

Diversity - Sovereignty - Sustainability - Peaceful Co-Existence

KISAN SWARAJ SAMMELAN 2026

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

Western & Northern Region - January 11, 12 & 13, 2026 (Sun-Mon-Tue)

Lokniketan Ratanpur (Near Palanpur, Banaskantha Dist. Gujarat)

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

Co-organized by: Lokniketan Trust and JATAN

INVITATION TO REGISTER!

Alliance for Sustainable & Holistic Agriculture or the ASHA-Kisan Swaraj network announces the 6th edition of Kisan Swaraj Sannmelan, for Western and Northern regions, during January 11, 12 and 13 of 2026 (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) in Lokniketan, Ratanpur (6 kms from Palanpur, Banaskantha district, Gujarat). This Sannmelan is co-organised by Lokniketan Trust and JATAN. 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 Sannmelan

ASHA has been organizing periodic Kisan Swaraj Sannmelans 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 the past, such Sannmelans 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 Sannmelans (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 Sannmelans 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 Sannmelans 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.

We are attempting a new format this time, which is to have three regional Sannmelans, rather than one national Sannmelan. **This Western and Northern Region Sannmelan in Lokniketan Ratanpur will be followed by Southern and Eastern Regions' Sannmelans.** The Western and Northern Region Sannmelan in January 2026 will cover participants from **Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh.**

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

- **Seed Sovereignty:** Fresh developments in the form of **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**;
- **Human-Animal conflicts:** They 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 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 is 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 is 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. The Western and Northern Region Sammelan will have space for the participation of only a limited set of registrants. *(Interested participants from other states are requested to please keep an eye open for other announcements for other regions.)*

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 Sannelan, access to all plenaries, participation in parallel sessions, visits to festivals, exhibitions and workshops ONLY. It does not cover travel to and from the Sannelan venue. **Those who want to make their own accommodation bookings in Palanpur 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.**

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 registration and payment of fee, the link is: <https://sannelan.kisanswaraj.in/home>

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: 3rd January 2026

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

Accommodation Facility Time Window: Organisers will take care of 3 days of stay and food at Lokniketan, Ratanpur, starting from 6 pm on 10th January 2026 to 6 pm on 13th January 2026 (the Sannelan is for 3 days, from 11th January 2026 9.30am). All participants have to vacate by 6 pm on 13th January 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 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.

Organizers will send a **letter of confirmation** for participation along with other logistic details around the **5th January 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 the Lokniketan Campus.

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, IN RUPEES, FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF ORGANISERS IS AS FOLLOWS:

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

Note:

Applicant has to apply through form available on this link, <https://sammelan.kisanswaraj.in/home>, by providing all the information being requested, and by making the due payment for exhibition registration:

A technical committee will make a decision about granting a stall after due verification of documents, claims, costing and genuineness of the product on display/ sale. The applicant will have to submit samples/details as required of the products on display to help the technical committee to make a decision. **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.
3. Applicants for Exhibition stalls have to follow the Process mentioned below

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.

How to reach Palanpur

Palanpur Junction (Station Code being PNU) is directly connected by train from Dehradun, Hisar, Firozpur, Jodhpur, Delhi, Jaipur, Mumbai, Pune, Chennai, Bangalore, Nagpur, Ahmedabad etc.

Ahmedabad is 145-150 kilometers away by road from Lokniketan, Ratanpur. Places in Southern Rajasthan like Udaipur are 200 kms away by road. Participants from M.P may reach by changing a train in Vadodara/Ahmedabad. Participants from Maharashtra may reach by changing a train in Mumbai/Surat unless direct train is available.

The nearest airport is Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport in Ahmedabad. Nearest railway station to this Airport is Sabaramati, from where air travelers can catch a train for Palanpur.

For any queries, you can write to kisanswarajsammelan2026@gmail.com, Or reach out to 9962043710 between 2pm and 8.30pm.