



आशा-किसान स्वराज सम्मेलन 2026

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) Venue: Main Auditorium	Kiranbhai Chavda , Trustee, Lok Niketan
	Dr. Rajendra Khimani , Trustee, Jatan
	Kavitha Kuruganti , ASHA-Kisan Swaraj
	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	<i>Networking Time / Exhibition visit</i>
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)
	<i>Santosh Pachar, award recipient from President of India</i>
	<i>Gopalbhai Sutaria, Bansi Gir Gaushala</i>



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) Venue: Main Auditorium	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
	Dr Kandarp Mewada: NON-CHEMICAL WEED MANAGEMENT
05.30pm to 06.15pm	Special Plenary: LANDSCAPE LEVEL TRANSFORMATION
Venue: Main Auditorium	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 with Budhan Theatre Ahmedabad (a cultural collective of Chhara community)
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 Afsar Jafri (GRAIN) Venue: Main Auditorium	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
	Susanta Choudhary , Scientific Expert Seeds, WASSAN: 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
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)
	<i>Babulal Dahiya, Padmashri award recipient</i>
	<i>Dr. Manoj Solanki, National President, Akshay Krishi Parivar & Organic Farming Promoter from Kutch</i>
01.00pm to 02.00pm	LUNCH
02.00pm to 03.45pm	PARALLEL SESSIONS WITH EXPERT PRACTITIONERS
	<i>Dhirendra Soneji, Pioneering Organic Farmer & Humane Lifestyle Promoters</i>
	<i>Santosh Pachar, Awarded by President of India</i>
	<i>Dr Debal Deb, well-known landrace conservator/ecologist</i>

Day 2 - January 12, 2026 : MONDAY	
7 parallel sessions	<i>Subhash Sharma, Padmashri award recipient</i>
	<i>Nekram Sharma, Padmashri award recipient</i>
	<i>Ramesh Ruparelia, Gir Gau Jatan Sansthan</i>
	Special Parallel Session: <i>Aravalli hai to hum hai: Saving the Aravallis</i>
04.00pm to 05.30pm	Plenary 4: LABOUR IN AGRICULTURE
Facilitated by Nilesh Desai (Sampark, Jamnalal Bajaj Awardee) Venue: Main Auditorium	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
	Dr M Din , former Project Coordinator, All India Coordinated Research Project on Utilisation of Animal Energy, ICAR CIAE Bhopal: REVIVING USE OF BULLOCKS
	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
<p>Facilitated by Janani Barath (Freelance Development Worker)</p> <p>Venue: Main Auditorium</p>	Harish Chauhan , Himachal Pradesh: THE CONFLICT FROM FARMERS' PERSPECTIVE
	Babubhai Patel , BKS Gujarat: A FARMER UNION'S PERSPECTIVE
	Dr Vipin Chaudhary , CAZRI (All India 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
	<i>Subhash Sharma, Padmashri award recipient</i>
	<i>Nekram Sharma, Padmashri award recipient</i>
	<i>Dr Debal Deb, well-known landrace conservator/ecologist</i>
12.30pm to 02.15pm	CLOSING PLENARY and VOTE OF THANKS
<p>Facilitated by Dr Rajendrabhai Khimani (Vice Chancellor, Lok Bharati University for Rural Innovations & Former VC, Gujarat Vidyapith)</p> <p>Venue: Main Auditorium</p>	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

PARALLEL SESSIONS, TOPIC-WISE

TOPIC	TIME SLOT	FACILITATOR	LEAD DISCUSSANTS
Seed Sovereignty	January 11, 2026: SUNDAY 2pm to 3.50pm Venue: Varsha Room	<i>PL Patel/ Akash Naoghare</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Babulal Dahiya • PL Patel, VAAGDHARA • Sambhaav • Susanta Choudhary • Devgadhi Mahila Sanghatan • Lakshman Singh Muniya, Lok Jagriti Manch
	January 12, 2026: MONDAY 11am to 1pm Venue: Varsha Room	<i>PL Patel/ Akash Naoghare</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Venue: Hemant Room	<i>Dr. Atman Shah & Akash Badave</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harish Panwar, SAMPARK • Resmi Deepak, Agri Dept, Kerala Govt/NIRA Sena • Punam & Minal, WGWLO • Subhash Sharma
	January 12, 2026: MONDAY 11am to 1pm Venue: Hemant Room	<i>Ashis Panda</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VAAGDHARA • Resmi Deepak, Agri Dept., Kerala/NIRA Sena • Susanta Choudhary • Purvi & Minal, WGWLO • Lakshman Singh Muniya, Lok Jagriti Manch • Dr M Din, Retd. Scientist
Markets for Organic/Natural Farming Produce (incl. Certification related issues)	January 12, 2026: MONDAY 11am to 1pm Venue: Main Auditorium	<i>Pratap Marode</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akash Badave • Ananthoo • Bharat Jambucha • RASKUM
	January 13, 2026: TUESDAY 10.45am to 12.20pm Venue: Main Auditorium	<i>Pratap Marode</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rohit Jain • Devesh Patel • Nivedita Ramanan • Bharat Jambucha • Dr Rajeshwar Chandel

