

**6th KISAN SWARAJ SAMMELAN - SOUTH INDIA**  
**ASHA-Kisan Swaraj**  
**in collaboration with**  
**Prasaranga, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru**  
**February 27, 28 & March 1, 2026 (Fri, Sat & Sun)**

<b>Day 1 :: February 27, Friday</b>	
08.00am to 10.00am	Registrations
9.30am to 10.00am	<b>Hasiru Haadugalu by Beru Bevaru Kala Balaga</b>
10.00am to 12 noon	<b>INAUGURAL PLENARY - Beginning with a song of (Late) SOIL Vasu</b>
Facilitated by: <b>KAVITHA KURUGANTI,</b> <b>ASHA-Kisan Swaraj &amp; KAVITHA SRINIVASAN,</b> <b>ASHA-Karnataka</b>  Venue: <u>Convocation Building Auditorium</u>  <b>RELEASE OF REPORT ON STATE OF NATURAL FARMING IN TN*</b>	<b>Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse</b> , Vice Chancellor, KSOU
	<b>Prof. S.K. Naveen Kumar</b> , Registrar, KSOU
	<b>Prof. M. Ramanathan Naidu</b> , Dean (Academic), KSOU
	<b>Dr Santhosh Naik</b> , Director, Prasaranga, KSOU
	<b>Shri Kapil Shah</b> , ASHA-Kisan Swaraj
	<b>Smt Bibi Jaan</b> , Bibi Fathima Women's SHG, Equator Prize Winner
	<b>Shri C Visalakshan</b> , President, Kerala Jaiva Karshaka Samithy
	<b>Smt Krishnammal Jagannathan</b> , Freedom Fighter, Gandhian activist - Video
	<b>Dr G.V. Ramanjaneyulu</b> , Centre for Sustainable Agriculture
	<b>Shri Raghava</b> , Aikanthika Global Tribe for Natural Farming
12 noon to 01.00pm	<b>Visit to Exhibition Stalls</b>
01.00pm to 02.00pm	LUNCH
02.00pm to 03.20pm	<b>PARALLEL SESSIONS (80 minutes each)</b>
7 parallel sessions	<b>Seed Sovereignty</b> - Malayalam medium ( <i>Science Building Room#1</i> )
	<b>HT Crops &amp; Non-Chemical Weed Control</b> - Kannada medium ( <i>Science Building Room#2</i> )
	<b>Farmer-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation</b> - Telugu medium ( <i>Science Building Room#3</i> )
	<b>Labour in Agriculture</b> - Tamil medium ( <i>Science Building Room#4</i> )
	<b>Subhash Sharma</b> , Padmashri Award Recipient ( <i>Science Building Room#5</i> )
	<b>Dr G.V. Ramanjaneyulu</b> , Centre for Sustainable Agriculture ( <i>Science Building#6</i> )
	<b>Govt Schemes to support organic/natural enterprises</b> ( <i>Science Building#7</i> )
03.45pm to 04.15pm Venue: <u>Convocation Building Auditorium</u>	<b>Special Plenary on</b> <b>KALASAPAKKAM ORGANIC/NATURAL FARMERS' COLLECTIVE</b> (a self-organised farmers' collective in Tamil Nadu, from seed to direct markets) Facilitated by: <b>Aparna Karthikeyan</b>

