

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)

Day 1 :: February 27, Friday	
08.00am to 10.00am	Registrations
10.00am to 12 noon	INAUGURAL PLENARY - Beginning with a song of (Late) SOIL Vasu
Facilitated by: KAVITHA KURUGANTI, ASHA-Kisan Swaraj & KAVITHA SRINIVASAN, ASHA-Karnataka Venue: Convocation Building Auditorium	Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse , Vice Chancellor, KSOU Prof. S.K. Naveen Kumar , Registrar, KSOU Prof. M. Ramanathan Naidu , Dean (Academic), KSOU Dr Santhosh Naik , Director, Prasaranga, KSOU Shri Kapil Shah , ASHA-Kisan Swaraj Smt. Bibi Jaan , Bibi Fatima Women's SHG, Equator Prize Winner Shri Vishalakshan C , President, Kerala Jaiva Karshaka Samithy Smt. Krishnammal Jagannathan , Freedom Fighter, Gandhian activist - Video Dr G.V. Ramanjaneyulu , Centre for Sustainable Agriculture Shri Raghava , Aikanthika Global Tribe for Natural Farming
12 noon to 01.00pm	<i>Visit to Exhibition Stalls</i>
01.00pm to 02.00pm	LUNCH
02.00pm to 03.30pm	PARALLEL SESSIONS
8 parallel sessions	Seed Sovereignty - Malayalam medium (Science Building Room#1)
	HT Crops & Non-Chemical Weed Control - Kannada medium (Science Building Room#2)
	Farmer-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation - Telugu medium (Science Building Room#3)
	Labour in Agriculture - Tamil medium (Science Building Room#4)
	Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) - simultaneous group translations (Science Building Room#5)
	Subhash Sharma , Padmashri Award Recipient (Science Building Room#6)
	Dr G.V. Ramanjaneyulu , Centre for Sustainable Agriculture (Auditorium)
	Govt Schemes to support organic/natural enterprises (Auditorium corridor)

Day 1 :: February 27, Friday	
03.45pm to 04.15pm Venue: Convocation Building Auditorium	<i>Special Plenary on</i> KALASAPAKKAM ORGANIC/NATURAL FARMERS' COLLECTIVE (a self-organised collective in TN, from seed to direct markets)
04.15pm to 06.15pm	PLENARY 2: PROTECTING OUR SEED SOVEREIGNTY
Facilitated by: USHA SOOLAPANI , Save Our Rice Campaign Venue: Convocation Building Auditorium	Shri KP Illias , President, Organic Farming Association of India (OFAI): BUILDING A MOVEMENT FOR SEED SOVEREIGNTY Shri Andanur Anjaneya , Kumblur, Sharana Muddanna FPC: COMMUNITY SEED SYSTEMS FOR FARMERS' VARIETIES Dr K Varaprasad , Retd. Director of ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research & Chair, Working Group on Community Seed Systems, RRA-Network: SUPPORT TO TRADITIONAL VARIETIES BY A STATE GOVERNMENT Krishna Prasad , Sahaja Samrudha & Desi Seeds FPC: END-TO-END INTERVENTIONS TO REVIVE TRADITIONAL SEED DIVERSITY
06.15pm to 06.45pm	<i>Special Plenary in Convocation Building Auditorium</i> THE PATNULU STORY OF TRADITIONAL HANDMADE COTTON FROM PONDURU, ANDHRA PRADESH <i>Facilitated by Samyuktha Gorrepati</i>
06.45pm to 07.05pm	<i>Special Plenary in Convocation Building Auditorium</i> TULA INDIA STORY: Ananthoo
07.05pm to 08.00pm	DINNER
08.00pm to 09.30pm	Songs for the Soul: VASU DIXIT
11.00am to 01.00pm & 03.00pm to 05.00pm	Chitrotsava - Documentary Film Screenings Curated by: K Manu , Mysuru Amateur Naturalists Venue: Nala Auditorium
03.00pm to 05.00pm	Urban Gardening Workshop - Dr Ramakrishnappa & team Venue: Outside Sports Ground entrance Pottery Workshop
02.00pm to 04.00pm	Patnulu Spinning workshop by Ponduru team: 30 minutes of demonstration & 90 minutes of hands-on workshop for 15 registered participants

