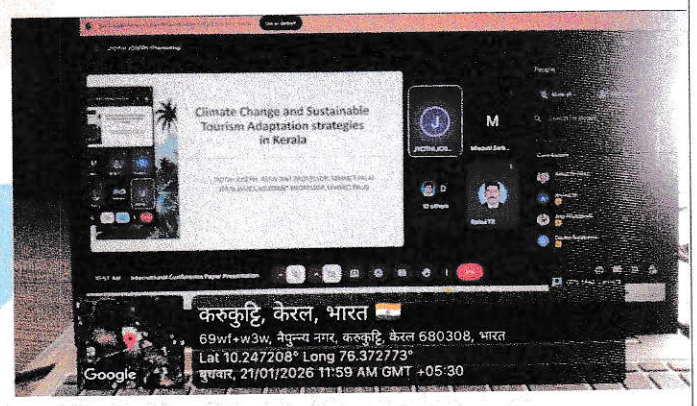

# PARTICIPANT'S LIST

Name of the Event: International Conference

Date: 21.01.2026

| PARTICIAPTION | |
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| SL | NAME |
| 1 | Ms. Jyothi Joseph |
| 2 | Mr. Jerin James |
| 3 | Mr. Jithu Doyal |
| 4 | Ms. Anu Priyadarshi |
| 5 | Dr. Neethu Lazar |
| 6 | Ms. Vidya Devarajan |
| 7 | Dr. S. Nivetha |
| 8 | Ms. Sruthy.S |
| 9 | Mr.Bharath. S |
| 10 | Ms. Devika S |
| 11 | Mr. Ranganathan Yadunath |
| 12 | Mr. Anoop M |
| 13 | Mr. Sujith Mathew George |
| 14 | Mr. Richi Thomas |
| 15 | Mr. Rahul T R |
| 16 | Mr. Anand Thomas |
| 17 | Ms. Misouti Sarkar |
| 18 | Ms. Renita Fernandez |
| 19 | Ms. Nayana Paul |

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| PRESENTATION | | |
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| **SL** | **NAME** | **PAPER TITLE** |
| 1 | Ms. Jyothi Joseph & Co-author -Mr. Jerin James | Climate Change and Sustainable Tourism Adaptation Strategies in Kerala |
| 2 | Mr. Jerin James & Co-author- Ms. Jyothi Joseph | Digital Influence and youth travel decisions: The role of YouTube influencers in Tourism Destination selection. |
| 3 | Mr. Jithu Doyal | The Strategic Role of the Front Office in Achieving Carbon-Neutral Hotel Operations: Operational Challenges and Guest Behaviour Management |
| 4 | Ms. Anu Priyadarshi | Traditional Food Practices and Rural Tourism: A Pathway to Inclusive Growth in the Milthilanchal |
| 5 | Dr. Neethu Lazar | Drivers of Probiotic Product Adoption Among Kerala Consumers. |
| 6 | Ms. Vidya Devarajan | Barriers & Drivers of Millets Consumption in Indian Diets. |
| 7 | Dr. S. Nivetha Co-Authors- Ms. Sruthy.S, Mr. Bharath. S | Developing the conceptual framework to overcome Indigenous tourism funding barriers in India |
| 8 | Ms. Devika S | Energy and Water Conservation Practices in Green Hotels: A Review-Based Study on Sustainable Operations |
| 9 | Mr. Ranganathan Yadunath | Digitalization & Resources Efficiency: An Analysis of AI Driven Sustainable Housekeeping Practices in Bangalore Tec-Hotel Sector. |
| 10 | Mr. Anoop M & Co Author - Mr. Sujith Mathew George | Digital Menus, Smart Tables, and AI Sommeliers: Future Trends in Dining Technology |
| 11 | Mr. Sujith Mathew George & Co Author Mr. Anoop M | Smart Hotels: AI, IoT and the Future of Guest Service |
| 12 | Mr. Richi Thomas | Eco-Friendly Housekeeping Practices: A Study on The Use of Leaf Plates and Clay Pots |
| 13 | Mr. Shaju Mathew | Revisit Intentions of Tourists: Exploring Drivers of Loyalty in Kerala's Heritage Destinations |