<b>Day 1 :: February 27, Friday</b>	
04.15pm to 06.00pm	<b>PLENARY 2: PROTECTING OUR SEED SOVEREIGNTY</b>
Facilitated by: <b>USHA SOOLAPANI,</b> Save Our Rice Campaign  Venue: <u>Convocation Building Auditorium</u>	<b><i>Building a Movement for Seed Sovereignty</i></b> <b>Shri KP Illias</b> , President, Organic Farming Association of India (OFAI):
	<b><i>Community Seed Systems for Farmers' Varieties</i></b> <b>Shri Andanur Anjaneya</b> , Kumbalur, Sharana Muddanna FPC:
	<b><i>Support to Traditional Varieties by Governments</i></b> <b>Dr K Varaprasad</b> , Retd. Director of ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research & Chair, Working Group on Community Seed Systems, RRA-Network
	<b><i>End-To-End Interventions To Revive Traditional Seed Diversity</i></b> <b>Krishna Prasad</b> , Sahaja Samrudha & Desi Seeds FPC
06.00pm to 06.30pm	<b><i>Special Plenary in Convocation Building Auditorium</i></b> <b>THE PATNULU STORY OF TRADITIONAL HANDMADE COTTON FROM PONDURU, ANDHRA PRADESH</b> Facilitated by: <b>Samyuktha Gorrepati</b>
06.30pm to 06.50pm	<b><i>Special Plenary in Convocation Building Auditorium</i></b> <b>TULA INDIA STORY: Ananthoo</b> Facilitated by: <b>Sumanas Koulagi</b>
07.05pm to 08.00pm	DINNER
08.00pm to 09.30pm	<b>Songs for the Soul:</b> <b>VASU DIXIT</b>
<b>ONGOING ACTIVITIES DURING THE DAY</b>	
11.00am to 01.00pm & 03.00pm to 05.00pm	<b>Chitrotsava - Documentary Film Screenings</b> Curated by: <b>K Manu</b> , Mysuru Amateur Naturalists <u>Venue: Nala Auditorium</u>
03.00pm to 05.00pm	<b>Urban Gardening Workshop - Dr Ramakrishnappa &amp; team</b> <u>Venue: Outside Sports Ground entrance</u> <b>RELEASE OF BOOK**</b>  <b>Pottery Workshop</b>
02.00pm to 04.00pm	<b>Patnulu Spinning workshop by Ponduru team: 30 minutes of demonstration &amp; 90 minutes of hands-on workshop for 15 registered participants</b> <u>Venue: Sports Ground Workshop Space</u>

### **RELEASE OF BOOKS:**

\* ***State of Organic Farming in Tamil Nadu: With a Bottom Up Practice-Knowledge Synthesis*** - By VikasAnvesh Foundation and TamilNadu Iyarkai Velan Kootamaippu (TNIVK)

\*\* ***Hithala Suthalu***, a book from Sunita Rao, Vanastree on a 248-page illustrated handbook on the forest home gardens of the Malnad focussed on the Sirsi area.

<b>Day 2 - February 28, Saturday</b>	
<b>08.30am to 09.00am</b>	<b><i>Hasiru Haadugalu by Beru Bevaru Kala Balaga</i></b>
<b>09.00am to 11.00am</b>	<b>PLENARY 3: THREAT FROM HERBICIDE TOLERANT (HT) CROPS IN INDIA - PROMOTING NON-CHEMICAL WEED MANAGEMENT</b>
Facilitated by: <b>SREEDEVI LAKSHMIKUTTY,</b> ASHA-Kisan Swaraj  Venue: Convocation Building Auditorium	<b><i>Adverse Impacts Of Herbicides &amp; HT Crops</i></b> <b>Soumik Banerjee,</b> Organic Farmer & Independent Researcher
	<b><i>A Practitioner's View &amp; Experience Of Weed Management</i></b> <b>Subhash Sharma,</b> Padma award winning natural farmer
	<b><i>Weeds As Bio-Indicators - Non-Chemical Weed Management</i></b> <b>Dr GV Ramanjaneyulu,</b> Centre for Sustainable Agriculture
	<b><i>"Weeds" As Useful Plants</i></b> <b>Murali Gungrumale,</b> Environmental Studies Center
<b>11.00am to 11.20am</b>	<b><i>Special Plenary in Convocation Building Auditorium</i></b> <b>STORY OF TAPCo: Rajesh Krishnan &amp; Johnson O.V</b> Facilitated by: <b>Ananthoo</b>
<b>11.30am to 01.00pm</b>	<b>PARALLEL SESSIONS (90 minutes each)</b>
<b>7 parallel sessions</b>	<b>Seed Sovereignty</b> - Kannada medium (Science Building Room#1)
	<b>HT Crops &amp; Non-Chemical Weed Control</b> - Tamil medium (Science Building Room#2)
	<b>Farmer-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation</b> - Malayalam medium (Science Building Room#3)
	<b>Labour in Agriculture</b> - Telugu medium (Science Building Room#4)
	<b>Subhash Sharma,</b> Padmashri Award Recipient - simultaneous group translations (Science Building Room#5)
	<b>Raghava and Aikanthika Global Tribe for Natural Farming - "Natural Farming &amp; Natural Living leads to Joyfulness"</b> - simultaneous group translations (Science Building Room#6)
	<b>Organic/Natural Farming Markets</b> - simultaneous group translations (Convocation Building Auditorium)
<b>01.00pm to 02.00pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>02.10pm to 03.40pm</b>	<b>PARALLEL SESSIONS (80 minutes each)</b>
<b>7 parallel sessions</b>	<b>Seed Sovereignty</b> - Tamil medium (Science Building Room#1)
	<b>HT Crops &amp; Non-Chemical Weed Control</b> - Telugu medium (Science Building Room#2)
	<b>Farmer-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation</b> - Kannada medium (Science Building Room#3)
	<b>Labour in Agriculture</b> - Malayalam medium (Science Building Room#4)

