

**ICAR-INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SPICES RESEARCH,  
KOZHIKODE  
FIRST MEETING OF XI RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
17-18 August 2026**

**Programme Schedule**

| <b>17 August 2026, Monday</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| 9.00 am to 11.00 am           | <b>IISR Field visit</b><br>(Biocontrol laboratory, Garden of gingers, CTGC chamber, MIDH Nurseries)<br><b>Lab visit</b><br>(PHT lab, ATIC, Central facility, Soil Science, Crop Protection, Library, Biochemistry, Tissue culture lab) |
| 11.00 am to 11.15 am          | Tea                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 11.15 am to 11.20 am          | National song & ICAR Song                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11.20 am to 11.30 am          | Welcome Address<br>Overview of Institute Achievements<br><i>Dr. R. Dinesh, Director, ICAR-IISR</i>                                                                                                                                     |
| 11.30 am to 11.35 am          | Release of Research Highlights (2025)<br><i>Dr. B.M.C. Reddy, Chairman, RAC</i>                                                                                                                                                        |
|                               | Launch of Web Applications<br><i>Dr. Sudhakar Pandey, ADG (FVS &amp; MP), ICAR, New Delhi</i>                                                                                                                                          |
|                               | Licensing of Granular Formulation of <i>Lecanicillium psalliotae</i><br><i>Dr. R. Dinesh, Director, ICAR-IISR</i>                                                                                                                      |
|                               | Signing of MoU with FPO<br><i>Dr. R. Dinesh, Director, ICAR-IISR</i>                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                               | Launch of Bioinformatics toolkit<br><i>Dr. Sudhakar Pandey, ADG (FVS &amp; MP), ICAR, New Delhi</i>                                                                                                                                    |
|                               | Licensing of Black pepper variety, IISR Chandra<br><i>Dr. R. Dinesh, Director, ICAR-IISR</i>                                                                                                                                           |
| 11.35 am to 11.45 am          | About AICRP on Spices<br><i>Dr. D. Prasath, Project Coordinator, AICRPS</i>                                                                                                                                                            |
| 11.45 am to 12.15 pm          | Opening Remarks by the RAC committee<br><i>Chairman, RAC</i>                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                               | Remarks by Members of RAC                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12.15 pm to 12.35 pm          | ATR on previous RAC recommendations<br><i>Dr. Shamsudheen M, PS &amp; Member Secretary, RAC</i>                                                                                                                                        |
| 12.35 pm to 1.00 pm           | MEGA PROJECT-1: Characterizing genetic resources to identify core collections and their long-term conservation<br><i>Dr. Shivakumar M.S.</i>                                                                                           |
| 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm            | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 2.00 pm to 2.20 pm            | MEGA PROJECT II: Genomics-assisted breeding for trait-specific varieties in spices<br><i>Dr. T.E. Sheeja</i>                                                                                                                           |
| 2.20 pm to 2.40 pm            | MEGA PROJECT III: Enhancing input-use efficiency and productivity in spices through smart farming<br><i>Dr. V. Srinivasan</i>                                                                                                          |

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| 2.40 pm to 3.00 pm             | MEGA PROJECT IV: Value addition in spices through post-harvest interventions and product diversification<br><i>Dr. E. Jayashree</i>       |
| 3.00 pm to 3.20 pm             | MEGA PROJECT V: Ensuring food safety in spices through value chain management<br><i>Dr. K. Anees</i>                                      |
| 3.20 pm to 3.40 pm             | Mega Project VI: Bio-intensive management of pests and diseases in spices<br><i>Dr. A. Ishwara Bhat</i>                                   |
| 3.40 pm to 4.00 pm             | Mega Project VII: Empowering spice stakeholders through skilling, entrepreneurship management and policy inputs<br><i>Dr. Lijo Thomas</i> |
| 4.00 pm to 4.15 pm             | Tea                                                                                                                                       |
| 4.15 pm to 4.45 pm             | Finalization of RAC recommendations                                                                                                       |
| 4.45 pm to 5.30 pm             | Concluding Remarks by Chairman & Members of RAC                                                                                           |
| 5.30 pm to 5.40 pm             | Vote of Thanks, Member Secretary, RAC                                                                                                     |
|                                | National Anthem                                                                                                                           |
| 7.30 pm                        | Dinner                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>18 August 2026, Tuesday</b> |                                                                                                                                           |
| 8.30 am to 5.30 pm             | Field visit<br>ICAR-IISR, Experimental farm, Peruvannamuzhi                                                                               |