

Invited Lecture organized by ICAR- NRCG, SAVE and NAAS (Pune Chapter)

A workshop on 'Latest Advances in Tissue Culture Techniques' was held on 23rd and 24th January, 2023 at the ICAR-NRCG, Pune. Dr. Sadanand A Dhekney, Professor, Department of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Maryland Eastern Shore was invited for the programme where he discussed the latest techniques used in tissue culture for crop improvement in grapes. Dr Kaushik Banerjee, Director ICAR -NRCG highlighted the importance of having clean healthy planting material in grapes and importance of having improved grape varieties through use of recent breeding and biotechnological tools.

ICAR-National Research Centre for Grapes, Pune, SAVE and NAAS (Pune Chapter) also organized a Special Lecture by Dr. Sadanand A Dhekney on 'Precision Breeding of Vitis for



Improved Traits' on 24th January,2023. Dr P.S Naik, Former Director of the ICAR- IIVR was invited as the Chief Guest for this event. Dr Naik addressed on the evolution of breeding from basic breeding techniques to the latest techniques used in crop improvement programmes. Dr Sadanand briefed about the techniques used for precision breeding in grapes. Dr Sadanand A Dhekney was felicitated as well in the session by the chief guest of the program. The session ended after a fruitful discussion among NAAS fellows and associates (who joined the session online) and scientists of ICAR- NRCG.