	<b>Dr K Ramakrishnappa</b> , Belavala Foundation & <b>Radhakrishna</b> , Sandhya Krishna Farmers (Science Building Room#5)
	<b>Julie Cariappa</b> , Krac-a-Dawn Farm (Science Building Room#6)
	<b>Organic/Natural Farming Markets</b> - simultaneous group translations (Convocation Building Auditorium)
<b>04.00pm to 04.20pm</b>	<b>Special Plenary in Convocation Building Auditorium</b> <b>STORY OF HOSA JEEVANA DAARI: Santosh &amp; Sumanas Koulagi</b> Facilitated by: <b>Krishna Prasad</b> , Sahaja Samruddha
<b>04.20pm to 06.00pm</b>	<b>PLENARY 4: LABOUR IN AGRICULTURE</b>
Facilitated by: <b>KIRAN VISSA</b> , <b>Rythu Swarajya Vedika</b>  <u>Venue: Convocation Building Auditorium</u>	<b>Labour Banks Of NREGS &amp; Agricultural Labourers</b> <b>Shamshuddin Baligar</b> , Vanasiri Rural Development Society
	<b>NIRA Sena-Like Farm Labourers' Collectives For Win-Win Solutions For Farmers &amp; Labourers</b> <b>Resmi Deepak</b> , Kerala Agriculture Department
	<b>Bringing Back Bullock/Draught Power In Farming</b> <b>Ravindra Adusumilli*</b> , WASSAN
	<b>Reviving Labour Exchange Traditions</b> <b>AF Ecology Centre</b>
<b>06.00pm to 06.45pm</b>	<b>MIME PLAY BY SREEJA &amp; TEAM</b>
<b>07.00pm to 08.00pm</b>	DINNER
<b>08.00pm to 09.30pm</b>	<b>Report Release*</b> <b>BHARATANATYAM Performance By Abhivyakti Center for Art &amp; Culture</b>
<b>ONGOING ACTIVITIES DURING THE DAY</b>	
<b>10.45am to 4.30pm</b>  <u>Venue: Cauvery Auditorium</u>	<b>SPECIAL WORKSHOP FOR LOCAL FARMERS: "IMPORTANCE OF MICROBIOME &amp; DIVERSITY IN NATURAL FARMING"</b> <b>Dr GV Ramanjaneyulu</b> , Centre for Sustainable Agriculture & <b>Gopalbhai Sutaria</b> , Bansi Gir Goushala Facilitated by: <b>Kapilbhai Shah &amp; Kavitha Srinivasan</b>
<b>11.00am to 01.00pm &amp; 03.00pm to 05.00pm</b>	<b>Chitrotsava - Documentary Film Screenings (Venue: Nala Auditorium)</b> Curated by: <b>K Manu</b> , Mysuru Amateur Naturalists
<b>11.00am to 01.00pm &amp; 03.00pm to 05.00pm</b>	<b>Urban Gardening Workshop: Dr K Ramakrishnappa (Outside Sports Ground)</b> <b>Pottery Workshop</b>
<b>11.00am to 01.00pm</b> <b>04.00pm to 06.00pm</b>	<b>Patnulu Spinning Workshop by Ponduru team &amp; Sachidananda: 30 minutes of demonstration &amp; 90 minutes of hands-on workshop for 15 registered participants</b> <u>Venue: Sports Ground Workshop Space</u>