Day 2 - February 28, Saturday	
08.30am to 09.00am	Assembling in the Auditorium - Songs
09.00am to 10.45am	PLENARY 3: THREAT FROM HERBICIDE TOLERANT (HT) CROPS IN INDIA - PROMOTING NON-CHEMICAL WEED MANAGEMENT
Facilitated by: SREEDEVI LAKSHMIKUTTY , ASHA-Kisan Swaraj Venue: Convocation Building Auditorium	Murali Gungrumalai: A FRESH LOOK AT “WEEDS” Subhash Sharma , award winning natural farmer: A PRACTITIONER’S VIEW & EXPERIENCE OF WEED MANAGEMENT Dr GV Ramanjaneyulu , Centre for Sustainable Agriculture: NON-CHEMICAL WEED MANAGEMENT APPROACHES & PRACTICES Soumik Banerjee , Organic Farmer & Independent Researcher: TOOLS & IMPLEMENTS FOR WEED MANAGEMENT
11.00am to 12.30pm	PARALLEL SESSIONS
8 parallel sessions	Seed Sovereignty - Kannada medium (Science Building Room#1)
	HT Crops & Non-Chemical Weed Control - Tamil medium (Science Building Room#2)
	Farmer-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation - Malayalam medium (Science Building Room#3)
	Labour in Agriculture - Telugu medium (Science Building Room#4)
	Raghava and Aikanthika Global Tribe for Natural Farming - “Natural Farming & Natural Living leads to Joyfulness” - simultaneous group translations (Science Building Room#5)
	Subhash Sharma , Padmashri Award Recipient - simultaneous group translations (Science Building Room#6)
	Organic/Natural Farming Markets - simultaneous group translations (Main Auditorium)
	Gene Editing in our Food Systems - simultaneous group translations (Auditorium corridor)
12.40pm to 01.00pm	Special Plenary in Convocation Building Auditorium STORY OF TAPCo: Rajesh Krishnan & Johnson O.V
01.00pm to 02.00pm	LUNCH
02.05pm to 03.45pm	PARALLEL SESSIONS
8 parallel sessions	Seed Sovereignty - Tamil medium (Science Building Room#1)
	HT Crops & Non-Chemical Weed Control - Telugu medium (Science Building Room#2)

	Farmer-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation - Kannada medium (Science Building Room#3)
	Labour in Agriculture - Malayalam medium (Science Building Room#4)
	Radhakrishna , Sandhya Krishna Farms (Science Building Room#5)
	Dr K Ramakrishnappa , Belavala Foundation (Science Building Room#6)
	Organic/Natural Farming Markets - simultaneous group translations (Convocation Building Auditorium)
	Julie Cariappa , Krac-a-Dawn Farm (Convocation Hall Corridor)
04.00pm to 04.20pm	Special Plenary in Convocation Building Auditorium STORY OF HOSA JEEVANA DAARI : Santosh & Sumanas Koulagi
04.20pm to 06.00pm	PLENARY 4: LABOUR IN AGRICULTURE
Facilitated by: KIRAN VISSA , Rythu Swarajya Vedika Venue: Convocation Building Auditorium	Shamshuddin Baligar , VRDS: LABOUR BANKS OF NREGS & AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS
	Resmi Deepak , Kerala Agriculture Department: NIRA SENA-LIKE FARM LABOURERS' COLLECTIVES FOR WIN-WIN SOLUTIONS FOR FARMERS & LABOURERS
	Ravindra Adusumilli , WASSAN: BRINGING BACK BULLOCK/DRAUGHT POWER IN FARMING
	Brahmesh , AF Ecology Centre: REVIVING LABOUR EXCHANGE TRADITIONS
06.00pm to 06.45pm	MIME PLAY BY SREEJA & TEAM
07.00pm to 08.00pm	DINNER
08.00pm to 09.30pm	Report Release - Compendium on Farmer-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation BHARATANATYAM Performance By Abhivyakti Center for Art & Culture
10.45am to 4.30pm Venue: Nala Auditorium	SPECIAL WORKSHOP FOR LOCAL FARMERS: "IMPORTANCE OF MICROBIOME & DIVERSITY IN NATURAL FARMING" Dr GV Ramanjaneyulu , Centre for Sustainable Agriculture & Gopalbhai Sutaria , Bansi Gir Goushala
11.00am to 01.00pm & 03.00pm to 05.00pm	Chitrotsava - Documentary Film Screenings (Venue: Nala Auditorium) Curated by: K Manu , Mysuru Amateur Naturalists
11.00am to 01.00pm & 03.00pm to 05.00pm	Urban Gardening Workshop: Dr K Ramakrishnappa (Outside Sports Ground) Pottery Workshop
11.00am to 01.00pm 04.00pm to 06.00pm	Patnulu Spinning Workshop by Ponduru team & Sachidananda: 30 minutes of demonstration & 90 minutes of hands-on workshop for 15 registered participants

