

XXXVI Annual Group Meeting of ICAR-AICRP on Spices

Venue: ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Barapani, Meghalaya

Date: 29 October – 31 October 2025

Pre-meeting 28 October 2025 (03.00 PM – 05.00 PM)

Inaugural Session 29 October 2025 (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

Presentation of the report - Dr. D. Prasath, Project Coordinator, ICAR-AICRP on Spices

Rapporteurs Dr. Maneesha R, ICAR-IISR
Dr RS Meena, ICAR-NRCSS

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

Chair Dr. V.A. Parthasarathy, Former Director, ICAR-IISR
Co-Chairs Dr. Vinay Bhardwaj, Director, ICAR-NRCSS
Dr B Augustine Jerard, Project Coordinator, ICAR-AICRP (Plantation Crops)

Rapporteurs Dr. M.S. Shivakumar, ICAR-IISR
Dr. Surabi S Chauhan, SDAU

Crop-wise presentations

Coriander	Dr. Shailesh Marker, SKNAU, Jobner
Cumin	Dr. Surabhi S Chauhan, SDAU, Jagudan
Fennel	Dr. R.S. Meena, ICAR-NRC-SS, Ajmer
Fenugreek	Dr. Preethi Verma, ARS, Kota
Ajwain	Dr. S. S. Meena, ICAR-NRC-SS, Ajmer
Nigella	Dr. S. S. Meena, ICAR-NRC-SS, Ajmer
Black Pepper	Dr. Vikram. H. C., KAU, Panniyur
Cardamom	Dr. Nimisha Mathews, KAU, Pampadumpara
Large Cardamom	Dr. Sasanka Sekhar Bora, ICRI, Gangtok
Ginger	Dr. Mukesh Sankar S, ICAR-IISR
Turmeric	Dr. B. Tanuja Priya, Dr. YSRHU, Guntur
Tree Spices	Dr. A. V. Bhuvad, Dr BSKKV, Dapoli
Nutmeg (project mode)	Dr. Sunil Appukuttan, KAU, Vellanikara
Saffron & Kalazeera	Dr. Sher Ahamad Dhar, SKUAST, Pampore

Continued 30.09.2025 (9.00 AM – 11.00 AM)

Formulation and discussion of new technical programmes

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Session III	Crop Management	11.30 AM – 01.30 PM
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Chair Dr. R. Dinesh, Director, ICAR-IISR
Co-Chairs Dr. Prakash Patil, Project Coordinator, AICRP Fruits, ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru
Dr. Vikram Prasad Pandey, Former Dean, College of Hort., ANDUAT, Ayodhya

Rapporteurs Dr. R Shivaranjani, ICAR-IISR
Dr. Reena Nair, JNKV

Crop-wise presentations

Coriander	Dr. A. C. Shivran, SKNAU, Jobner
Cumin	Dr. Chetan Jangir, NRCSS, Ajmer
Fenugreek	Dr. Ravindra Singh, ICAR-NRC-SS, Ajmer
Black Pepper	Dr. G. Malathi, TNAU, Yercaud
Cardamom	Dr. Manoj Oommen, ICRI, Myladumpara
Large Cardamom	Dr. Amit Kumar, ICAR, Gangtok
Ginger	Dr. Sudheesh Kulkarni, UHS, Bagalkot, Sirsi
Turmeric	Dr. M. Mohanalakshmi, TNAU, Coimbatore
Tree Spices	Dr. A. V. Bhuwad, Dr BSKKV, Dapoli

Formulation and discussion of new technical programmes

Session IV	Plant Protection and Food Safety	02.30 PM – 6.00 PM
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Chair Dr. S.J. Eapen, Former Director, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode
Co-Chairs Dr. Homey Cheriyan, Director, DASD
Dr. A.I. Bhat, Head, Division of Crop Protection, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode

Rapporteurs Dr. Anamika Debnath, UBKV, Pundibari
Dr. Aditi Sharma, YSPUHF, Solan

Crop-wise presentations

Cumin	Dr. N.R. Patel, SDAU, Jagudan
Fenugreek	Mr. G. L. Kumawat, SKNAU, Jobner
Nigella	Dr. A.K. Mishra, RCAU, Dholi
Seed spices	Dr. A.K. Mishra, RCAU, Dholi

Black Pepper	Dr. Sanju Balan, KAU, Panniyur
Cardamom	Dr. K. A. Saju, ICRI, Myladumpara
Ginger	Dr. Anamika Debnath, UBKV, Pundibari
Turmeric	Dr. B. Mahender, SKLTSHU, Kammarpally

Formulation and discussion of new technical programmes

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Session V	Varietal Identification Committee meeting	09.00 AM–12.00 PM
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Chair	Dr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Deputy Director General, (Horticultural Science), ICAR, New Delhi
Co-chair	Dr. Sudhakar Pandey, ADG (FVS & MP), 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 Dr. Ramkrishna Sarkar, UBKV

Presentation of variety Identification proposals

S.No.	Crop	Variety	Centre
1.	Fennel	UF-231	Jobner
2.	Ajwain	HAIJ-38	Hisar
3.	Ajwain	AA-24	ICAR-NRCSS
4.	Ginger	IISR Navya	ICAR-IISR
5.	Turmeric	PTS-47	Pottangi

Discussion on new varietal testing guidelines – Dr. Shailesh Marker, Jobner

Field and Seed Standards of Cumin (Jagudan) – Dr. Surabhi S Chauhan, Jagudan

Session VI	Transfer of Technology	12.00 PM – 3.00 PM
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Chair	Dr. A.K. Mohanty, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Umiam, Meghalaya
Co-Chairs	Dr A.B. Ramashree, Director Spices Board Dr Vikramaditya Pandey, Principal Scientist, ICAR-New Delhi
Rapporteurs	Dr. Tanuja Priya, Dr. YSRHU, Guntur Dr. Chetan Jangir, NRCSS

Presentations on new technologies

S.No.	Crop	Technology	Centre
1.	Black Pepper	Biological control of <i>Phytophthora</i> foot rot and nematodes in black pepper	ICAR-IISR
2.	Black Pepper	Effective Insecticide for controlling pollu beetles in black pepper	ICAR-IISR
3.	Cardamom	Biological control of <i>Phytophthora</i> foot rot and nematodes in cardamom	ICAR-IISR

4.	Ginger	Inter-cropping in ginger	Sirsi
5.	Ginger	Effective Insecticide for controlling shoot borers in ginger	ICAR-IISR
6.	Turmeric	Effective Insecticide for controlling shoot borers in turmeric	ICAR-IISR
7.	Coriander	Formulation of Growth Regulators in Coriander for Yield Enhancement	Guntur
8.	Fenugreek	Formulation of Growth Regulators in fenugreek for Yield Enhancement	ICAR-NRCSS
9.	Fenugreek	Management of powdery mildew	Jobner
10.	Cumin	Eco-friendly management of cumin blight	Jagudan
11.	Nigella	Management of root rot of nigella	Dholi

Presentations on NEH/TSP/SCSP Programmes

Project	Presenter Name
TSP Project	Dr. Chetti Bindhu (Chinthapalli)
SCSP Project	Dr. Simi Asharaf (Pampadumpara)
NEH Project	Dr. C. S. Maiti (Nagaland)

Plenary Session 04.00 PM – 05.00 PM

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

Presentation of Rapporteurs Reports and Recommendations

Vote of thanks

National Anthem