**ONLINE REPORT RELEASE:** \* "Compendium on Farmer-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation", by Janani Barath, commissioned by ASHA-Kisan Swaraj

Day 3 - March 1, Sunday	
08.45am to 09.00am	Organisers' Announcements
09.00am to 10.30am	PLENARY 5: FARMER-WILDLIFE CONFLICT MITIGATION
Facilitated by: <b>SRIDHAR RADHAKRISHNAN</b> , ASHA-Kisan Swaraj  <u>Venue: Convocation Building Auditorium</u>	<b><i>A Snapshot Of The Conflict</i></b> MD Madhusudan, Conservation Expert
	<b><i>Understanding the Conflict &amp; the Mitigation Holistically</i></b> Vishnudas, Humes Ecology Centre
	<b><i>Collective Action For Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation</i></b> Malvikaa Solanki, swaYYam
	<b><i>Farm Level &amp; Community Level Solutions</i></b> Dr Vipin Choudhary, ICAR AINP on Vertebrate Pests
10.30am to 11.30am <u>Venue: Convocation Bldg Auditorium</u>	Special Plenary: <b>ANDHRA PRADESH COMMUNITY NATURAL FARMING</b> Shri T. Vijay Kumar, <b>Special Chief Secretary, AP Govt.</b> Facilitated by: <b>Kavitha Kuruganti, ASHA</b>
11.45am to 1.00pm	PARALLEL SESSIONS (75 minutes each)
7 parallel sessions	<b>Seed Sovereignty</b> - Telugu medium (Science Building Room#1)
	<b>HT Crops &amp; Non-Chemical Weed Control</b> - Malayalam medium (Science Building Room#2)
	<b>Farmer-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation</b> - Tamil medium (Science Building Room#3)
	<b>Labour in Agriculture</b> - Kannada medium (Science Building Room#4)
	<b>Gene Editing in our Food Systems</b> - simultaneous group translations (Science Building Room#5)
	<b>Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with special focus on Indo-US Trade Deal</b> - simultaneous group translations (Science Building Room#6)
	<b>Markets for Organic/Natural Farming, incl. Certification issues:</b> simultaneous group translations (Convocation Hall Auditorium)
01.00pm to 02.00pm	LUNCH
02.00pm to 03.30pm	CLOSING PLENARY: FUTURE PATHWAYS
Facilitated by: <b>SELVAM RAMASAMY</b> , TN Organic Farmers' Federation & <b>NACHIKET UDUPA</b> , ASHA volunteer  <b>VOTE OF THANKS</b>	<b>Shri Deivasenapathy (IAS):</b> Journey of Organic Dantewada's District Level Landscape Transformation
	<b>Pamayan</b> , Writer, Environmental Thinker, Organic Farming Expert
	<b>Julie Cariappa</b> , Pioneering Organic Farmer
	<b>Ravi Kanneganti</b> , Farmers Rights Activist
	<b>Sridhar Radhakrishnan</b> , Environmental Activist & ASHA Steering Group Member
<b>ONGOING ACTIVITIES DURING THE DAY</b>	
11.00am to 01.00pm	<b>Chitrotsava - Documentary Film Screenings</b> Curated by: <b>K Manu</b> , Mysuru Amateur Naturalists <u>Venue: Nala Auditorium</u>
11.00am to 01.00pm	<b>Urban Gardening Workshop by Dr K Ramakrishnapa</b> <u>Outside Sports Ground, KSOU</u>