Day 3 - March 1, Sunday	
08.45am to 09.00am	Songs
09.00am to 10.30am	PLENARY 5: FARMER-WILDLIFE CONFLICT MITIGATION
<p>Facilitated by: SRIDHAR RADHAKRISHNAN, ASHA-Kisan Swaraj</p> <p>Venue: Convocation Building Auditorium</p>	Manju Kiran , KRRS: VIEW FROM THE FARMERS' SIDE
	MD Madhusudan , Conservation Expert: A SNAPSHOT OF THE CONFLICT
	Vishnudas , Humes Ecology Centre: UNDERSTANDING THE ISSUE HOLISTICALLY
	Malvika Solanki , Permaculture Expert: COLLECTIVE ACTION FOR HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICT MITIGATION
	Dr Vipin Choudhary , ICAR AINP on Vertebrate Pests: FARM LEVEL & COMMUNITY LEVEL SOLUTIONS
10.45am to 12.15pm	PARALLEL SESSIONS
<p>7 parallel sessions</p>	Seed Sovereignty - Telugu medium (Science Building Room#1)
	HT Crops & Non-Chemical Weed Control - Malayalam medium (Science Building Room#2)
	Farmer-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation - Tamil medium (Science Building Room#3)
	Labour in Agriculture - Kannada medium (Science Building Room#4)
	Markets for Organic/Natural Farming, incl. Certification issues: simultaneous group translations (Science Building Room#5)
12.20pm to 01.20pm	Special Plenary on ANDHRA PRADESH COMMUNITY NATURAL FARMING Shri T. Vijay Kumar, Special Chief Secretary, AP Govt.
01.20pm to 02.30pm	CLOSING PLENARY
<p>Facilitated by: SELVAM RAMASWAMY, TN Organic Farmers' Federation & NACHIKET UDUPA, ASHA volunteer</p>	Shri Deivasenapathy (IAS): JOURNEY OF ORGANIC DANTEWADA's DISTRICT LEVEL LANDSCAPE TRANSFORMATION
	Sridhar Radhakrishnan , Environmental Activist
	Pamayan , Writer, Environmental Thinker, Organic Farming Expert
	Ravi Kanneganti , Farmers Rights Activist
	Julie Cariappa , Pioneering Organic Farmer

Day 3 - March 1, Sunday	
	VOTE OF THANKS FOLLOWED BY LUNCH
11.00am to 01.00pm	Chitrotsava - Documentary Film Screenings Curated by: K Manu , Mysuru Amateur Naturalists Venue: Nala Auditorium
11.00am to 01.00pm	Urban Gardening Workshop by Dr K Ramakrishnappa Outside Sports Ground, KSOU

EXHIBITION STALLS, ORGANIC FOOD FESTIVAL AND SEED DIVERSITY FESTIVAL

FEB.27 & 28: 10AM TO 7.30PM

MAR.1: 10AM TO 5PM