



## 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
<b>10.00am to 12noon</b>	<b>INAUGURAL PLENARY</b>
Facilitated by <b>Akash Badave</b> (NIRMAAN & Bhoomgadi FPC, Chhattisgarh)	<b>Kiranbhai Chavda</b> , Trustee, Lok Niketan <b>Dr. Rajendra Khimani</b> , Trustee, Jatan <b>Kavitha Kuruganti</b> , ASHA-Kisan Swaraj <b>Babulal Dahiya</b> , Padmashri award recipient <b>Santosh Pachar</b> , award recipient from President of India <b>Prof Shambu Prasad</b> , Tribhuvan Sahkari University <b>Naseem Shaikh</b> , Swayam Sikshan Prayog <b>Dr Devinder Sharma</b> , Agriculture Policy Analyst
12.00pm to 01.00pm	<i>Networking Time / Exhibition visit</i>
01.00pm to 02.00pm	LUNCH
<b>02.00pm to 03.45pm</b>	<b>PARALLEL SESSIONS (THEMES &amp; EXPERT PRACTITIONERS)</b>
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>

<b>04.00pm to 05.30pm</b>	<b>Plenary 2: HT CROPS &amp; WEED CONTROL</b>
	<b>Kapil Shah:</b> CONCERNS WITH HT CROPS, HERBICIDES & LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIA
Facilitated by <b>Umendra Dutt</b> (Kheti Virasat Mission, Former Member, ICAR Society General Body, Punjab)	<b>Shruti Shah:</b> ANOTHER VIEW ON WEEDS
Venue: Main Auditorium	<b>Hiren Panchal:</b> ERGONOMIC TOOLS & IMPLEMENTS
	<b>Jagtar Dhaliwal:</b> A PRACTITIONER'S PERSPECTIVE
	<b>Dr Kandarp Mewada:</b> NON-CHEMICAL WEED MANAGEMENT
<b>05.30pm to 06.15pm</b>	<b>Special Plenary:</b> <b>LANDSCAPE LEVEL TRANSFORMATION</b>
Venue: Main Auditorium	<b>Akash Badave, Bhoomgadi - Dantewada;</b> <b>Anjali Gamit, AKRSP - Dang</b> <b>Facilitator: Sai Nikam, Consortium for Agroecological Transformations (CAT)</b>
06.45pm to 07.45pm	DINNER
<b>08.00pm to 09.00pm</b>	Play on Climate Change: <b>Jaya Iyer with Budhan Theatre Ahmedabad</b> (a cultural collective of Chhara community)
<b>09.00pm to 10.00pm</b>	Play on Social Harmony "Simante": <b>Creatica Theatre Hub</b>
12noon to 1pm 5.30pm to 6.30pm	COTTON VALUE CHAIN <b>Rupsi Garg &amp; Team, Punjab</b> <b>NAV TRINJAN</b>

Day 2 - January 12, 2026 : MONDAY	
07.00am to 07.30am	<b>Meditation &amp; Mindfulness (optional):</b> Vijay Shah, Vipassana Sadhak & Organic Farmer
07.30am to 08.30am	<b>BREAKFAST</b>
08.30am to 09.00am	Songs Recap of previous day
<b>09.00am to 11.00am</b>	<b>Plenary 3: SEED SOVEREIGNTY</b>
Facilitated by <b>Afsar Jafri</b> (GRAIN)  Venue: Main Auditorium	<b>Bipinbhai Patel</b> , Potato farmer from Gujarat & victim of PepsiCo India Holding legal action
	<b>Soumik Banerjee</b> , Bharat Beej Swaraj Manch: EMERGING THREATS
	<b>Dr Debal Deb</b> , Basudha/Vrihi: SCIENTIFIC CONSERVATION & REVIVAL OF TRADITIONAL VARIETIES
	<b>Susanta Choudhary</b> , Scientific Expert Seeds, WASSAN: STATE SUPPORT TO TRADITIONAL VARIETIES - STORY FROM ODISHA
	<b>Hiral Dave</b> , Cohesion Foundation Trust & <b>Sushilaben Mahala</b> , Ujas Mahila Khedut Sanghatan(Navasri-Valsad): COMMUNITY SEED BANKS
	<b>Krishna Prasad</b> , Sahaja Samrudha/Desi Seeds Producer Company: STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY SEED SYSTEMS, END-TO-END
<b>11.10am to 01.00pm</b>	<b>PARALLEL SESSIONS (MAINLY THEMES)</b>
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 &amp; Organic Farming Promoter from Kutch</i>
01.00pm to 02.00pm	LUNCH
<b>02.00pm to 03.45pm</b>	<b>PARALLEL SESSIONS WITH EXPERT PRACTITIONERS</b>
	<i>Dhirendra Soneji, Pioneering Organic Farmer &amp; 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

<p>7 parallel sessions</p> <p>Facilitated by <b>Nilesh Desai</b> (Sampark, Jamnalal Bajaj Awardee)</p> <p>Venue: Main Auditorium</p>	<p><i>Subhash Sharma, Padmashri award recipient</i></p> <p><i>Nekram Sharma, Padmashri award recipient</i></p> <p><i>Ramesh Ruparelia, Gir Gau Jatan Sansthan</i></p> <p>Special Parallel Session: <i>Aravalli hai to hum hai: Saving the Aravallis</i></p>
	<p><b>04.00pm to 05.30pm</b></p> <p><b>Plenary 4: LABOUR IN AGRICULTURE</b></p>
	<p><b>Subhash Sharma</b>, Padmashri award recipient: A PRACTITIONER'S APPROACH</p>
	<p><b>Pallavi Sotbi Rajpal</b>, WGWLLO: TOOL BANKS FOR WOMEN FARMERS</p>
	<p><b>Resmi Deepak</b>, NIRA Sena in Kerala: LABOUR BANKS AS WIN-WIN SOLUTION FOR FARMERS &amp; LABOURERS</p>
	<p><b>Dr M Din</b>, former Project Coordinator, All India Coordinated Research Project on Utilisation of Animal Energy, ICAR CIAE Bhopal: REVIVING USE OF BULLOCKS</p>
	<p><b>Sampark &amp; Vaagdhara</b>: REVIVAL OF COMMUNITY LEVEL LABOUR EXCHANGE TRADITIONS</p>
<p>05.30pm to 06.30pm</p>	<p>Networking / State-wise discussions (optional)</p>
<p>06.45pm to 07.45pm</p>	<p>DINNER</p>
<p><b>08.00pm to 10.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>LOKNAAD SONGS: Charul &amp; Vinay</b></p>
<p>12noon to 1pm</p> <p>5.30pm to 6.30pm</p>	<p>COTTON VALUE CHAIN</p> <p><b>Rupsi Garg &amp; Team</b></p> <p>NAV TRINJAN</p>

### Day 3 - January 13, 2026 : TUESDAY

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

**PARALLEL SESSIONS, TOPIC-WISE**

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

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

## INTERACTIONS WITH EXPERT PRACTITIONERS

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