<b>PARALLEL SESSIONS' SCHEDULE</b>				
<b>Day 1 - February 27, 2026 (Friday) AFTERNOON 2pm to 3.20pm: SEVEN SESSIONS</b>				
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>LANGUAGE</b>	<b>FACILITATOR(S)</b>	<b>LEAD DISCUSSANTS</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
<b>Seed Sovereignty</b>	<b>Malayalam</b>	Illias KP	Usha S Krishnaprasad Dr K Varaprasad	Science Building Room#1
<b>Danger of HT Crops ::: Non-Chemical Weed Control Approaches</b>	<b>Kannada</b>	Anandateertha Pyati Sreedevi Lakshmikutty	Soumik Banerjee Murali Gungrumale	Science Building Room#2
<b>Farmer-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation</b>	<b>Telugu</b>	Sreeharsha Kavitha Kuruganti	Satya Sainath Janani Barath	Science Building Room#3
<b>Labour in Agriculture</b>	<b>Tamil</b>	Selvam Ramasamy Karthik Gunasekhar	VRDS, Karnataka AF Ecology Centre, AP Resmi Deepak, Kerala	Science Building Room#4
<b>Expert session : SUBHASH SHARMA</b>	<b>Simultaneous translations</b>	Manas Arvind	Subhash Sharma, Padmashri Award Recipient	Science Building Room#5
<b>Expert session: MICROBIOME IN AGRICULTURE</b>	<b>Simultaneous translations</b>	Ananth Krishna	Dr G.V. Ramanjaneyulu, CSA	Science Building Room#6
<b>Govt Schemes to support organic/natural enterprises</b>	<b>Simultaneous translations</b>	Saurabh Sahni Rajesh Krishnan	Dr Divya HV, ICAR JSS KVK Naveen Kumar HM, BAKAHU	Science Building Room#7
<b>Day 2 - February 28, 2026 (Saturday) FORENOON 11.30am to 01.00pm: SEVEN SESSIONS</b>				
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>LANGUAGE</b>	<b>FACILITATOR(S)</b>	<b>LEAD DISCUSSANTS</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
<b>Seed Sovereignty</b>	<b>Kannada</b>	AnandaTeertha Pyati Usha S	DDS Women Farmers Krishna Prasad Syed Ghani Khan	Science Building Room#1
<b>Danger of HT Crops ::: Non-Chemical Weed Control Approaches</b>	<b>Tamil</b>	Karthik Gunasekhar	Soumik Banerjee Selvam Ramasamy Paamayan	Science Building Room#2
<b>Farmer-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation</b>	<b>Malayalam</b>	Sridhar Radhakrishnan	Muneer, Humes Meera, Forest First MD Madhusudan	Science Building Room#3

