6th KISAN SWARAJ SAMMELAN
WESTERN & NORTHERN INDIA
Lok Niketan Ratanpur, Gujarat **January 11-13, 2026**

Day 1 - January 11, 2026 : SUNDAY	
09.00am to 10.00am	**Registration**
10.00am to 12noon	**INAUGURAL PLENARY**
Facilitated by **Akash Badave** (NIRMAAN & Bhoomgadi FPC, Chhattisgarh)	**Kiranbhai Chavda,** Trustee, Lok Niketan
	Dr. Rajendra Khimani, Trustee, Jatan
	Kavitha Kuruganti, ASHA
	Babulal Dahiya, Padmashri award recipient
	Santosh Pachar, award recipient from President of India
	Prof Shambu Prasad, Tribhuvan Sahkari University
	Naseem Shaikh, Swayam Sikshan Prayog
	Dr Devinder Sharma, Agriculture Policy Analyst
12.00pm to 01.00pm	*Networking Time / Exhibition visit*
01.00pm to 02.00pm	LUNCH
02.00pm to 03.45pm	**PARALLEL SESSIONS (THEMES & EXPERT PRACTITIONERS)**
7 parallel sessions	Labour In Agriculture
	Wild animals-Farmers Conflict
	Seed Sovereignty
	Genome Editing in Food Systems
	Ethos & Humane Lifestyle (Beyond Natural Farming and Organic Food)
	Santosh Pachar, award recipient from President of India
	Gopalbhai Sutaria, Bansi Gir Gaushala
04.00pm to 05.30pm	**Plenary 2: HT CROPS & WEED CONTROL**
Facilitated by **Umendra Dutt** (Kheti Virasat Mission, Former Member, ICAR Society General Body, Punjab)	**Kapil Shah:** CONCERNS WITH HT CROPS, HERBICIDES & LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIA
	Shruti Shah: ANOTHER VIEW ON WEEDS
	Hiren Panchal: ERGONOMIC TOOLS & IMPLEMENTS
	Jagtar Dhaliwal: A PRACTITIONER'S PERSPECTIVE

Day 1 - January 11, 2026 : SUNDAY	
	Dr Kandarp Mewada: NON-CHEMICAL WEED MANAGEMENT
05.30pm to 06.15pm	**Special Plenary:** **LANDSCAPE LEVEL TRANSFORMATION**
	Akash Badave, Bhoomgadi - Dantewada; **Anjali Gamit, AKRSPI** – Dang **Facilitator: Sai Nikam, Consortium for Agroecological Transformations (CAT)**
06.45pm to 07.45pm	DINNER
08.00pm to 09.00pm	Play on Climate Change: **Jaya Iyer and Team**
09.00pm to 10.00pm	Play on Social Harmony "Simante": **Creatica Theatre Hub**
12noon to 1pm 5.30pm to 6.30pm	COTTON VALUE CHAIN **Rupsi Garg & Team, Punjab** **NAV TRINJAN**

Day 2 - January 12, 2026 : MONDAY	
07.00am to 07.30am	**Meditation & Mindfulness (optional):** Vijay Shah, Vipassana Sadhak & Organic Farmer
07.30am to 08.30am	**BREAKFAST**
08.30am to 09.00am	Songs Recap of previous day
09.00am to 11.00am	**Plenary 3: SEED SOVEREIGNTY**
Facilitated by **Jayesh Joshi** **(Vaagdhara)**	**Bipinbhai Patel,** Potato farmer from Gujarat & victim of PepsiCo India Holding legal action
	Soumik Banerjee, Bharat Beej Swaraj Manch: EMERGING THREATS
	Dr Debal Deb, Basudha/Vrihi: SCIENTIFIC CONSERVATION & REVIVAL OF TRADITIONAL VARIETIES
	Dinesh Balam, Independent Expert: STATE SUPPORT TO TRADITIONAL VARIETIES - STORY FROM ODISHA
	Hiral Dave, Cohesion Foundation Trust **&** **Sushilaben Mahala,** Ujas Mahila Khedut Sanghatan(Navasri-Valsad): COMMUNITY SEED BANKS
	Krishna Prasad, Sahaja Samrudha/Desi Seeds Producer Company: STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY SEED SYSTEMS, END-TO-END