TOPIC	TIME SLOT	FACILITATOR	LEAD DISCUSSANTS
HT Crops & Non Chemical Weed Control	January 12, 2026: MONDAY 11am to 1pm Venue: Grishm Room	Praveen Muchhadiya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Kandarp Mevada • Shruti Shah • Subhash Sharma • Soumik Banerjee
	January 13, 2026: TUESDAY 10.45am to 12.20pm Venue: Sharad Room	Praveen Muchhadiya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Kandarp Mevada • Shruti Shah • Purvi & Minal, WGWLO • Kapil Shah • Dr M Din
Farmer-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation Farmer-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation	January 11, 2026: SUNDAY 2pm to 3.50pm Venue: Shishir Room	Janani Barath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soumik Banerjee • Harish Chauhan • Jashoda & Sunita, Panam Mahila Sanghatan
	January 13, 2026: TUESDAY 10.45am to 12.20pm Venue: Shishir Room	Janani Barath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Venue: Grishm Room	Ashis Panda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dharendra Soneji • Ananthoo • Vijay Shah
Carbon Credits vis-a-vis PES	January 13, 2026: TUESDAY 10.45am to 12.20pm Venue: Grishm Room	Rohit Parakh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Srajesh Gupta • Akash Badave
Gene Editing in our Food Systems	January 11, 2026: SUNDAY 2pm to 3.50pm Venue: Sharad Room	Nivedita Ramanan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Soumik Banerjee * Rohit Parakh * Kapil Shah
Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), incl. Indo-USA FTA	January 12, 2026: MONDAY 11am to 1pm Venue: Vasant Room	Rohit Parakh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afsar Jafri • Dr Hemant Shah
Special Parallel Session: Aravalli hai to hum hai: Saving the Aravallis	Jan.12th 2pm to 3.45pm Venue: Main Auditorium	Kavita Srivasatava	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Dr Chetan Agarwal * Kailash Meena * Radheshyam Shuklabaas * Tushar Purohit * Lakshmi Girwar Garasiya * Hidayatbhai & Others

INTERACTIONS WITH EXPERT PRACTITIONERS

EXPERT	TIME SLOTS	FACILITATOR
Babulal Dahiya, Padmashri award winning natural farmer and seed conservator	Jan.12th 11.10am to 1pm Venue: Sharad Room	Michael Mazgaonkar
Dr Debal Deb, Ecologist, Organic Farmer & Landrace conservator	Jan.12th 2pm to 3.45pm Venue: Varsha Room	Ashis Panda
	Jan.13th 10.45am to 12.20pm Venue: Varsha Room	Ashis Panda
Dhirendra Soneji, Humane Lifestyle practitioner and organic farmer	Jan.11th 2pm to 3.45pm Venue: Grishm Room	Afsar Jafri
	Jan.12th 2pm to 3.45pm Venue: Grishm Room	Rohit Parakh
Gopalbhai Sutaria, Bansi Gir Gaushala	Jan.11th 2pm to 3.45pm Venue: Main Auditorium	Bhagat Singh Purohit
Manoj Solanki, Akshay Krishi Parivar	Jan.12th 11.10am to 1pm Venue: Shishir Room	Praveen Muchhadiya
Nekram Sharma, Padmashri award recipient	Jan.12th 2pm to 3.45pm Venue: Shishir Room	Harshil Ruparel
	Jan.13th 10.45am to 12.20pm Venue: Vasant Room	Akash Naoghare
Ramesh Ruparelia, Gir Gau Jatan Sansthan	Jan.12th 2pm to 3.45pm Venue: Sharad Venue	Kapil Shah
Santosh Pachar, award winning seed breeder farmer, organic farmer	Jan.11th 2pm to 3.45pm Venue: Vasant Room	Swati Desai
	Jan.12th 2pm to 3.45pm Venue: Vasant Room	Nivedita Ramanan
Subhash Sharma, Padmashri award winning natural farmer from Maharashtra	Jan.12th 2pm to 3.45pm Venue: Hemant Room	Pratap Marode
	Jan.13th 10.45am to 12.20pm Venue: Hemant Room	Harshil Ruparel
Nav Trinjan	Exhibition workshop space	
Morning Meditation	Main Auditorium	
Film Shows	Prarthna Hall, Vinay Mandir	