

Capacity building programmes organized by ICAR-NRCG, Pune

ICAR-NRCG, Pune in collaboration with FSSAI and APEDA organized three capacity building programmes during February 13-15, 2024 viz. 1) Training on Opinion Formation (Decision Rule in Pesticide and Mycotoxin Analysis) 2) National workshop on “Pesticide residue analysis and transforming food laboratories for sustainable solution” 3) Proficiency testing program on pre-harvest sampling of grape for pesticide residue analysis as per APEDA requirement.

One hundred and sixteen participants from different Government and private organizations all over the country participated in these programmes. Resource persons Dr. Anoop A. Krishnan, Assistant Director (Technical), Export Inspection Agency – Kochi, Dr Aparna Dhawan, Senior Counsellor and Head, CII; Dr. Vandana Tripathy, Network Coordinator (AINP) & Scheme In-charge (MPRNL); Dr. Randeep Singh Saini, Managing Director, Green Economy Initiatives Pvt Ltd., Mohali, Punjab; and Dr Nilesh Amritkar, MD, Envirocare Labs Pvt.Ltd., Mumbai and several others helped in delivering these capacity building events.

In these events, the importance of establishing green laboratory for various analysis was also discussed. The participants expressed the need for harmonizing the sampling protocols for food items to improve the quality of residue testing. A detailed statistical model-based field training was organized in this regard in which 34 persons from 23 laboratories visited vineyard of ICAR-NRCG and learned the random sampling procedure standardized by ICAR-NRCG.

These programmes were chaired by Dr. Kaushik Banerjee, Director, ICAR-NRCG and coordinated by Dr. N.A. Deshmukh and Dr. Ahammed Shabeer T.P., Sr. Scientists.