Day 2 - January 12, 2026 : MONDAY	
11.10am to 01.00pm	**PARALLEL SESSIONS (MAINLY THEMES)**
7 parallel sessions	Seed Sovereignty
	Labour In Agriculture
	HT crops - Weed Control
	Free Trade Agreements
	Markets for Organic/Natural Farming (incl. Certification related issues)
	Babulal Dahiya, Padmashri award recipient
	Dr. Manoj Solanki, National President, Akshay Krishi Parivar & Organic Farming Promoter from Kutch
01.00pm to 02.00pm	LUNCH
02.00pm to 03.45pm	**PARALLEL SESSIONS WITH EXPERT PRACTITIONERS)**
7 parallel sessions	*Dhirendra & Vishven Soneji, Pioneering Organic Farmer & Humane Lifestyle Promoters*
	Santosh Pachar, Awarded by President of India
	Dr Debal Deb, well-known landrace conservator/ecologist
	Subhash Sharma, Padmashri award recipient
	Nekram Sharma, Padmashri award recipient
	Ramesh Ruparelia, Gir Gau Jatan Sansthan
	Gopalbhai Sutaria, Bansi Gir Gaushala
04.00pm to 05.30pm	**Plenary 4: LABOUR IN AGRICULTURE**
Facilitated by **Nilesh Desai** (Sampark, Jamnalal Bajaj Awardee)	**Subhash Sharma**, Padmashri award recipient: A PRACTITIONER'S APPROACH
	Pallavi Sobti Rajpal, WGWLO: TOOL BANKS FOR WOMEN FARMERS
	Resmi Deepak, NIRA Sena in Kerala: LABOUR BANKS AS WIN-WIN SOLUTION FOR FARMERS & LABOURERS
	Sampark & Vaagdhara: REVIVAL OF COMMUNITY LEVEL LABOUR EXCHANGE TRADITIONS
05.30pm to 06.30pm	Networking / State-wise discussions (optional)
06.45pm to 07.45pm	DINNER
08.00pm to 10.00pm	**LOKNAAD SONGS: Charul & Vinay**
12noon to 1pm 5.30pm to 6.30pm	COTTON VALUE CHAIN **Rupsi Garg & Team** NAV TRINJAN

Day 3 - January 13, 2026 : TUESDAY	
06.30am to 07.00am	**Meditation & Mindfulness (optional):** Vijay Shah, Vipassana Sadhak & Organic Farmer
07.00am to 08.00am	BREAKFAST
08.00am to 08.30am	Songs Recap of previous day
08.30am to 10.40am	**Plenary 5: FARMER-WILDLIFE CONFLICT MITIGATION**
	Harish Chauhan, Himachal Pradesh: THE CONFLICT FROM FARMERS' PERSPECTIVE
	Babubhai Patel, BKS Gujarat: A FARMER UNION'S PERSPECTIVE
	Dr Vipin Chaudhary, CAZRI (ICAR Network Project on Vertebrate Pests): SOLUTIONS POSSIBLE AT FARM LEVEL, COMMUNITY LEVEL & POLICY LEVEL
	Dr C K Timbadia, VC, Gujarat Natural Farming Science University: FARMER-WILDLIFE CONFLICT IN NATURAL FARMING SETTING & SOLUTIONS AVAILABLE
	Uday Vora, Retd. Chief Conservator of Forest: NATURE OF THE CONFLICT BETWEEN WILD ANIMALS & FARMERS
	Dr Rajeshwar Chandel, VC, YS Parmar University, Himachal Pradesh: SOLUTIONS IN NATURAL FARMING FOR FARMER-WILDLIFE CONFLICT
10.45am to 12.20pm	**PARALLEL SESSIONS (THEMES & EXPERT PRACTITIONERS)**
7 parallel sessions	Markets for Organic/Natural Farming
	Wild animals-Farmers Conflict
	Carbon Credits
	HT crops - Weed Control
	Subhash Sharma, Padmashri award recipient
	Nekram Sharma, Padmashri award recipient
	Dr Debal Deb, well-known landrace conservator/ecologist
12.30pm to 02.15pm	**CLOSING PLENARY and VOTE OF THANKS**
Facilitated by **Dr Rajendrabhai Khimani** (Vice Chancellor, Lok Bharati University for Rural Innovations & Former VC, Gujarat Vidyapith)	**Sejal Dand**, Anandi/MAKAAM (Mahila Kisan Adhikaar Manch)
	Kapil Shah, JATAN & ASHA-Kisan Swaraj
	Nekram Sharma, Padmashri award recipient
	Dr Rajeshwar Chandel, Vice Chancellor, YS Parmar University, Himachal Pradesh
	VOTE OF THANKS FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

(This is penultimate version as on 31st Dec., 2025; minor changes are possible during the Sammelan.)

