

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
	Smt. Krishnammal Jagannathan , Freedom Fighter, Gandhian activist - Video
	Dr G.V. Ramanjaneyulu , Centre for Sustainable Agriculture
	Shri Raghava , Aikanthika
RELEASE OF REPORT ON STATE OF NATURAL FARMING IN TN	
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	Smt. Deepika Kundaji , Pebble Garden: PRINCIPLES & METHODS OF SEED CONSERVATION Shri KP Illias , Kerala Jaiva Karshaka Samithi: 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 PONDURU STORY OF TRADITIONAL HANDMADE COTTON Facilitated by Samyuktha Gorrepatti
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
11.00am to 12.30pm & 04.00pm to 06.30pm	Urban Gardening Workshop - Dr Ramakrishnappa & team Spinning workshop by Ponduru team & Sachidananda Pottery Workshop

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	<p>Murali Gungrumalai: A FRESH LOOK AT “WEEDS”</p> <p>Subhash Sharma, award winning natural farmer: A PRACTITIONER’S VIEW & EXPERIENCE OF WEED MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Dr GV Ramanjaneyulu, Centre for Sustainable Agriculture: NON-CHEMICAL WEED MANAGEMENT APPROACHES & PRACTICES</p> <p>Soumik Banerjee, Organic Farmer & Independent Researcher: INDIA’S WEED-FREE FARMS - TOOLS & IMPLEMENTS FOR WEED MANAGEMENT</p>
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 Commune - 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 Master
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 (date to be confirmed)
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 FOR WIN-WIN SOLUTIONS FOR FARMERS & LABOURERS
	Ravindra Adusumilli , WASSAN: BRINGING BACK BULLOCK/DRAUGHT POWER IN FARMING
	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 FOUNDATION
11am to 4.30pm Venue: Nala Auditorium	SPECIAL WORKSHOP FOR LOCAL FARMERS: Dr GV Ramanjaneyulu , Centre for Sustainable Agriculture & Shri Gopalbhai Sutaria , Bansi Gir Goushala
11.00am to 01.00pm & 03.00pm to 05.00pm	Chitrotsava - Documentary Film Screenings Curated by: K Manu , Mysuru Amateur Naturalists
11.00am to 12.30pm & 04.00pm to 06.30pm	Urban Gardening Workshop by Dr K Ramakrishnappa Spinning Workshop by Ponduru team & Sachidananda Pottery Workshop

Day 3 - March 1, Sunday	
08.45am to 09.00am	Songs
09.00am to 10.30am	PLENARY 5: FARMER-WILDLIFE CONFLICT MITIGATION
Facilitated by: SRIDHAR RADHAKRISHNAN , ASHA-Kisan Swaraj Venue: Convocation Building Auditorium	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
7 parallel sessions	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
Facilitated by: SELVAM RAMASWAMY , TN Organic Farmers' Federation & NACHIKET UDUPA* , ASHA volunteer	Shri Deivasenapathy (IAS): JOURNEY OF ORGANIC DANTEWADA's DISTRICT LEVEL LANDSCAPE TRANSFORMATION Sridhar Radhakrishnan , Environmental Activist Ravi Kanneganti , Farmers Rights Activist Julie Cariappa* , Pioneering Organic Farmer VOTE OF THANKS FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

This is a draft program schedule as on Jan.30, 2026, and there could be some changes in the final schedule.

Importantly, this document does not contain names of the many resource persons who are part of parallel sessions.