

Diversity - Sovereignty - Sustainability - Peaceful Co-Existence

KISAN SWARAJ SAMMELAN 2026

A Confluence of Farmers & Well-wishers of the Farming Community

Southern Region - February 27, 28 & March 1, 2026 (Fri-Sat-Sun)

Organized by: Alliance for Sustainable & Holistic Agriculture (ASHA-Kisan Swaraj)

In Collaboration with Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru

Venue: KSOU Convocation Building, Hunsur Road, Mysuru

INVITATION TO REGISTER!

Alliance for Sustainable & Holistic Agriculture or the ASHA-Kisan Swaraj network announces the 6th edition of Kisan Swaraj Sammelan, for Southern Region, during February 27, 28 and March 1 of 2026 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday) **in collaboration with Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) in Mysuru, Karnataka**. Participants from Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Goa, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Pondicherry are encouraged to register and participate in the Sammelan, while those from Eastern India are requested to await the announcement of another Kisan Swaraj Sammelan in Ranchi, Jharkhand. The venue for the Sammelan is [KSOU \(Karnataka State Open University\) Convocation Building](#), Muktha Gangothri, Hunsur Road, Mysuru 570006. ASHA-Kisan Swaraj is a pan-India informal citizen-volunteers' platform to promote sustainable farm livelihoods and to protect farmers' rights. More about ASHA Kisan Swaraj is available on www.kisanswaraj.in.

About Kisan Swaraj Sammelan

ASHA has been organizing periodic Kisan Swaraj Sammelans to create an occasion for strengthening our understanding of the highly complex challenges before us, and for rejuvenating our common bonds so that even as we work independently on many fronts, there is a synergy in thought and action. These are also confluences that bring in new people, thoughts, analyses, energies and plans, to collectively move forward towards improving farm livelihoods in India in a sustainable and equitable manner.

In the past, such Sammelans were organized in Bhopal (2013), Hyderabad (2016), Ahmedabad (2018) and Mysuru (2022). ASHA joined hands with OFAI (Organic Farming Association of India) to organize an organic farmers' convention in Chandigarh (2015), keeping in line with the biennial organic farming conventions of OFAI.

Kisan Swaraj Sammelans (KSS) are intended to bring together members of India's agroecology community in particular, even as they draw in those working for farmers' rights in general. This includes **pioneering practitioners, civil society representatives, activists, academics, scientists, social entrepreneurs, writers and journalists, artists etc**. The movement is also concerned about consumer choices and consumers' right to safe, sufficient, diverse and nutritious foods; participants will also be from this domain. **Our Sammelans reflect the values, perspectives, experience and knowledge of a citizens' movement focused on building farmers'/farming communities' autonomy and sovereignty (with positive outcomes for consumers also), with careful attention to economic prosperity, social equity and environmental sustainability**. These Sammelans re-connect people in this community, hold conversations around emerging issues, share and learn from ground level solutions and plan for policy level interventions needed.

Rather than one national Sammelan, three regional Sammelans are being organised in 2026, and this note is about the Southern Indian Kisan Swaraj Sammelan.

KSS 2026 will have special focus on four emerging issues in India:

- **Seed Sovereignty:** Fresh developments in the form of draft **Seeds Bill 2025**, proposed **amendments to the Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights (PPV&FR) Act 2001** and proposed **amendments to International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)** also known as 'Plant Treaty' are threatening our farmers'/nation's seed sovereignty and thereby our food sovereignty;
- **HT Crops/Weed Management:** India's seed market now has 3 **non-GM herbicide tolerant (non-GM HT) crops** introduced, in addition to genome edited rice varieties, both developments based on compromised regulatory systems, science without integrity and undemocratic policy-making. They will largely **compromise the very integrity of organic/natural farming by spirit, standards and practices;**
- **Labour in Farming:** Human and draught labour in agriculture is undergoing complex changes and needs practical and policy solutions to be put into place, for a **win-win solution for agricultural labourers, farmers, environment and livestock; this debate acquires new dimensions after the repeal of MGNREGA to be replaced by VBGRAMG;**
- **Human-Animal conflicts:** These are on the rise, with wildlife attacks on farmers' lives, crops and livestock leading to losses and strife, which also need both policy level and practice level mitigation and other solutions.

Format

The Sammelan will have **plenaries and parallel sessions with eminent people as speakers and discussants, in addition to a Seed Diversity Festival, Organic Food, Exhibition and Practical Demonstrations on relevant themes, Public Lectures and cultural programmes.** The **parallel sessions will be the main activity of the Sammelan so that discussions are interactive and participatory.** Open houses for free-flowing informal discussions will also be attempted. Such Sammelans create sharing, mutual learning, networking and marketing opportunities.