PARALLEL SESSIONS, TOPIC-WISE

TOPIC	TIME SLOT	FACILITATOR	LEAD DISCUSSANTS
Seed Sovereignty	January 11, 2026: SUNDAY 2pm to 3.50pm	***Akash Naoghare***	· Babulal Dahiya · VAAGDHARA · Sambhaav · Dinesh Balam* • Shaileshbhai Awate · Mahila Sanghatan · Lakshman Singh Muniya, Lok Jagriti Manch
	January 12, 2026: MONDAY 11am to 1pm	***Akash Naoghare***	· Sajanaben, Ujas Mahila Khedut Sanghatan (Navasari-Valsad) · Sanjay Patil, BAIF · Krishna Prasad, Sahaja Samrudha/Desi Seeds Producer Co. · Dr Debal Deb · Harish Panwar, SAMPARK
Labour in Agriculture	January 11, 2026: SUNDAY 2pm to 3.50pm	***Dr. Atman Shah & Akash Badave***	· Harish Panwar, SAMPARK · Resmi Deepak, Agri Dept, Kerala Govt · Punam & Minal, WGWLO · Subhash Sharma
	January 12, 2026: MONDAY 11am to 1pm	***Ashis Panda***	· VAAGDHARA · Resmi Deepak, Agri Dept., Kerala Govt · Dinesh Balam · Purvi & Minal, WGWLO · Lakshman Singh Muniya, Lok Jagriti Manch
Markets for Organic/Natural Farming Produce (incl. Certification related issues)	January 12, 2026: MONDAY 11am to 1pm	***Pratap Marode***	· Akash Badave · Ananthoo · Bharat Jambucha · Shaileshbhai Awate · RASKUM
	January 13, 2026: TUESDAY 10.45am to 12.20pm	***Pratap Marode***	· Rohit Jain · Devesh Patel · Nivedita Ramanan · Bharat Jambucha · Dr Rajeshwar Chandel

HT Crops & Non Chemical Weed Control	January 12, 2026: MONDAY 11am to 1pm	***Srajesh Gupta****	· Dr Kandarp Mevada · Shruti Shah · Subhash Sharma · Soumik Banerjee
	January 13, 2026: TUESDAY 10.45am to 12.20pm		· Dr Kandarp Mevada · Shruti Shah · Purvi & Minal, WGWLO · Kapil Shah
Farmer-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation Farmer-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation	January 11, 2026: SUNDAY 2pm to 3.50pm	***Praveen Muchhadiya***	· Soumik Banerjee · Harish Chauhan · Jashoda & Sunita, Panam Mahila Sanghatan
	January 13, 2026: TUEDAY 10.45am to 12.20pm	***Praveen Muchhadiya***	· Soumik Banerjee · Harish Chauhan · Uday Vora · Babu bhai Patel · Jashoda & Sunita, Panam Mahila Sanghatan
Ethos & Humane Lifestyle (beyond Organic/Natural Farming)	January 11, 2026: SUNDAY 2pm to 3.50pm	***Ashis Panda***	· Dhirendra Soneji · Vishven Soneji · Ananthoo · Vijay Shah
Carbon Credits vis-a-vis PES	January 13, 2026: TUESDAY 10.45am to 12.20pm	***Rohit Parakh***	· Srajesh Gupta · Akash Badave · Amit Khurana*
Gene Editing in our Food Systems	January 11, 2026: SUNDAY 2pm to 3.50pm	***Nivedita Ramanan***	* Soumik Banerjee * Rohit Parakh * Kapil Shah
Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), incl. Indo-USA FTA	January 12, 2026: MONDAY 11am to 1pm	***Rohit Parakh***	· Afsar Jafri · Dr Hemant Shah