

## Agenda

### XXXVII Annual Group Meeting of ICAR-AICRP on Spices

Venue: Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari, Gujarat

Date: 29 October – 31 October 2026

Organized by: ICAR-AICRPS, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode

**Inaugural Session 29 October 2026 (09.30 AM – 11.00 AM)**

**Session I Action taken report/Performance evaluation 11.30 AM – 01.00 PM**

Chair Dr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Deputy Director General, (Horticultural Science), ICAR, New Delhi

Co-chairs Dr. Sudhakar Pandey, ADG (FVS & MP), ICAR, New Delhi  
Dr. R. Dinesh, Director, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode  
Dr. Vinay Bhardwaj, Director, ICAR-NRCSS, Rajasthan

Overview and ATR of ICAR-AICRPS - Dr. D. Prasath, Project Coordinator, ICAR-AICRP on Spices

Rapporteurs Dr. Maneesha S R, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode  
Dr. R S Meena, ICAR-NRCSS, Ajmer

**Session II Plant Genetic Resources & Crop Improvement 02.00 PM - 06.00 PM**

Chair Dr. Sudhakar Pandey, ADG (FVS & MP), ICAR, New Delhi

Co-Chairs Dr. K. Nirmal Babu, Formerly Director, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode  
Dr. Vinay Bhardwaj, Director, ICAR-NRCSS, Rajasthan  
Dr. E V D Sastry, Head Jaipur National University, Rajasthan

Rapporteurs Dr. M.S. Shivakumar, ICAR-IISR, Appangala  
Dr. Hiren S Patel, SDAU, Jagudan

#### Crop-wise presentations

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|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Coriander    | Dr. Shailesh Marker, SKNAU, Jobner         |
| Cumin        | Dr. Dharmendra R. Patidar, AAU, Sanand     |
| Fennel       | Dr. R.S. Meena, ICAR-NRC-SS, Ajmer         |
| Fenugreek    | Dr. Ritesh K. Patel, NAU, Navsari          |
| Ajwain       | Dr. S. S. Meena, ICAR-NRC-SS, Ajmer        |
| Nigella      | Dr. S. S. Meena, ICAR-NRC-SS, Ajmer        |
| Ginger       | Dr. V Vinu, ICAR-IISR                      |
| Turmeric     | Dr. B. Tanuja Priya, Dr.YSRHU, Guntur      |
| Black Pepper | Dr. M. S. Shivakumar, ICAR-IISR, Appangala |
| Cardamom     | Dr. Nimisha Mathews, KAU, Pampadumpara     |

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| Large Cardamom                                         | Dr. Sasanka Sekhar Bora, ICRI, Gangtok   |
| Tree Spices                                            | Dr. A. V. Bhuwad, Dr BSKKV, Dapoli       |
| Nutmeg (Project mode)                                  | Dr. Sunil Nair Appukuttan, KAU, Thrissur |
| Saffron & Kalazeera (Project mode)                     | Dr. Mudhasir Khan, SKUAST, Pampore       |
| Formulation and discussion of new technical programmes | Dr. Mukesh Sankar S, ICAR-IISR           |

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| <b>Session III</b> | <b>Crop Management</b> | <b>09.00 AM –11.00 AM</b> |
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| Chair       | Dr. R. Dinesh, Director, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode                           |
| Co-Chair    | Dr. V. Srinivasan, Head (Crop Production and PHT), ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode |
| Rapporteurs | Dr. Chetan Jangir, NRCSS, Ajmer<br>Dr. Reena Nair, JNKV, Jabalpur       |

**Crop-wise presentations**

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| Coriander                                              | Dr. Chetan Jangir, NRCSS, Ajmer<br>Dr. Ravindra Singh, ICAR-NRC-SS, Ajmer |
| Cumin                                                  | Dr. Chetan Jangir, NRCSS, Ajmer                                           |
| Fennel                                                 | Dr. Ravindra Singh, ICAR-NRC-SS, Ajmer                                    |
| Fenugreek                                              | Dr. Ravindra Singh, ICAR-NRC-SS, Ajmer                                    |
| Turmeric                                               | Dr. R. Chitra, TNAU, Coimbatore                                           |
| Black Pepper                                           | Dr. Sudheesh Kulkarni, UHS, Sirsi                                         |
| Cardamom                                               | Dr. Manoj Oommen, ICRI, Myladumpara                                       |
| Large Cardamom                                         | Dr. Amit Kumar, ICAR, Gangtok                                             |
| Tree Spices                                            | Dr. M. Shamsudheen, ICAR-IISR                                             |
| Formulation and discussion of new technical programmes | Dr. Mukesh Sankar S, ICAR-IISR                                            |

