

Review of research work of ICAR-NRCG by Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of Maharashtra

Shri Manikrao Shivajirao Kokate, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of Maharashtra reviewed the research work carried out by ICAR-National Research Centre for Grapes (ICAR-NRCG), Pune on 9th January 2025. The main discussion points included promotion of ICAR-NRCG's technology for protected cultivation, introducing climate resilient varieties for high quality grape production, providing subsidy to farmers for technology adoption and implementation at farm level, and intensifying / promoting bio-intensive agriculture to reduce pesticide usage and minimizing pesticide residue problem in grapes for facilitation of export and making MRL compliant grapes to domestic consumers.

The Hon'ble Minister appreciated the research accomplishments of the institute and contributions to the grape industry of Maharashtra State. He also urged ICAR-NRCG to conduct regular training programmes for capacity building of Maharashtra farmers. Dr. Kaushik Banerjee, Director and Dr. Sharmistha Naik, Scientist (Fruit Science) participated in this interaction meeting which was coordinated by Shri Kailas Bhosale, President, Maharashtra State Grape Growers' Association (महाराष्ट्र राज्य द्राक्ष बागायतदार संघ).