GLIMPSES OF THE PAST KISAN SWARAJ SAMMELANS

The programme schedule for, and pictures of the 2018 Sammelan in Ahmedabad's Gujarat Vidyapith are available at <https://tinyurl.com/KSS2018Schedule> and <https://photos.app.goo.gl/wP1WHJjU364msarK8>

The programme schedule for and pictures of the 2022 Sammelan in Mysuru's Karnataka State Open University are available at <https://tinyurl.com/KSS2022Schedule> and <https://photos.app.goo.gl/oKr3SfwgyuFFiwKH9>

Registration as a Participant

PARTICIPATION IS ONLY THROUGH PRIOR REGISTRATION, AFTER PAYING A REGISTRATION FEE. **All participants, including Resource Persons and all Organisers, have to pay a registration fee compulsorily, because we seek to build a self-reliant movement.** Registration will be on a first-come-first-registered basis. It needs to be noted that ASHA does not rely on government funds, project funds, foreign funds, and corporate sponsorship. **As is the tradition with ASHA Kisan Swaraj events, we would like to make the event self-supported to the maximum possible**

extent. In doing so, we are careful to ensure that participation does not become impossible due to the fee being requested. Registration fee covers a convention kit, very basic shared accommodation, organic food for all meals in the Sammelan, access to all plenaries, participation in parallel sessions, visits to seed diversity festival, exhibition and workshops ONLY. It does not cover travel to and from the Sammelan venue. **Those who want to make their own accommodation bookings in Mysuru are free to do so, but the registration fee payable will be still the same, and no daily conveyance will be arranged by ASHA for such participants. Please also note that registration fees once paid will not be refunded.**

Registration Fees:

| Category | | Participant Registration Fees |
|-----------------|---|--|
| 1 | Salaried and Professional Urbanites, Researchers and Academicians, Govt. Employees | 3500 |
| 2 | Farmers having income other than farming, Media Representatives, CSO representatives, Farmers' Organisations' Representatives | 2500 |
| 3 | Farmers having no source of livelihood other than their farming, Students | 1500 |
| 4 | Women farmers | 800 |
| 5 | Genuine organic/natural farmers who cannot afford fees | 8 kg of any edible cereal grain or 5 kg of pulse they had produced |

For all registrations and payments, the link is here:

<https://sammelan.kisanswaraj.in/south-india>

Kindly note that only when registrants provide full and accurate information can the organisers provide hassle-free accommodation and other arrangements.

Last Date for Registration: 15th February 2026

Please note that the organisers reserve the right to close registrations if the planned capacity for the Sammelan is filled up before last date. **The registration will be deemed to be complete only if the registration fee as provided is paid along with submission of a fully filled registration form.**

Accommodation Facility Time Window: Organisers will take care of 3 days of stay and food in Mysuru, starting from 6 pm on 26th February 2026 to 1.00 pm on 1st March 2026 (the Sammelan is for 3 days, from 27th February 2026 9.30am). All participants have to vacate by 1 pm on 1st March 2026, unless explicitly requested, and provided for otherwise. Request to extend the accommodation facility prior to and after this time window may be entertained for farmers to accommodate train schedule limitations. In such a case, the farmers may need to shift to some other place and/or need to be prepared to pay extra. Organizers will try their best to avoid extra financial burden on farmers, but it is not

guaranteed. It is advised that couples traveling together might need to pack their luggage separately, given that there would be separate accommodation for men and women in most locations.

Organizers will send a **letter of confirmation** for participation along with other logistic details before 22nd February 2026, which will form the basis for participation. **Registrants are however requested to book their tickets without waiting for a letter of confirmation.**

TOBACCO CONSUMPTION IN ANY FORM INCLUDING SMOKING is STRICTLY PROHIBITED IN KSOU & ALL OTHER CAMPUSES BOOKED FOR KSS2026

Exhibition during the Sammelan

Some exhibition stalls will be arranged for organic/natural farmers, farmers' groups, registered non-profit organizations, private entrepreneurs and (quasi) Govt departments to sell their organic farm produce, showcase their activities and projects related to organic/natural farming, display tools, implements and small processing units, books, literature and other IEC materials, and put out messages related to sustainable farming. AGRI INPUTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE DISPLAYED AND SOLD EXCEPT IF THEY ARE PRODUCED AND SOLD BY GENUINE NATURAL/ORGANIC FARMERS, SMALL FPOs and Govt. Agricultural Universities/Institutes.

REGISTRATION FEES PER STALL FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF ORGANISERS:

| Category | | Exhibition Registration Fee, in Rs. |
|----------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Private entrepreneurs, Semi Govt and Govt Departments | 15000 |
| 2 | Non- profit organization having 12 A certificate | 10000 |
| 3 | Farmers' group: FPO, Farmers' Cooperative, SHG, Micro credit group | 6000 |
| 4 | Kisan Haat: Individual organic Farmers, living in villages and having no other income than farming to sell their own farm produce. | 2000 |

Note:

Interested applicants must apply for a stall through the online application form available at <https://sammelan.kisanswaraj.in/stall-application/new>, by providing all the required information.

Each application will be reviewed by a Technical Committee, which will verify the details submitted, including the nature of the products, claims made, pricing, and overall suitability for the Sammelan. Applicants may be asked to share additional information or samples of the products proposed for display or sale to support this review.

Once the verification process is completed, the organisers will inform applicants about the status of their

application. **Applicants whose applications are approved will be provided with a payment link to complete the exhibition registration.**

The stall registration will be confirmed only after successful payment and receipt of a confirmation message from the organisers.

Organisers reserve the right to not provide the stall/table space at any moment including during the sammelan without giving any reason.

1. For category 1 and 2, two people per stall and for category 3 and 4 one person per stall/ table will be entitled as sammelan participants.
2. For the Kisan Haat, a table space will be provided. For others, stall size will be 50 to 70 sq ft with two chairs, two tables with cloth cover, one light and one 5 Amp plug point.

Use of plastic as carry bags (excluding original packing), flex banners and thermocol is prohibited in the Sammelan and all exhibitions. No littering is allowed either.

For any queries, you can write to kisanswarajsammelan2026@gmail.com, Or reach out to 8105579839 (for telugu and kannada), 9962043710 (for tamil) and 9567157197 (for malayalam).