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| <b>Session IV</b> | <b>Plant Protection and Food Safety</b> | <b>11.30 AM – 5.00 PM</b> |
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| Chair    | Dr. N. K. Krishna Kumar, Formerly DDG (Horticultural Science), ICAR, New Delhi |
| Co-Chair | Director (Plant Protection Research), NAU, Navsari, Gujarat                    |

Rapporteurs Dr. Mohammed Faisal Peeran, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode  
Dr. Anamika Debnath, UBKV, Pundibari

#### Crop-wise presentations

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|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Cumin                                                  | Dr. Kartar Singh, NRCSS, Ajmer       |
| Nigella                                                | Dr. A.K. Mishra, RCAU, Dholi         |
| Seed spices                                            | Dr. Kartar Singh, NRCSS, Ajmer       |
| Ginger                                                 | Dr. Anamika Debnath, UBKV, Pundibari |
| Turmeric                                               | Dr. S. Sundravada, TNAU, Coimbatore  |
| Black Pepper                                           | Dr. Sanju Balan, KAU, Panniyur       |
| Cardamom                                               | Dr. K. A. Saju, ICRI, Myladumpara    |
| Formulation and discussion of new technical programmes | Dr. Mukesh Sankar S, ICAR-IISR       |

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#### Session V Varietal Identification Committee meeting 09.00 AM–12.00 PM

Chair Dr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Deputy Director General, (Horticultural Science), ICAR, New Delhi

Members of the Committee Nominated by DDG

Member Secretary Dr. D. Prasath, Project Coordinator, ICAR - AICRP Spices

Rapporteurs Dr. Honnappa Asangi, ICAR-IISR, Appangala  
Dr. Ramkrishna Sarkar, UBKV, Pundibari

#### Presentation of variety Identification proposals

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| Field and Seed Standards of Saffron & Kalazeera | Dr. Mudhasir Khan, SKUAST, Pampore                                  |
| Black turmeric, Large cardamom                  | Dr. V Vinu, ICAR-IISR                                               |
| Annual Breeder Seed Indent                      | Dr. Mukesh Sankar S, ICAR-IISR and<br>Dr. R. S. Meena, NRCSS, Ajmer |

#### Session VI Transfer of Technology 12.00 PM – 3.00 PM

Chairs Dr. N. K. Krishna Kumar, Formerly DDG (Horticultural Science), ICAR, New Delhi

Co-Chair Director (Extension Education), NAU, Navsari, Gujarat  
Dr. Vikramaditya Pandey, Principal Scientist, ICAR-New Delhi

Rapporteurs Dr. Anees K, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode  
Dr. Tanuja Priya, Dr. YSRHU, Guntur

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| AMF in Coriander                                                                                            | Dr. Tanuja Priya, Dr. YSRHU, Guntur           |
| AMF in Fenugreek                                                                                            | Dr. Ravindra Singh, ICAR-NRC-SS, Ajmer        |
| Root rot in Nigella                                                                                         | Dr. A.K. Mishra, RCAU, Dholi                  |
| Bacillus safensis for enhanced phosphorus & zinc utilization efficiency in Turmeric                         | Dr. R. Praveena, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode         |
| Technology for the management of shoot borer, <i>Conogethes punctiferalis</i> infesting ginger and turmeric | Dr. C. M. Senthil Kumar, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode |
| Cardamom micronutrients                                                                                     | Dr. V. Srinivasan, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode       |
| Cardamom targeted yield                                                                                     | Dr. V. Srinivasan, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode       |

#### Social Sector Scheme Implementation

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| NEH  | Dr. C. S. Maiti, NU, Nagaland       |
| TSP  | Dr. G. Malathi, TNAU, Yercaud       |
| SCSP | Dr. Simi Asharaf, KAU, Pampadumpara |

#### Plenary Session 04.00 PM – 05.00 PM

Chair Dr. Sudhakar Pandey, Asst. Director General (FVS&MP), ICAR, New Delhi

Co-Chairs Dr. Vinay Bhardwaj, Director, ICAR-NRCSS, Ajmer  
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Dr. D. Prasath, Project Coordinator, ICAR - AICRP Spices

Rapporteurs Dr. Lijo Thomas, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode  
Dr. Mukesh Sankar S, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode

Presentation of Rapporteurs Reports and Recommendations

Vote of thanks

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