Labour in Agriculture	Telugu	Kiran Vissa	Shamshuddin Baligar AF Ecology Centre, AP Resmi Deepak, Kerala Ravindra, Wassan	Science Building Room#4
Expert Session: SUBHASH SHARMA	Simultaneous translations	Manas Arvind	Subhash Sharma, Padmashri Award Recipient	Science Building Room#5
Expert Session: AIKANTHIKA	Simultaneous translations	Santosh Koulagi	Raghava and Aikanthika Global Tribe for Natural Farming	Science Building Room#6
Markets for Organic/Natural Farming Produce, incl. Certification Issues	Simultaneous translations	Nachiket Udupa Duraisingham	Nimmi Ittycheria, TOFA Sreedevi Lakshmikutty, BioBasics Rajendran, Paarampariya Vithaikal Maiyyam	Convocation Hall Auditorium
<b>Day 2 - February 28, 2026 (Saturday) AFTERNOON 2.10pm to 3.40pm: SEVEN SESSIONS</b>				
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>LANGUAGE</b>	<b>FACILITATOR(S)</b>	<b>LEAD DISCUSSANTS</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
Seed Sovereignty	Tamil	Karthik Gunasekhar Usha S	ROSE Adhappan CREATE Suresh Kanna Dr K Varaprasad	Science Building Room#1
Danger of HT Crops ::: Non-Chemical Weed Control Approaches	Telugu	Ravi Kanneganti Sreedevi Lakshmikutty	Ramoo Radhakrishna Soumik Banerjee	Science Building Room#2
Farmer-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation	Kannada	AnandaTeertha Pyati Janani Barath	MD Madhusudan Dr Vipin Choudhary Malvikaa Solanki	Science Building Room#3
Labour in Agriculture	Malayalam	Rajesh Krishnan	Shamshuddin Baligar AF Ecology Centre, AP Resmi Deepak, Kerala	Science Building Room#4
Expert Session: CREATING FOOD FORESTS	Simultaneous translations	Mallikarjuna Hosapalya Nyla Coelho	Dr K Ramakrishnappa of Belavala Foundation & Radhakrishna of Sandhya Krishna Farms	Science Building Room#5
Expert Session: JULIE CARIAPPA	Simultaneous translations	Nimmi Ittycheria	Julie Cariappa, Krac-a-Dawna Farm	Science Building Room#6

Organic/Natural Farming Markets	Simultaneous translations	Manas Arvind Nivedita Ramanan	Bablu Ganguly, Timbaktu Collective Sharanagowda Biradar, Devadhanya FPC Somes, Sahaja Organics Vani V, Prakruti Jaiva Kalavara	Convocation Building Auditorium
<b>Day 2 - February 28, 2026 (Saturday) :: SPECIAL WORKSHOP (10.45am to 04.30pm)</b>				
Importance of Microbiome & Diversity in Natural Farming	Simultaneous translations, mainly into Kannada	Kapilbhai Shah Kavitha Srinivasan	Dr GV Ramanjaneyulu, Centre for Sustainable Agriculture (10.45am to 12.30pm) Gopalbhai Sutaria, Bansi Gir Gowshala, Gujarat (12.30pm to 4.30pm)	Cauvery Auditorium
<b>Day 3 - March 1, 2026 (Sunday) FORENOON 10.45am to 12noon: SEVEN SESSIONS</b>				
TOPIC	LANGUAGE	FACILITATOR(S)	LEAD DISCUSSANTS	VENUE
Seed Sovereignty	Telugu	Bhanuja Usha S	DDS Women farmers Krishna Prasad	Science Building Room#1
Danger of HT Crops ::: Non-Chemical Weed Control Approaches	Malayalam	Sreedevi Lakshmikutty	Ilias Soumik Banerjee Rajesh Krishnan	Science Building Room#2
Farmer-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation	Tamil	Sridhar Radhakrishnan Selvam Ramasamy	MD Madhusudan Janani Barath Malvikaa Solanki	Science Building Room#3
Labour in Agriculture	Kannada	Nachiket Udupa Kiran Vissa	Shamshuddin Baligar AF Ecology Centre, AP Resmi Deepak, Kerala	Science Building Room#4
Gene Editing in our Food Systems	Simultaneous translations	Rajesh Krishnan	Soumik Banerjee Krithika Yegna	Science Building Room#5
Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)	Simultaneous translations	Nandini Jayaram*	Sridhar Radhakrishnan Kiran Vissa	Science Building Room#6
Markets for Organic/Natural Farming, incl. Certification issues:	Simultaneous translations	Manas Arvind Ananthoo	Nivedita Ramanan, Chennai Organic Markets Manju, SOFA, Sittilingi Kavitha Srinivasan & Saurabh Sahni, The Organic Cafe & Bakehouse	Convocation Building Auditorium

