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

Keynote Speaker:

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About the Speaker:

Prof. (Dr.) Ajeet Kumar Singh is the 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 spans food production, nutrition, hospitality economics, strategic management, and training, reflecting his commitment to continuous growth and excellence.

Overview of the Theme:

"Redefining Hospitality: Sustainability and Innovation for an Inclusive, Resilient Future" highlights how the hospitality sector must evolve to balance environmental responsibility with technological advancement. It emphasizes green innovations, digital transformation, and smart technologies as essential drivers of modern hotel operations. The theme also focuses on creating inclusive guest experiences and promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion within hospitality workplaces. Research-driven practices are encouraged to strengthen evidence-based decision-making in hotel and tourism management. Sustainable approaches such as carbon-neutral travel and eco-tourism are seen as vital for protecting the environment and empowering communities. Additionally, rural tourism is recognized as a powerful pathway for inclusive growth and long-term resilience in the hospitality industry.

Functional Areas:

1. Green Innovations in Hotel Operations
2. Eco-Tourism and Community Empowerment
3. Smart Hotels: AI, IoT, and the Future of Guest Services
4. Digital Transformation in Hospitality Management
5. Designing Inclusive Guest Experiences
6. Research-Driven Practices in Hotel and Tourism Management
7. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Hospitality Workplaces
8. Carbon-Neutral Travel and Accommodation
9. Virtual and Augmented Reality in Travel Experiences
10. Rural Tourism as a Catalyst for Inclusive Growth

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- 4-6 Keywords

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Deadline for full paper submission: **January 10, 2026**
Notification of acceptance of full paper: **January 15, 2026**

CONFERENCE DAY: January 21, 2026

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