

# PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

## 51st Foundation Day Celebration

ICAR–Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode

Theme: “**Spices Through the Lens: Cultivation, Diversity and Processing**”

ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode, invites entries for a photography competition organized as part of the 51st Foundation Day celebrations.

The competition aims to showcase the diversity, beauty, cultivation practices, processing methods, research relevance, and cultural significance of spice crops through creative photography. Entries may include spice crops, farming practices, post-harvest activities, farmers, plantations, landscapes, traditional practices, and innovations associated with spices.

### ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to all permanent and contractual staff, research scholars, project associates, young professionals working at ICAR-IISR (including KVK, Peruvannamuzhi) and their family members.

There is no age restriction for participation.

By submitting an entry, the participant confirms that the submitted photograph(s) are their original work and that they possess all necessary rights for submission. The entry should not violate copyright, privacy, or any third-party rights.

### SUBMISSION SPECIFICATIONS

- A maximum of five (5) individual photographs may be submitted by each participant.
- Both colour and black-and-white photographs are eligible for submission.
- The submitted photographs must be in **JPEG/JPG** format with a minimum resolution of 3000 pixels on the longer side. The maximum file size permitted is **10 MB** per image.
- Photographs may be captured using digital cameras or mobile phones. Basic post-processing, including cropping, exposure adjustment, contrast correction, and colour correction, is permitted. However, manipulation that alters the original subject, removes or adds significant elements, or affects the authenticity of the scene will not be accepted. The use of artificial intelligence (AI)-based tools for image generation, enhancement, restoration, or editing that alter the original appearance or content of the photograph is not permitted.
- Photographs containing watermarks, signatures, borders, logos, promotional text, or identifying marks will be rejected.
- Each entry shall be accompanied by the photograph title, name of the participant, designation/section, location, and date of capture, spice crop/activity featured, and a brief caption describing the photograph and its context.

**Entries shall be submitted in document format through WhatsApp to: 96053 10353**

## **GENERAL RULES**

All submitted photographs must be captured by the participant and should be relevant to the theme of the competition.

Participants shall ensure that photographs are taken responsibly without disturbing farming activities, research operations, crops, wildlife, or natural ecosystems. Consent must be obtained before photographing identifiable individuals.

The organizing committee reserves the right to reject any entry that does not comply with the competition guidelines.

Entries may be disqualified if they contain copyrighted or unauthorized material, excessive digital alteration, misleading content, offensive or inappropriate material, or fail to meet the prescribed technical requirements.

The decision of the judging committee shall be final.

## **COPYRIGHT AND USAGE RIGHTS**

Participants retain copyright ownership of their submitted photographs.

By submitting an entry, participants grant ICAR–IISR a non-exclusive right to use selected photographs for institutional displays, publications, educational materials, exhibitions, and official communication purposes with due acknowledgement to the photographer.

Such usage shall not affect the ownership rights of the participant.

Submission of an entry indicates acceptance of these guidelines and rules.

## **IMPORTANT DATES, PRIZES, AND RECOGNITION**

Last date for submission: 28 June 2026 5.00 PM

Announcement of winners: 30 June 2026

**Organizing Committee,  
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