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# BUDGET

| Department of Hotel Management | | | | | |
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| International conference Budget 2026 | | | | | |
| Sl. No. | Participants | Amount (Rs.) | Sl. No. | Name of the Faculties from HM (NIMIT) | Amount (Rs.) |
| 1 | RICHI THOMAS | 500 | 1 | Renita Fernandez | 750 |
| 2 | Anoop M | 750 | 2 | Nayana Paul | 750 |
| 3 | Sujith Mathew George | 750 | 3 | Misouti Sarkar | 750 |
| 4 | Jerin James | 750 | 4 | Anand Thomas | 750 |
| 5 | Sujith Mathew George | 750 | 5 | Akhila Thomas | 500 |
| 6 | JYOTHI JOSEPH | 750 | 6 | Mr. Rahul T R | 500 |
| 7 | JYOTHI JOSEPH | 750 | 7 | RICHI THOMAS | 500 |
| 8 | Akhila Thomas | 500 | | Total Expenses | 4500 |
| 9 | Ranganathan Yadunath | 500 | | | |
| 10 | Jithu Doyal | 500 | | | |
| 11 | Anu Priyadarshi | 750 | | | |
| 12 | Vidya Devarajan | 750 | | | |
| 13 | DR. NEETHU LAZAR | 750 | | | |
| 14 | Renita Fernandez | 750 | | | |
| 15 | Nayana Paul | 750 | | | |
| 16 | Mr. Rahul T R | 500 | | | |
| 17 | Anand Thomas | 750 | | | |
| 18 | Misouti Sarkar | 750 | | | |
| 19 | Ms.Devika S | 750 | | | |
| 20 | RAJAN P P | 200 | | | |
| | Total Expenses | 13200 | | Total Expenses | 13200 |
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# FEEDABCK

| Timestamp | Name | Designation | Department | Name of the Institution | How would you rate the overall organization? | How would you rate the quality of speakers? | How would you rate the relevance of topics? | How would you rate the venue & facilities? | How would you rate the technical support? | Any additional comments or feedback? |
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| 1/21/2026 14:52:38 | Richi Thomas | Assistant Professor | Hotel Management | NIMIT | Good | Good | Good | Good | Very Good | |
| 1/21/2026 15:12:43 | DR. NEETHU LAZAR | Teaching Assistant | Dairy Business Management | Verghese Kurien Institute of Dairy & Food Technology, Mannuthy, KVASU | Very Good | Very Good | Very Good | Very Good | Very Good | |
| 1/21/2026 15:52:38 | Jerin James | Assistant professor | Hotel management | St Joseph's Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology Palai | Very Good | Very Good | Very Good | Good | Good | |
| 1/21/2026 15:52:44 | ANOOP M | Asst Professor | Hotel management | St Joseph's institute of Hotel management and catering technology, pala | Good | Good | Very Good | Very Good | Good | Nil |

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| 1/21/2026 16:04:03 | Sujith Mathew George | Assistant professor | Hotel management | St. Joseph's Institute of hotel management and catering technology | Very Good | Very Good | Very Good | Very Good | Very Good | |
| 1/21/2026 16:29:00 | JYOTHI JOSEPH | Assistant Professor | Hotel Management | St. Joseph's Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology, Palai | Good | Good | Good | Good | Good | |

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**Department of Hotel Mangement**
**REGISTRATION-: 21st January 2026**
**THEME: Redefining Hospitality: Sustainability and Innovation for an Inclusive, Resilient Future.**

| SL No | Name | Signature | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Nayana Paul | Nayana | |
| 2. | Renela Fernandez | Renel | |
| 3 | Mitsouli Sarkar | M. Sarkar | |
| 4 | Rahul T. R | | |
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